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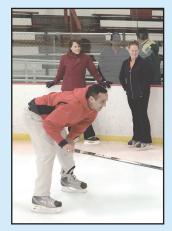


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City examines details of proposed zoning changes



Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne and other members of the Board of Alderman have expressed a need for detailed clarification on various provisions of the proposed zoning ordinance changes.

By Jim Clark

City of Somerville officials are continuing their in-depth study and refinement of the proposed new zoning ordinance, seeking clarification from planners as well as soliciting comments and concerns from residents and commercial interests who will be affected.

Although the revised ordinance has been a work in progress for many months, involving numerous meetings and planning sessions, several important questions remain unanswered for those tasked with bringing the matter to its conclusion.

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne brought forward a number of informational requests for the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSP-CD) to fulfill at the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman on Continued on page 10

Johnette Napolitano's new 'baby' to debut at Johnny D's

By Jim Clark

In contrast to the serenity of her high desert retreat in Joshua Tree, CA, Johnette Napolitano bubbles with excitement in anticipation of her upcoming solo tour, kicking off at Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant and Music Club in Somerville on Thursday, April 16.

"I feel like I'm pregnant. I've never been pregnant but I think this is what it must feel like," she effuses, referencing the new album of solo material that she is in the process of creating, and is partially debuting on this tour in performance and in the form of a three-song EP entitled Naked, to be expanded later in the year to a full album.

Primarily known for her work as front woman of the critically lauded and wildly popular indie rock band Concrete Blonde, which is currently on hiatus, Napolitano says she is bursting at the seams with creative ideas for a new full album of



Johnette Napolitano will be debuting new songs, familiar songs, and telling her exceptionally remarkable stories at Johnny D's on April 16. — Photo by Amber Rogers

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Coming up on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m., "Under the Roof Benefit 2015" for the Somerville Homeless Shelter's 30th Anniversary. The Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) will host the dinner at the Center for Arts at the Armory in Somerville. To mark this milestone, a number of founding members of the SHC will be in attendance and honored for their initiative, vision, and compassion. While they are still "working to put themselves out of business," they are committed to helping those in need for as long as there are homeless and hungry people in our community. Visit www. shcinc.org to learn more about the SHC or this event. For questions, please contact Kathryn at 617-623-6111 or kbenjamin@shcinc.org. They hope you will participate in this terrific event.

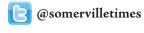
Also coming up on Saturday, the 11th, it's Masonic Open House here in Somerville as well as around the Commonwealth. All lodge buildings will be open from 9 to 3 p.m. King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM, which was chartered in 1783, is located at 125 Highland Avenue (rear). The Lodge officers will be on hand to welcome and give a tour of the property and explain the historical pieces that the lodge has in its possession. Free parking. Come up the driveway to the main entrance across from the Veterans Post.

Speaking of open houses for the Masonic buildings and lodges, one such is Mystic Valley Lodge, located in Arlington. They are open this Saturday as well from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The lodge is having a blood drive and an opportunity to meet and greet a legend. The 1955 Welter Weight Division World Champion Tony DeMarco will be on hand to meet and great. Local Attorney Phil Privitera is hosting as head of the lodge in Arlington this event along with the other officers of his lodge.

We want to wish the following Villen Bruce Rollins, who grew up here, a very happy birthday. A great guy and family man, young Bruce works for the utility company here. He recently attended and earned a certificate in Labor Relations Collective Bargaining Studies from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. We Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Density and neighborhood character

Oliver Seppo says:

Variety. How about including some legal massage parlors? That would add some variety to the place :)

A. Moore says:

Surprisingly for a younger man he seems to get it more so than many I have heard from. Referring to the so called good ol days when we had everything close at hand and didn't need to drive everywhere to get things. I think that is what we need to incorporate into large developments to make things work for everyone. Not like the dismal failure of Assembly to provide these things. Many of us have to use cars today more then before as the things we need to survive are not here in Somerville. Maybe they are more so for the younger generation but surely not for us old folks. Not everyone sees this. Nice comment for the mayor but I see him as the biggest problem of this as not working for all the people of Somerville while the projects are only geared for one segment of the population. A good mayor would never have let that happen.

Freebie says:

Every one of those green line stops will become a walkable square with many walkable amenities. In 12 years, the walkablity people in Porter and Davis enjoy today will be experienced across the city. It's just beginning folks...

Max L. says:

"For density to create a better living environment, people must be willing to drive less. In fact, auto use is already declining, particularly among younger adults."

Wow... wow. You just don't get it, do you Tim? It's taxpaying shmucks like me (and my wife) who hop in our cars each and every day to trek to our jobs that pay DECENT WAGES that keep you and your ilk in business. Sorry but the \$10/hr job at Whole Foods just ain't gonna cut it.

I am so offended by your arrogance, telling ME that I had better be prepared to give up my car or else! Just who do

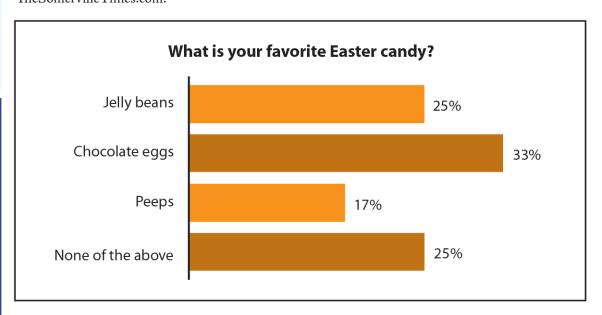
But that last sentence is most telling. "....particularly among YOUNG adults".

See where this city is headed, folks? You people reading this better wake up before it's too late. We're already looking to get out now, while the getting is good.

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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 what your favorite Easter candy is. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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US2's response to community feedback

By Tom Bannister

Union Square Station Associates (US2) announced this week that its detailed planning and design efforts for two "gateway" development sites in Somerville's Union Square would follow a more comprehensive planning effort on all seven blocks as part of the ongoing community-based planning process led by the City of Somerville. US2 is the City's designated development partner for seven sites in Union Square.

Previously, planning for the two development sites adjacent to the MBTA's Union Square Green Line station had been driven by the MBTA's construction schedule, which targets an opening of the station for fare service in late 2017. Between December 2014 and March 2015, US2 collaborated with the City of Somerville in a series of ten community meetings to engage local stakeholders and build consensus around a vision for the future. Public feedback during this engagement process emphasized residents' desire to ensure that the D2 and D3 gateway sites are planned and designed to reflect a big-picture vision for the future of Union Square.

"Since day one, US2 has expressed our commitment to working collaboratively with the Union Square community to carry out the goals set forth in SomerVision for the future of this special neighborhood," said Greg Karczewski, president of US2. "When residents asked for more context about the plans for all seven parcels throughout the D2/D3 planning process, we listened."

Residents and business owners will continue to have the opportunity to provide their feedback about the revitalization of Union Square through the City-led Somerville by Design neighborhood planning process. The process will develop a collaborative neighborhood plan for the future of all of Union Square, including the seven US2 development parcels.

"US2 welcomes the opportunity to develop community-driven plans for all seven parcels so that residents have the information they need to understand how each individual parcel contributes to fulfilling their vision for Union Square," Karczewski said.

"This expanded approach to the planning and development of Union Square allows for a more comprehensive, deliberative approach and is a good first step in redefining the process moving forward," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston. "I commend US2 for listening to residents and responding to public feedback."

"I applaud US2 for listening to the community and for earnestly engaging with residents and the city to move the Union Square process forward," said Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters.

Bizarro Album Cover Contest



Calling all vinyl fetishists! Enter your most wacky album cover in the Somerville Arts Council's contest! Traveling to the far reaches of the music cosmos, Somervillians are asked to thumb through their vinyl and submit album covers filled with truly bizarro scenarios, terrifying facial expressions, psychedelic imagery and bad hair throwbacks. SAC wants to compile a collection of the most bizarre album covers of all time and put them on display. Rules on how to enter the competition are posted below. The event itself will take place at local record shop Somerville Grooves and will include spinning songs from records submitted and store favorites. It is hoped that contestants will say something about the cover – where they found it, why they love it, etc, – on the night of the event, Thursday, April 23, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Competiton Requirements:

- Applicants must submit a photograph of the record that is at least 1MB in file size prior to the event.
- Copy this form into an email and submit both answers and photograph to bizarrorecordcontest@gmail.com:

Name:

Address:

Contact (Email or Phone):

Album Name:

Where did you find this album?:

What is your favorite thing about the cover?:

+ You must bring your submission with you to Somerville Grooves the night of the event.

Application deadline is April 20, 2015.

Album covers will be judged by the audience that evening. Prize is TBA.

Mayor's Summer Jobs Program accepting applications

By Rebecca Danvers

According to information released by the city, the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program is now accepting applications for summer

More than 100 Somerville teens will be selected to participate in the annual job program which pairs young job seekers with opportunities within city departments as well as with private business partners in Somerville.

Applications are now available at the Personnel Department in City Hall, and will be accepted until 12:30 p.m. questions or for additional information.

on Fri., Apr. 24. Eligible students must be Somerville residents, enrolled in high school, and at least 16 years of age.

All applicants will be called for an interview during the week of April 27 - May 1, and selected youth must complete an orientation prior to the beginning of the program.

Summer jobs require approximately 20 hours per week, though actual schedules will vary by employer.

Director of Human Services, Nancy Bacci, can be contacted at 617-625-6600 ext. 2250 or NBacci@somervillema.gov for any

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Community Note: Union Square Streetscape meeting Monday, April 13

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters, and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to the latest in a series of meetings and public forums to discuss future roadway and utility improvements for Union Sq. on Mon., April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Argenziano School cafeteria at 290 Washington St., and will focus on progress of the design and implementation schedule for the interim traffic and utility improvements for Union Sq. For more information, contact Jennifer Molina at 617-625-6600 ext. 2514, or jmolina@somervillema.gov.

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

By Jim Clark

Nothing to shout about

Police were called to a Kilby St. location shortly after midnight last Saturday on a noise complaint.

Upon arrival, three males were spotted standing outside at the reported address in the alley that leads to Lake St.

Two of the men agreed to leave the scene upon the officers' request, but one of them, Joshua Resendes, of Cambridge, refused to do so and reportedly began to yell and behave in an agitated manner.

When he was advised by officers that he would be placed under arrest if he didn't leave, Resendes joined the others as they made their way through the alley towards Lake St.

About ten minutes later an-

other noise complaint was report to police, this one reported at Lake St.

Police officers assumed that the three individuals encountered earlier were likely to be involved in the disturbance, but they could not be found at the Lake St. location.

While patrolling the Union Square area, some loud shouting

was heard by officers and they closed in on the area of Washington St. and Somerville Ave.

The sound of one man yelling was heard by officers and they closed in on it on Washington St.

The shouting was confirmed to be coming from Resendes as he and the other two men walked towards Union Square. When Resendes saw the approaching officers he reportedly directed his yelling towards them.

Police confronted Resendes and advised him once again that he should cease making so much noise, but he continued to yell while standing in the street obstructing traffic.

Resendes was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

'After you, officer'

Police were dispatched to the Starbucks café on Grand Union Blvd. last Thursday on reports that a man was checking parked cars.

As officers entered the parking lot, they were informed by dispatchers that the man in question, later identified as Keith Francey, had been spotted in the lot entering a car that had been reported as stolen earlier that day.

The investigating officers circled and caught up with Francey as he made his way through the

parking lot.

Francey reportedly waved for the officers to pass him as they approached the vehicle from behind. The officers responded by waving Francey to go on ahead, but he reportedly kept trying to wave them on to pass.

When the officers refused to pass Francey he reportedly backed up the vehicle into a parking space, whereupon the officers pulled over and approached him on foot.

Officers noted that Francey

appeared to looking for them in his rear-view mirror as they approached from the rear. They also noted that he seemed to be hiding something in a pack of cigarettes, which he then placed in his shirt pocket, according to

The officers opened the driver's side door and removed Francey from the vehicle, placing him on the ground where they hand-cuffed him.

When asked if he was carrying any weapons, Francey reported-

ly told them, "A knife."

The officers retrieved a pocketknife from Francey's pants pocket, which was reportedly equipped with a window punch/seatbelt cutter.

The cigarette box pulled from Francey's shirt pocket reportedly contained several tablets wrapped in the plastic wrap from the cigarette packaging. 23 of these tablets reportedly appeared to be Clonazepam tablets, and 2 round blue tablets Marked "V and 48 12" were

determined to be 30mg Oxycodone Hydrochloride tablets.

Additionally, a bent valet key was found in the vehicle's ignition, which the owner of the vehicle said was kept in the car, and a marijuana cigarette was reportedly found in the car's console compartment.

Fancey was placed under arrest and charges with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a class C drug.

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Arrests:

Deseray Crayton, of 7 Maxwell's Green, March 31, 11:43 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and state highway traffic violation.

Keith Francey, of 18 Broadway, April 2, 12:20 p.m., arrested at 700 Grand Union Blvd. on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a class C drug.

Joshua Resendes, of 371 Windsor St., Cambridge, April 4, 12:36 a.m., arrested at 21 Lake St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Douglas Dacosta, April 4, 5:08 p.m., arrested at 97 Flint St. on charges of felony day-time breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and receiving stolen

property over \$250.

Santiago Heriera, of 88 Wheatland St., April 5, 7:44 p.m., arrested at 37 Sydney St. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Tevon Ngomba, of 25 Canal Ln., April 5, 7:44 p.m., arrested at 37 Sydney St. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, carrying a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying a firearm without a license, and armed assault to murder.

Wilson Occeus, of 66 Belmont St., Malden, April 6, 2:08 a.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

Incidents:

Theft:

March 30, 9:15 a.m., police reported a theft at 1141 Broad-

March 30, 4:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Hillsdale

March 30, 5:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd

March 30, 9:28 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

March 31, 8:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

March 31, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Linden Ave. March 31, 6:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington

April 1, 5:30 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

April 2, 8:13 a.m., police reported a theft at Bradley St.

April 3, 7:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 259 McGrath Hwv.

April 4, 1:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Orchard St.

April 4, 1:39 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath

April 5, 7:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Fountain Ave. April 5, 11:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Orchard St.

Robbery:

March 30, 6:30 a.m., police reported a robbery at Marshall Sr.

Vehicle Theft:

March 31, 10:05 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Boston St.

March 31, 9:54 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

April 2, 11:48 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pinckney St.

Assault:

April 1, 6:57 p.m., police reported an assault at 14 Mc-Grath Hwy.

April 2, 5:51 p.m., police re-

ported an assault at Flint St.

April 3, 6:08 a.m., police reported an assault at Pleasant

April 3, 7:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Main St.

April 4, 2:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Rush St.

March 31, 10:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Medford St.

Counterfeiting/Forger:

March 31, 10:21 a.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Washington St.

Drug Violation:

April 4, 1:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

Disorderly Conduct:

April 3, 8:11 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Somerville Ave.

April 4, 12:47 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Washington St.

Somerville FD ice rescue training

Somerville firefighters took advantage of thinning ice conditions on Spot Pond in Stoneham last week to conduct realistic ice rescue training. The training took place over four days and familiarized firefighters with use of the department's ice rescue suits and different pieces of ice rescue — Photos courtesy of Somerville FD equipment.







Gordon Street fire

By Tom Bannister

A fire broke out at 17 Gordon Street on Monday afternoon.

Firefighters found a first floor rear bedroom engulfed in flames with heavy smoke throughout the two-story dwelling.

The occupant of the first floor was rescued from the building by a contractor working in a house next door prior to firefighters arrival.

Both the rescuer and victim were transported to the hospital. Damage is estimated at \$100,000 and both apartments are uninhabitable at this time. Two occupants have been displaced.

The cause of the fire is presently under investigation.

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Turning over a new leaf in Somerville schools

By Melissa E. Pike

In December of 2013, Somerville Public Schools were honored with a \$45,000 dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to begin the planning and development of Somerville Farm to School, a recent runner-up winner in the Northeast Farm to School Recipes for Success Contest.

This project began with the idea to bring healthy eating habits to not just the classroom, but to all aspects of students' lives.

With help from partners including Shape Up Somerville and Groundwork Somerville, and collaborators like Project Bread and UMass Extension, the once mere vision has now blossomed into a reality.

The people behind Somerville's Farm to School Project believe that achievement is found within three areas: cafeteria, classroom, and community.

Winter Hill Community Innovation School recently held a "taste test" for their fourth graders during lunch to intro-



In collaboration with the Somerville Farm to School Project, the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative held Literacy Pop-Up Events at eight Somerville schools in June 2014 that were attended by over 500 families.

Winter Hill Community School's innovative dish, a grilled cheese sandwich with

duce a new, healthier option to the common cafeteria favorite, grilled cheese. By simply adding broccoli to the mix, students were exposed to a fresh burst of flavor in addition to fiber and vitamins A and C. The results proved the test to be suc-

cessful as 77% of participating

students voted that they did in fact "like" their schools newest menu item.

Students and staff are now creating School Gardens throughout Somerville, displaying how useful gardens can be as a resource for their schools and community as well as how important it is to support local farmers and economy.

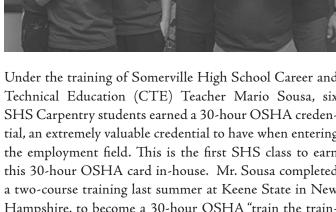
You can stay up to date with all Somerville Farm to School happenings by visiting their blog: SomervilleFarmtoSchool. blogspot.com or you can lend your green thumb and volunteer within the community.

SHS students earn



Under the training of Somerville High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Mario Sousa, six SHS Carpentry students earned a 30-hour OSHA credential, an extremely valuable credential to have when entering the employment field. This is the first SHS class to earn this 30-hour OSHA card in-house. Mr. Sousa completed a two-course training last summer at Keene State in New Hampshire, to become a 30-hour OSHA "train the trainer" instructor. The training was funded by a Perkins grant awarded earlier this year to the SHS CTE program.

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Dorothy's Corner



Hearty Meatballs

This recipe yields approximately 24 meatballs using a golf ball sized scoop (1-5/8' diameter). I like to use a scoop so the meatballs look more uniform and cook evenly. Serve with your favorite pasta dish or make meatball subs. Enjoy!

2 large eggs, beaten

1 cup of hand grated Pecorino Romano

1/2 cup breadcrumbs of your choice (I use panko)

2 medium garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons dried parsley or 4 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt

1lb ground beef (85% lean)

1lb ground pork

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare



a medium sized sheet pan with lightly greased foil or parchment paper. Combine all the ingredients in a medium sized bowl, except for the ground meats. Once the ingredients are fully combined, add both ground meats and mix until just combined. You don't want to over mix, you're looking for tender meatballs. Scoop the mixture, using the side of the bowl, scrape off the excess making sure it's a flat scoop. Place on the sheet pan. Once finished, place in the oven and bake for 15 minutes.

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Johnette Napolitano's new 'baby' to debut at Johnny D's CONT. FROM PG 1

The EP, which will be available as a limited edition at her upcoming shows and online thereafter, is something of a gift for both her long time fans and those who will be introduced to her artistry. "I had to get something out quick because of the tour dates coming up," Napolitano said. "I've been selling my book [Rough Mix] on the road for the last couple of years now, and people have been asking for music, so I can't go out again without some music to show up with."

Concrete Blonde emerged in the 80's as one of the most popular bands of its time. With eight studio albums to its credit, a loyal following was established. 1990's *Bloodletting* is recognized as one of its more popular albums, and the single *Joey* enjoyed great success as a top 20 hit. Between breaks with the band, Napolitano explored new musical realms as a solo artist, and stood in for a time fronting the post-David Byrne iteration of Talking Heads, The Heads.

She also spent a considerable amount of time working with legendary musician Leon Russell. "Leon is in his own class altogether" she says. "Everybody always thinks of him as this old psychedelic hippie, but he always surrounded himself with the top technical minds. He's probably the best musician alive. People who are supposed to be really good can't keep up with him."

Her current project, completing songs for the *Naked* album, has animated her and serves to



Johnette Napolitano, a solo gypsy with a kind of dangerous acoustic guitar.

— Photo by Barfly

Napolitano at her "Ranchette Johnette" home in Joshua Tree, CA, with her horse, Star.

— Photo by Amber Rogers

propel her enthusiasm for the music. "I really do like it and it really set me up," Napolitano says. "It was kind of like, 'What do I do?' I've got a million things started conceptually and a million tracks that don't sound like each other that don't necessarily fit together as a consistent body of work. I've got some stuff that's very heavily orchestrated, but the way I've enjoyed touring and the way I really want to do it is the whole gypsy solo with guitar thing. That's really fun to me. Stick with acoustic guitar - but it's a kind of dangerous acoustic guitar."

As an artist with discriminating integrity, she says that she knows when it feels right and goes for it when that happens. "I don't want to do anything unless I passionately want to do it. It used to be that when you had record companies leaning over your shoulder and you had to have something out by the first quarter of the next year they'd say, 'Get on it.' That's cool. That has its benefits, too, but I don't really feel that its worth all the moving parts to get something out. It has to be somewhat consistent with what you're doing live, practically. I've always wanted that to make sense," she said.

Joining Napolitano on the tour as the opening artist is Laurie Sargent, known to area locals as a member of Twinemen, and prior to that, Face To Face. "She's just really good, Napolitano says. "Twinemen opened up for Concrete Blonde several times over there. Going out again, I've got to take someone with me who I like to listen to. We've been having a really good time. She's a brilliant musician and writer."

Napolitano says that she and Sargent have enjoyed especially rewarding experiences on the road: "Laurie and I have a really good time. This has been a very *Thelma And Louise* sort of experience. We had a lot of really good hauntings on our previous run through the east coast. That was a haunted tour, we were

having ghost experiences everywhere we went."

Audiences can expect a fun mix of solo and Concrete Blonde material. "I know the songs people like, and I think there's a good balance. I read from my book, and that's really fun. I'm working on a second book and hoping to have something new to read on this tour," she says.

The eight date solo tour kicks off on April 16 at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St, Somerville, with a starting time of 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience new and familiar musical works from one of the most original and creative artists working today.



Napolitano's new EP release Naked.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call r ecords the votes of local senators on the only roll call vote from the week of March 30-April 3. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 3187)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill allowing the state to borrow \$200 million to give to local cities and towns for road and bridge repairs. The funding would be allocated using the same formula that is used for distributing Chapter 90 transportation money annually.

The funding would be on top of \$100 million for local roads released by Gov. Charlie Baker in January and the governor's recently announced Winter Recovery Assistance Program, which provides \$30 million for cities and towns to repair potholes, roads and bridges. The measure needs final approval by each branch before it goes to the governor.

Supporters said the total of \$330 million would help struggling cities and towns with road and bridge repairs, which have increased because of the harsh winter storms.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Ye

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE - A

Democrat and a Republican won the two House seats that were filled in special elections last week. Democrat Adrian Madaro was elected to the East Boston seat vacated by former Rep. Carlo Basile, a Democrat. Republican Hannah Kane won the seat previously held by Shrewsbury Republican Matt Beaton. The House's 160 members now include 125 Democrats and 35 Republicans.

Both Basile and Beaton resigned at the beginning of the year to take jobs with the Baker administration. Beaton holds the position of energy and environmental affairs secretary while Basile is Baker's chief secretary. Basile's position involves overseeing appointments to boards and commissions and helping as a liaison to the legislative leadership.

REVIEW ALL REGULATIONS - Gov. Baker signed an executive order requiring a comprehensive review of all regulations enforced by the executive branch of state government. The order, which has the force of law, mandates that each department and agency review all its regulations by March 31, 2016.

Following the review, a regulation is allowed to be retained or modified only if it is mandated by law or essential to the health, safety, environment or welfare of the state's residents. In order to meet that standard, the agency conducting the review must demonstrate that: "There is a clearly identified need for governmental intervention that is best addressed by the agency and not another agency or governmental body; the costs of the regulation do not exceed the benefits; the regulation does not exceed federal requirements or duplicate local requirements; there are not any less intrusive or restrictive alternatives; the regulation does not unduly and adversely affect Massachusetts citizens and customers of the Commonwealth, or the competitive environment in Massachusetts; there is a formal process in place for measuring the effectiveness of the regulation; and, the regulation is time-limited or provides for regular review."

Agencies are required to ensure that each regulation is clear and concise and written in plain and easily under-

standable language. Any new regulations would also be reviewed before being implemented and would have to meet the same standards as existing regulations.

"State government must speak with one voice in its commitment to providing exceptional customer service for citizens, municipalities, businesses, non-profit groups, healthcare providers and educational institutions," said Gov. Baker. "This will be an intensive process that ultimately makes Massachusetts a more efficient and competitive place to live and work, while driving economic growth. I encourage all other areas of state government to put in place a similar process."

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT VS. FILM TAX CREDIT (H 62) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on Gov. Baker's proposal to expand the earned income tax credit (EITC) for low-income families and pay for it by eliminating \$80 million in tax incentives for the film industry. The EITC would increase from 15 percent to 30 percent over three years. The EITC is designed to help low-income working families with children living at home. The credit is applied toward the individual's tax liability, and if it exceeds the liability, the taxpayer receives the excess credit as a refund.

Supporters of the bill said that by increasing the average value of the EITC from \$937 to \$1,873, state officials estimate an increase in disposable income of \$196 million, and the addition of 1,000 to 2,000 jobs per year. They pointed to a Department of Revenue study showing that the film credits are not working as hoped and that in 2012 only \$50 million of the \$300 million in spending generated by the film industry went to in-state vendors while 74 percent went to out-of-state ones.

Opponents defended the tax incentives for the film industry and called the study flawed because it doesn't take into account the indirect jobs and increased tourism generated by moviemaking in the Bay State. They said repealing the film tax incentives will strike a death blow to the film industry in Massachusetts because movie companies rarely consider making films in states without the incentives.

There were some testifiers who support both the expanded EITC and the film incentives. They said that state can find other ways to fund the EITC.

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES - Rep. Cory Atkins (D-Concord) held a luncheon at the Statehouse to discuss and gain support for her bill that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. The measure would have Massachusetts join ten states that allow only hands-free phones. In 2010, the House supported a similar ban on hand-held phones 92-66, but it was rejected 16-18 in the Senate. However, that same year the Legislature approved a law banning the typing, sending or reading text messages and e-mail while driving. That law also prohibits drivers under 18 from using any type of cell phone or mobile electronic device.

Supporters say the bill would save lives, prevent injuries and make the roads safer. They note that the state's current law banning texting while driving is hard to enforce because drivers are allowed to dial phone numbers and use GPS systems, making it difficult for police to prove a driver was reading an e-mail.

Opponents say the ban goes too far and is the same old unnecessary government intrusion into people's lives. They note that there are already many existing laws that

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prohibit distracted driving.

\$363 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H

The House and Senate, on voice votes without a recorded roll call, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a \$363 million supplemental budget to fund various state programs and agencies until fiscal year 2015 ends on June 30. Provisions include \$50 million for state costs of removing snow and ice during the severe winter; \$35 million for the Department of Children and Families for foster care, adoption and shelter services, and substance abuse and education and counseling services; \$34.7 million for the operation of the Committee for Public Counsel Services that pays for lawyers to represent indigent persons in criminal and civil cases; \$2.1 million for a prescription drug program for seniors; and \$44.2 million for emergency housing services.

The bill also raises from \$600 to \$1,200 the threshold at which gamblers playing any machines at the state's future casino and slot parlors must temporarily stop gambling and fill out a form informing the state that he or she has won the money. The casino would also subtract 5 percent of the winnings as a withholding tax.

Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible one that funds necessary programs including several which are running out of money.

ALLOW PHARMACY INTERNS TO GIVE SHOTS (S 2127) - A law allowing pharmacy interns to give immunization shots to consumers takes effect April 7. Pharmacy interns are students who have completed at least two years at an accredited school of pharmacy registered by the state. The intern will only be allowed to give the shots under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Supporters say getting shots at pharmacies is easier, faster and less expensive than at doctors' offices. They note that allowing interns to give the shots will increase the number of customers the pharmacy can handle and free up the time of the pharmacist to focus on filling prescriptions.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm happy for Senate President (Stan) Rosenberg and Bryon (Hefner) on their engagement. They're friends." — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, who accepted an invitation to officiate at Rosenberg and Hefner's wedding. Polito, a former opponent of same-sex marriage, now supports it.

"This continuing gap is disappointing because improving racial and ethnic disparities in access was a key objective of the reform. Although a higher percentage of black and Latino residents than white residents gained insurance under the reform, a higher percentage remains currently uninsured than white residents." - Amresh Hanchate, one of the authors of a new Harvard/Boston University study of the quality of health care following the state's 2006 health care reform law.

"(The earned income tax credit) could be the most effective anti-poverty program that we know." — Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash testifying in support of Gov. Baker's proposal to increase from 15 percent to 30 percent the earned income tax credit (EITC) for low-income families and pay for it by eliminating \$80 million in tax incentives for the film industry.

"(The Legislature) has an awful lot of smart people." — Rep. Ron Mariano (D-Quincy), a supporter of both the film tax credit and the increased earned income tax credit (EITC) on his confidence that the Legislature can come up with cuts in programs in other areas to fund the EITC while

keeping the film tax credit in place.

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, re-

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of March 30-April 3, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 53 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 hours and 37 minutes.

Mon. March 30	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:44 p.m.
	Senate 11:02 a.m. to 5:47 p.m.

Tues. March 31 House 11:04 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 4:57 p.m.

Wed. April 1 No House session Senate 2:02 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Thurs. April 2 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.

Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

Fri. April 3 No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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MBTA needs both reform and revenue



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The storms of February have made our transportation deficiencies glaringly obvious, and those failures and deficiencies didn't happen by chance. We created them. We created them by saddling the MBTA with \$3.3 billion in state debt, a failed funding formula, and a watering down of Gov. Patrick's Way Forward funding plan. We are trying to be competitive in the 21st century economy with Nixon-era infrastructure. It doesn't work. We have before us a choice, an opportunity, and a challenge. The Boston region is one of the most important regions in the world—part of the reason Boston is designated an "Alpha City" by the Globalization and World Cities Research Network, meaning that it links major economic regions and states into the world economy. The challenge is: will we remain competitive in the future? Will our capital remain an Alpha City? Business and municipal leaders joined together last week to send a message to our leaders on Beacon Hill: Let's capitalize on the opportunity before us. Let's make the choice to invest in a well-maintained and an expanded MBTA system, so we can meet that future economic challenge.

Unfortunately, it seems as though Gov. Baker's special panel on the MBTA is prepping us for more of the same can kicking down a familiar road. The panel will reportedly outline cost containment strategies, but nothing about increasing investment in the T. That is what got us in this bind in the first place. We have done reform twice and we still have a revenue problem. We should work together, with the Governor and the Legislature, to make sure we are squeezing every efficiency possible out of the system. The same day-to-day approach to efficient management that we do every day here in Somerville should be done at the T, too.

But reform and efficiencies alone simply will not and cannot address the increasing operating expenses and the T's \$6.7 billion state-of-good-repair backlog—and nothing is more expensive

than deferred maintenance. Every dollar we spend to keep a road in good condition avoids between \$6 and \$14 later needed to rebuild the same road once it has deteriorated significantly. The same is true for our public transportation systems. If we do not invest today, we increase how much our taxpayers will have to spend on maintenance and repairs tomorrow.

On top of increasing operating expenses and the state-of-goodrepair backlog, we cannot rely on reform and efficiencies to pay for critical capacity expansion. Now, some are arguing that any MBTA expansion should be stopped until the system's current assets are brought up to a state of good repair. They also say that the MBTA expanded too much too fast. But according to the Frontier Group, the MBTA is 31st out of 45 peer transit agencies for new route-miles added in the last 20 years. It did not expand too fast—in fact, compared to other systems, it did not expand much at all. And stopping any sort of expansion is a myopic approach to the problem.

Segments of the Green, Orange, Red and Silver lines already exceed their design capacity on the average weekday during peak periods, as pointed

in three-year-old report by the Urban Land Institute—and the MBTA is likely to see an additional 367,000 riders each day by 2021. South Station opened at the turn of the 20th century with 28 tracks. It now has 13 tracks, operating above its design capacity and with insufficient vehicle storage. Besides being court-mandated, the Green Line Extension—which has already secured nearly \$1 billion in federal funding—is commonsense planning for an urban region that continues to grow in population and a city that is still the most densely populated in New England. We cannot only repair what we already have. It ignores the realities of both the system today and the region tomorrow.

That's why I joined the non-profit organization Better City last week, when they released "The Route to Growth"—a case for continued investment in expanding the T. Released in collaboration with Transportation for Massachusetts, the MAPC and other partners, this call-to-action points out that almost 8 million square feet of commercial space and more than 8,000 housing units is under construction within a half-mile of MBTA subway stations. And in the near future,

more than 44 million square feet of commercial space and more than 41,000 housing units are planned or permitted within a half-mile of those stations. In short: Our region's economic viability depends on a well-maintained and growing MBTA.

There are options to generate revenue to support the T. The MBTA could be smarter about its use of surplus land, not simply selling for top dollar today, but taking a long view and maximizing the long-term return on its land. There are opportunities for value capture strategies, like the state's I-Cubed program used in Assembly Square, where the property value created by public infrastructure is used to help pay for the infrastructure itself. There are private-public partnerships, again like in Assembly Square, where private developers help pay for public infrastructure. These are only some of the options available to help fund the MBTA. If we are serious about remaining competitive in the next generation economy, we cannot start from a position of "no new revenue." Every option needs to be on the table. Otherwise, 20 years from now, we will find ourselves in the same situation with a higher price tag.

City examines details of proposed zoning changes CONT. FROM PG 1

March 26.

Specifically, the Board resolved to formally request that the OS-PCD inform them of the number of additional dwelling units allowed under the proposed zoning ordinance. Alderman Ballantyne suggested that assumptions were taken to get to the final document together.

"I think that our SomerVision is wonderful," said Ballantyne. "It expressed the input from the community and I take it very seriously. Now we have a document that we're asked to respond to and I find myself asking a lot of big picture questions. Through this review process I think it's important that we talk about those assumptions in more detail and also talk about the impact in certain areas."

Ballantyne said that the number one issue she has heard about in the community is affordability, and asking how if housing density is increased, it will affect the infrastructure and finances of the city.

Additionally, the Board further requested the OSPCD to supply information that identifies how the proposed zoning ordinance will affect the zoning of city owned buildings, along with details on an implementation plan for how the new proposed zoning ordinance relates to water and sewer, other infrastructure changes, police and fire personnel capacity, and public safety buildings.

The Board also requested that the city planners and the City Solicitor advise them on whether the proposed zoning ordinance complies with state law regarding the co-habitation of four unrelated adults and how much authority a municipality has in this regard.

Alderman at Large and Board President William A. White Jr. discussed the history of the zoning provision restricting the number of unrelated occupants, which predates the current proposal. "I've gotten emails and phone calls where people believe that this is a new zoning provision," White said. "In other words, it never existed before, and this new zoning restricts four unrelated people. That's not true. Our existing zoning does that, and even though we have new zoning, a lot of the new zoning incorporates the old zoning, of course. And this is one of the provisions that carry over." He indicated that it is in compliance with the State law and has been upheld in the US Supreme Court, and that most U.S. cities have similar restrictions in place. "This is some-

thing that was enacted many years ago, and it's legal," according to Alderman White.

Ward 3 Alderman Robert J. McWatters picked up on the matter saying, "I think there is a misconception out there that this is new, part and parcel of the new zoning. We certainly don't want absentee landlords to be renting out rooms. That becomes real problematic." In that regard, he expressed a concern that rooming houses should not be allowed to proliferate throughout the city.

It was also ordered that the OSPCD should discuss with the Board by April 15 a requirement for Institutional Master Plans as part of the proposed zoning ordinance.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang addressed the question of whether an independent consultant should be brought in to

examine the soundness of the proposed changes. "A number of people have expressed to me in writing that they think we should have outside counsel, so to speak," Niedergang said, emphasizing that although the abilities of the Planning Department were not in question, having an objective viewpoint could be valuable in the process of finalizing the proposal.

The reports of the OSPCD would be directed to the Board's Land Use Committee for examination and discussion. The next scheduled meeting for the Committee is scheduled for April 15.

At least one additional public hearing on the proposed zoning changes is to be scheduled for the near future, at which time concerned residents and others will have opportunities to share their ideas and concerns on the proposed ordinance.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



Yes, all the potholes left over from the ravages of last winter's record setting storms are annoying, ugly, and sometimes downright dangerous.

City work crews are doing the best they can to fill them in and smooth the way for our safe passage through our roadways, but the job is a big one and we are left to contend with and negotiate our way through the proverbial minefield of deterioration and decay.

The situation is particularly vexing for bicycle users, who must dodge the craters continuously, sometimes at their peril as they are forced to veer into vehicular traffic in the main areas of our streets.

The interplay between pedal-powered and motor driven vehicles is often ten-

uous and contentious. Some are more patient than others on each side of the

Some residents complain that many cyclists ride recklessly and disregard the rules of the road. Likewise, there are many cyclists who feel they are putting their safety at risk when sharing the roads with drivers who themselves don't play by

the rules.

Obviously, we should all learn to play, ride, and live together responsibly. There is enough room on the road for all of us, especially when dedicated bike lanes have been installed.

The common enemy – those nasty potholes – should be the only casualties of our collective wrath. Not one another.

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Also, happy birthday to the following who are celebrating this week: Former resident and nice guy Paul Acciavatti is celebrating. A well-known resident who grew up here, Pat Scrima is also celebrating this week. We wish him a very happy birthday. A great friend and a great real estate agent, Ida Fasano is celebrating this week while vacationing in Florida. We wish her a happy birthday. A guy who also grew up here and another well-known name, Mike Dilulio is celebrating his birthday this week and we wish him the very best. Finally, to a hard working dedicated and committed city employee and proud city official, Steve MacEachern. We wish him the very best of birthdays and hope he and everyone else this week has a great time.

To our friends in the Greek community, we wish them a very happy holiday this week and a very Happy Easter this coming Sunday.

Speaking of members of the Greek community, we want to give a shout out to Sophia Carafotes, who is one of the nicest, smartest and most creative people here in the city. We wanted to let her know we appreciate her hard work in the school system. No wonder she was voted number one teacher here in the city a few years back.

We salute a local young lady from Somerville, Caroline Koty, who was recently named to the Dean's List at Westfield State University for its Fall semester 2014. A great job and keep up the good work!

We got it from reliable sources that the new zoning ordinance is going down in flames. We estimate a 10 to 1 vote to kill the bill. A lot of aldermen have been upset over the administration's handling of the proposed ordinance. Maybe the mayor's choice as liaison to the Board of Alderman underestimated the Board once again. So the question last week was who will the mayor blame? I think we all know who will be blamed, don't you?

The Somerville Pop Warner \$5 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser is coming up on Thursday, April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Somerville City Club on Innerbelt Road, across from Holiday Inn. Join the SPW Family for a \$5 pasta dinner night complete with dessert, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. Please support an organization that supports over 250 of our city's kids. What a great organization for the kids. The adults are very committed to these kids and this is money that is needed to run the organization. Please support the kids.

Another reminder about Sunday, April 26, 4-8 p.m. at the Somerville City Club, when the family and friends of former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor, who passed away recently, holds a "celebration of life" for Tom. It will also be Tom and Celia's 25th anniversary on May 12. The invitations went out on Facebook, but if the family missed anyone please feel free to add yourself to this event. The family will need some help with food, drinks, and desserts. This is open to all of Tom's friends who he knew over the many years.

The yearly SHS Raffle is here again with the \$10K first prize winners and many other prizes given away. This hard working Scholarship Foundation is selling tickets at \$100 apiece. Send

\$100 to Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville 02145. The drawing will be held on May 8 at the Highlander Café, Somerville High at 7 p.m.

The very nice Alderman in Ward 7, Katjana Ballantyne, is having a fundraiser/campaign kickoff April 28 at the ever-popular Ward 7 place to meet, PJ Ryan's in Teele Square. Katjana was elected Vice President of the Board of Alderman and we hear she's doing a great job. We'll see everyone at PJ's on the 28th from 6-8 p.m.

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

Congratulations to the Alderman from Ward 3, Bob McWatters, who organized and led the fight Continued on page 16

The Welcome Project celebrates 25 years

By Gabriela C. Martinez

If you have been planning to try out some of Somerville's international cuisine, The Welcome Projects invites you to the Armory on April 16, where you will have the chance gastronomically travel around the world and experience the cuisine of Mexico, Ireland, Ethiopia, Brazil, and India in one place. The Welcome Project, an organization dedicated to providing support to Somerville's immigrant communities, will be hosting YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City. The event will also be an opportunity for the Welcome Project to celebrate its 25 years as a non-profit.

"The Welcome Project's mission is focused on highlighting the strengths and contributions of immigrants in Somerville and making sure that people who are immigrants in the city have a voice and are made to feel at home. One we can do that is to highlight the contributions of immigrant-run restaurants," said Warren Goldstein-Gelb, the Executive Director of The Welcome Project.

This year, YUM will host 13 immigrant-run food establishments, many of which have been part of YUM since 2010, the year when the event was launched. Since 2010, the event has been growing and forming partnerships with other local community programs, such as Shape

Up Somerville, a city program dedicated to promoting health and fitness amongst Somerville's communities. Because they provide healthy choices in their menus, the restaurants featured in the 2015 Yum have received approval from Shape Up Somerville. As part of this health initiative, each restaurant station will feature a Shape Up-approved dish.

The event also features music from Son del Son, an Ecuadorian band; an award ceremony for outstanding members of Somerville's community, and a story-telling session, narrated by ESL students from the Welcome Project. The stories will be narrated in the students' native language and will be interpreted simultaneously by the Welcome Project's Liaison Interpreter Program of Somerville (LIPS), which consists of bilingual high-school students from Somerville High practicing to become professional in-

The Welcome Project is also selling YUM cards, which give patrons %10 off food orders of more than \$25 or more at 13 immigrant-run restaurants in Somerville. The proceeds from the sales will provide support to The Welcome Project's education programs and immigrant advocacy projects.

Find out more about the restaurants featured at the event at the Welcome Project's YUM blog: https://yumsomervilleblog.wordpress.com































SPORTS

Mayor's Fitness Challenge: Skate with Joe

By Patrick McDonagh

Other than his busy family, there is no one else hovering around the mayor of Somerville at the ice rink. He helps his son clean up after hockey practice. I imagine before our meeting to see at least someone within close proximity of the Mayor holding a clipboard speaking at inaudible speeds about the Mayor's schedule. My stereotypical imagination of political figures might be jaded by binge watching the Netflix series House Of Cards.

Instead of a fitted suit donned by the likes of Kevin Spacey, Mayor Joe Curtatone's red sweatshirt and khakis makes for an approachable, less intimidating figure. He greets attendees of the "Skate with Joe event" by sizing up their feet for skates. I choose a size too small. Curtatone switches them out for a larger size 10. Never having worn ice skates, I appreciate the company of a three-year-old whose skill level is on par with my own.

The event, held at the Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink on April 2 as a part of Somerville's month long Annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge, is incentive for healthy, community centric, physical activity. The event's kick off on March 28 at Somerville High School provided opportunities to learn self-defense moves, ballroom dancing steps, yoga skills, and to play basketball, among other activities.

Tables set up around the gymnasium showcased local organization's materials, giveaways, and programs; with all organizations' products and services centering on community wellness.

Before we step on the ice, Mayor Joe Curtatone discuss-



The Mayor's Fitness Challenge "on ice" took place last Thursday at Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

H 16

- 1. What state is called the
- 2. How old was Elizabeth Taylor when she appeared in *National Velvet?*

gem state?

- 3. Brandon Lee died during the making of which movie?
- 4. You may remember the Alamo, but do you know what the word means in Spanish?
- 5. Why was actor Paul Newman disqualified from the Navy's pilot training program during World War II?

- 6. What film did Alfred Hitchcock make twice?
- 7. Where were the disco scenes in *Saturday Night* Fever shot?
- 8. What is the only essential vitamin not found in the white potato?
- 9. What is the BRAT diet?
- 10. What was the name of Zeus' shield?
- 11. Carom is a form of what game?
- 12. What does an Enologist study?

Answers on page 16

es motivation for involvement with the fitness challenge: "The event is meant to bring continued awareness and attention to being active. We created Shape up Somerville with our partners at Tufts University in the Friedman School of Nutrition more than ten years ago as a community based, environmental approach, to reverse the trends of childhood obesity in the [current] generation but we wanted to take that approach to healthy living for the whole community."

The Shape Up Somerville (SUS) study at Tufts University was a hugely successful initiative; one of the first studies of its kind to show that environmental changes and systemic changes have a statistically significant impact on BMI. Mayor Curtatone proudly shares the program's accolade as an inspirational role model for First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign. Excitement around the study's promising results spurred Curtatone's move to create for it a more permanent office in the city of Somerville; solidifying and institutionalizing newly discovered opportunities as the office of SUS.

SUS avoids the directly instructive approach to lifestyle guidance, and for good reason. It is not as effective as their current proven strategy of providing choices to live healthy. "Shape up Somerville is successful because it is not an attempt to tell you how to live," Curtatone says. "But it is an understanding; that we as policy makers, who make decisions every day, create systems

around active living, transportation, open space, recreation, food access, food policy that cultivate environments; [environments] that influence how we live, our behavior, and outcomes."

Sometimes the seductive allure of a form fitting couch and copious amounts of Netflix is a much welcomed, non-athletic activity. SUS helps to make sure this activity does not become a day job, but in a way that is unobtrusive. Unique fitness opportunities are made more accessible through localized events such as the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

Shape Up Somerville coordinator Erica Satin-Hernandez outlines the program's current direction as a facilitator for healthy community activity: "There are lots of physical activity opportunities around the city in all sorts of places, but I think helping bring people to a habit change is effective. Helping bring people to discover new forms of activities they didn't know they liked or that they didn't know were possible; activities they didn't know where available in the city and so accessible. We focus a lot on the built environment, on policy and systems change, but part of that journey is also working with people; showing people new opportunities that are right in their backyard."

I'm hunched over a three-yearold holding a box for support on the ice. We share the box. Joe effortlessly skates by encouraging the small child, who was recently roused from an afternoon nap to skate with the Mayor. Her attitude regarding waking up is one of extreme distaste, as is my own. Her thought process that followed soon after waking was probably similar to this: What is a mayor and why is he on ice? Will this be like Frozen on Ice? Is Elsa a mayor?

Joe's encouraging motions with his hockey stick are met with the little girl's laughter as she engages in an impromptu to game of catch the mayor while struggling to keep balance. An hour of free skating earned points for the Fitness Challenge, but this activity for some was not a competitive challenge.

"It is called the 'challenge" Erica says "but it is really open, really fun, and more about lifestyle change."

The closing awards ceremony takes place on April 25, but before then Curtatone will be hosting an event at the trampoline park Sky Zone, and invites community members to join his team.

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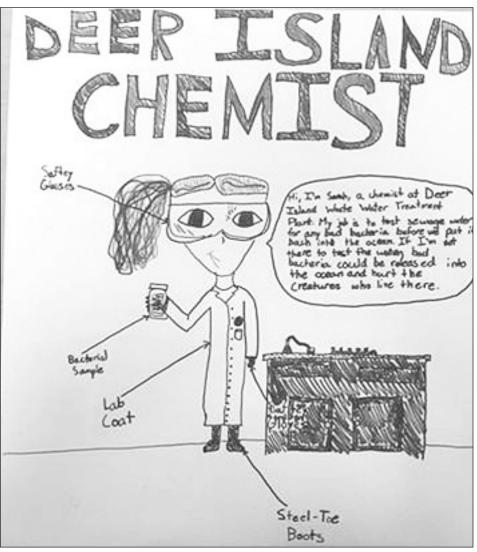
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Argenziano student places in poster contest



Maya Jaugust, a fourth grade student at the Argenziano School, loves science. Last week, she learned that she had been selected as the 2nd-place winner in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) Annual Poster Contest. Contest winners will be recognized at a special ceremony in May at the Deer Island Treatment Plan. Maya's winning entry was one of 1,873 posters received by the MWRA this year. The contest involved creating a poster "showing a person or people doing their job in the water or waste-water field as it is related to Science, Technology, Engineering or Math." Seven winners in each of 3 categories were selected (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8). More information about MWRA's School Program is available at: http://www.mwra.com/02org/html/sti.htm. Congratulations, Maya!

Kennedy students design, build, showcase catapults



Under the direction of middle grades Science teacher, Anthony Sharp, the 7th and 8th grade students at the Kennedy School designed and built catapults as part of their Technology/Engineering Science unit.

Students began working on their projects shortly after the holiday break, and showcased their final products in March with some friendly competition.

Working in groups of 4, students designed their catapults then created orthographic projections of their designs. They built their very own catapults from scratch using raw materials, and prepared to test them in a beanbag launching competition.

The project ended in the Kennedy School Gymnasium where students from other grades were invited to watch the competition for best catapult. Through this project, students learned the basics of measurement, the safe and proper use of tools, and how to apply the engineering design process to a creative design.

Students demonstrated great effort, teamwork, attention to safety, and creativity in completing their projects. A video of the entire project is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72u-_Hxwg_0&feature=player_embedded.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This is what you can expect in this week's Somerville Neighborhood News.



Check out the All-City Band concert for seniors, attend a Women's History Month event, learn why kids at Winter Hill Community School – and the Mayor and School Superintendent – were all eating peppers the other day, hear about a program aimed at helping small businesses in Union Square and find out if Tufts students think their university should offer financial aid to undocumented youth who make the grade and get accepted, but can't afford to the bill.



These stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #37. You can watch it on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 15-90

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

Comprehensive Facilities Assessment and Plans

All Municipal Buildings Located Throughout the City of Somerville

The City of Somerville is soliciting qualification based packages from $professional\ architectural\ /\ engineering\ /\ consulting\ service\ firms\ for$ a comprehensive Facility Condition Assessment (FCA), an update to our Facilities Master Plan (FMP), and creation of Preventive Maintenance Plans (PMP) for all of our buildings. This project is anticipated to have three phases that result in the three types of deliverables listed above.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Sealed applications will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at which time such applications will be opened. The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all applications, waive any minor informality in the solicitation process, and accept the application deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

The City of Somerville has established or will establish a not-to-exceed fee prior to commencing negotiations. Respondents to the RFQ shall not list fees in their applications. Any mention of the fee will subject such application(s) to rejection.

The RFQ and related documentation will be available on the City's Purchasing webpage: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ finance/purchasing/bids.

The successful architectural and engineering firm shall be registered in Massachusetts and ready to provide professional services associated with architecture (interior and exterior), engineering (civil, structural, mechanical and electrical), code reviews, cost estimating, and planning for the renovation of existing municipal buildings.

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

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Bantam Cider Company for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers at 230 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of DemApples LLC, Inc. d/b/a Two Three Zero for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers and Devices at 230 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA

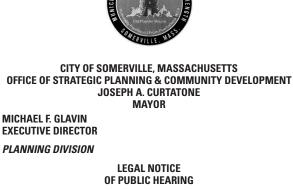
> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

331-333 Broadway: (Case #PB 2015-02) Applicant, Spring Spectrum, and Owner, A&P Development Trust, seek a special permit to add panel antennas, remote radio heads, and equipment to an existing wireless facility. CCD55 zone. Ward 4.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 4/1/15 & 4/8/15.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of River Bar, LLC d/b/a River Bar, for a Transfer of Stock at 661 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek

Administrative Assistant

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Jay Umiya Maa Inc. d/b/a Which Wich Superior Sandwiches, for an Entertainment by Devices at 410 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek **Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Rockwell Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Foundry on Elm, for a Transfer of Stock at 255 Elm St., Somerville, MA

> Andrew Upton Vito V

Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission John J. McKenna **Attest: Lori Jean Batzek**

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cluding Alderman White, Rossetti, Niedergang, Sullivan and we're missing somebody, we know, and we apologize. It just goes to prove that the good Alderman Bob McWatters is truly a constituent's alderman who cares about the local issues.



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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

51 Ossipee Rd: (Case #ZBA 2015-12) Applicant Fariba Rostam and Owner, 51 Ossipee Rd LLC, seek a Special Permit to expand a nonconforming FAR by finishing a basement. RA zone. Ward 7.

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 dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 4/1/15 & 4/8/15.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville** Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Prospect Hill Properties, Inc. d/b/a The Independent, Alteration of Premises, Transfer of Stock and New Stockholder at 75 Union Sq., Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Union Square Group, Inc. d/b/a Brass Union, for an Alteration of Premises, Transfer of Stock and New Stockholder at 70 Union Sq., Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek **Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Fu Xing Ge Inc. d/b/a Yumi, for an Entertainment by Devices at 263 Elm St, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Unton John J. McKenna

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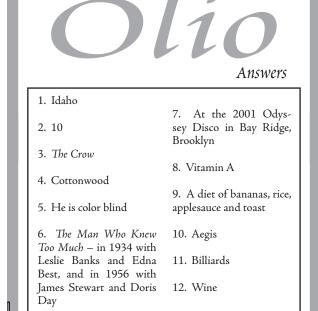


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along with the neighbors to stop the developer from building underground parking at Highland and Spring Street recently. He was assisted by several of his friends in-



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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

Cabaret – Monday, April 13 – Join us as we head to the Berklee College of Music Café 939 for a great evening of Broadway favorites as well as musical theatre-inspired originals! Leaving Holland Street at 6:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 9:00 P.M. \$15. covers bus transportation and entertainment. Please call Janine Lotti for more information or to sign up at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Painting to Music – Monday, April 13 – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Connect with your creative side. Learn more about the benefits of mindfulness. Music will assist in creating a focus and a way to express connection to pleasant memories and thoughts. This is a free workshop. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 for more information or to register.

Computers 101 – Tuesday, April 14 – 10:30 to Noon at our Holland Street Center. Class #2 - Learn the basics you'll need to get started on your computer and the internet. This free class is being taught by Meghann Ackerman, the City's Social Media and Community Engagement Specialist. Classes are limited to 5 participants so please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Laptops will be available for your use but feel free to bring a laptop or tablet from home.

Adult Day Health – Tuesday, April 21st – 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – The 2nd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" – Guest speaker, Denise Thorud from the Windsor House Adult Day Health – workshop will cover an overview of adult day health services as well as suggestions and tips. This event is open to the public – to register for this event please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Afternoon At The Movies – April 21 – 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This month we will be showing "The Theory of Everything" starring Oscar winner Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking. This movie is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 4 minutes. Please sign up with Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Retirement: Financial Consideration – Wednesday, April 22 – at our Holland Street Center – Noon to 1:30 P.M. - The Somerville Council on Aging and Living Legacy Financial Group present a free Financial workshop to discuss important key considerations in financial decision making and plans for approaching retirement and into retirement years – Current trends, existing status, making sure your money is in the right place, money allocations & making smart decisions will be discussed. This is open to the public – please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE CITY CALLS A SNOW EMERGENCY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THE SCOA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND ALL PROGRAMS, GROUPS, EXERCISE CLASSES & EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

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

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

LGBT EVENTS

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, April 13 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Hot & Cold lunch options available – food provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder services – suggested donation of \$2.00. RSVP required by 2:30 P.M. Thursday, April 9th. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, April 13th - 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)
Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes
and dues

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | April 8

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbread

Thursday April 9

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:30 Brain Games (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Friday | April 10

10:00 Book Club (on 2nd Friday in April only)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday | April 13

9:00 Gardening (H)

10:00 Painting to Music (H)

10:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 LGBT Lunch (H)

4:30 LGBT Advisory Board (H)

Cabaret at Berklee

Tuesday | April 14

10:00 English Conversations (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Computers 101 (H)

10:30 Low Vision Support Group

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Wednesday | April 15

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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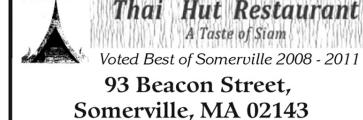
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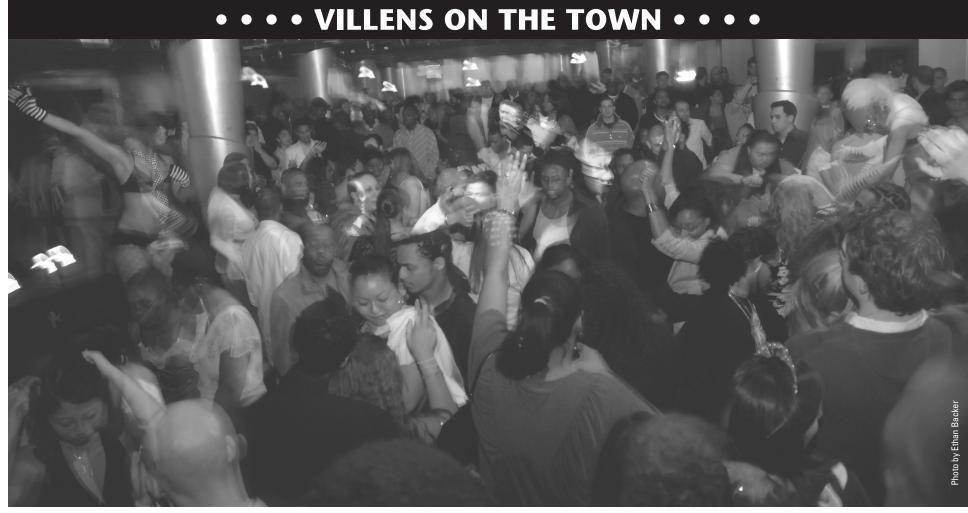


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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | April 8

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

Central Library Middle School Writers' Den

Alan Ball-617 636-9033 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday | April 9

Central Library

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

Friday | April 10

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Saturday | April 11

Central Library

Lacan Reading Group Dominique Stassart | 617-784-

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Monday April 13

Central Library

Sing-along with Matt Heaton 11:15 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday April 14

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13 Tammy McKanan

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club Meeting Emmanuel- 8572583920 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday | April 15

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Teen Empowerment Event Marco Jean-Baptiste 6176256600 x2255 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC ARTS

Wednesday April 8

Johnny D's

Martin & Eliza Carthy (Folk) -Rare US Performance plus Flynn

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The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Comedy@10

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On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: The Landscape of Watercolor 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Teen Open Mic Night

6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday April 9

Johnny D's

Le Vent du Nord Record Release Party (Progressive Folk from Montreal) Plus Francesca Blanchard 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug Band |7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Ioshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

"Men at Words" Featuring James Keelaghan, Archie Fisher and Jez

8 p.m.|Performance Hall

Broad Appeal 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | April 10

Johnny D's

World Music / CRASHarts presents: Tal National Yeni Türkü 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky & The Titanium Hipsters 6 p.m.

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10 a.m.|Performance Hall David Johnston

1 p.m. Café

Somerville Homeless Coalition Gala 6 p.m.|Performance Hall

From Turkey by way of Brooklyn featuring Dolunay and Layth

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | April 12

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

Amber Casares | 6 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.

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Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Café William Elliott Whitmore with Esme Patterson

7 p.m,.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday | April 13

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.

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7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | April 14

Johnny D's

Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Deli New England presents Lesser Knowns, Dinoczar, Tyler & The Names, Grave Ideas |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

8:30pm - Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz Back Room

8:00pm Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

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PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: An Exploration in Film Making 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 High-

land Ave

Wednesday | April 15

Johnny D's

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

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Youth Arts Arise: The Landscape of Watercolor 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine

AniMAtic Boston 7:30 p.m.|Café

Michael Hurley 8 p.m.|Perfromance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Actors' Shakespeare Project Presents God's Ear by Jenny Schwartz 255 Elm St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | April 8

Bereavement Support Group

Dave Quemere

781-455-6661 x 4079 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Screening of Dear Mr. Watterson Kevijn O'Kelly-617.623.5000 x2961

7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday April 9

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Nature's Remedies: Essential Oils 101

Jessica Sword- 617-967-2500 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | April 11

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 1848 Holland St

Sunday April 12

Unity Church of God

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Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Monday | April 13

East Branch Library

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

Tuesday | April 14

Central Library

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 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.

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

Wednesday April 15

Central Library

Bereavement Support Group Dave Quemere 781-455-6661 x 4079 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue

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



Somerville Spring Cleanup on Saturday April 25

Looking for an opportunity to break out of the winter blues and get back into the community? Join the City of Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, and Comcast Cares for the annual Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue on Sat., April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A rain date has been set for Sun., April 26.

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

long winter months. Refreshments, t-shirts, and hats will be provided to all participants from 10 a.m. to noon at all cleanup locations and all participants are invited to a community barbecue and SomerGreen Festival, immediately following the cleanup from noon to 2 p.m. at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive.

Volunteers should meet a Ward Captain at 10 a.m. at the following locations:

WARD 1: Cross St. Center, Cedar St. 165 Broadway

(OLRA)

WARD 2: Union Sq. Parking Lot @ SCAT Building

Albert F. Argenziano School @ Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St. South St. Farm, 100 South St. WARD 3: Somerville High School Concourse, 81 Highland

Nunziato Field, Vinal Ave. (OLRA)

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

WARD 5: Community Path @

Albion St. Playground

our community following the Zero New Washington St. WARD 6: Davis Sq., Statue

WARD 7: Dilboy Field, pool parking lot

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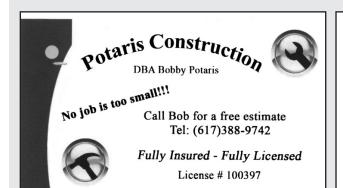
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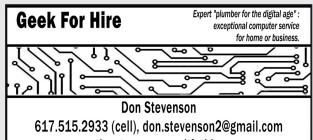
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The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV	9:00am	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:00am
Bay State Biking New	10:00am	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	Life Matters	7:30am
Pearls of Irregular Shap	11:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	8:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am
The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV	12:00pm	Culture Club	4:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	9:30pm	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:00am
Somerville Film Group	1:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Somerville Film Group	10:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am
Exercise with Robyn and Ma	2:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	6:00pm	Art as Protest	11:00pm	Art at SCATV	10:30am
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Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV	8:00am	Poet to Poet / Writer to Writer	11:00am	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	5:30pm	Art at SCATV	10:00pm
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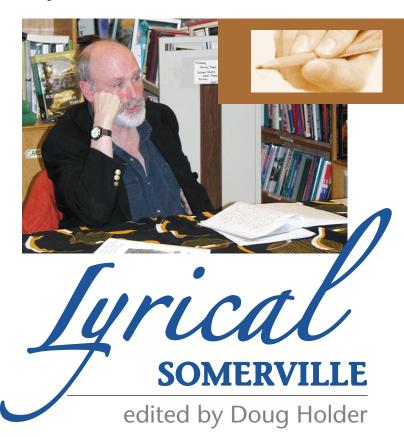
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in saying

she says light shines brightest in dark horror

she says the spiritual is more dangerous than the political

she says when she thinks spiritual, she thinks about capacity

I tend to compare beads flat glass beads. flat blue on beads

he says he went everywhere because he was nowhere

he says prophets are into justice and kindness

and if one strays from justice one is not godly

he says, continuous writing is a kind of devotion

I say, hey, all this sounds okay when they say we say his sayings

all the sayings going after all the said is said without saying anything

she says death is a mystery she says there is no writing without being yourself

she says if something is true you will find it everywhere

— Irene Koronas

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FF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Boston National Poetry Month Festival, 2015 **April 9 -12 (Boston Public Library & Fisher College)**

Who will your favorite poet/performer be this year? (It's OK if you answer, 'Me!')

By Kirk Etherton

Somerville is home to so many fine writers. The chances are good that you may be one them. Even if you aren't on the "official program," perhaps you'll recite a poem at the Open Mic.

The Festival is celebrating its 15th year. 2015 promises to be more diverse and exciting than ever. It begins Thursday evening with a program of Poetry, Music & Dance (produced by Somerville resident and Berklee professor Lucy Holstedt). Participants include various members of the Berklee community, and electric bassist Ethan Mackler.

Friday afternoon features 13 great "Keynote Poets." Included are Somerville resident and Pulitzer Prize winner Lloyd Schwartz, David Ferry (National Book Award), Kathleen Spivack, Charles Coe, and Diana Der-Hovanessian (recipient of the Barcelona Peace Prize—plus countless other accolades).

Friday evening, it's the Festival's first "High School Slam Poetry Competition." Six teams will compete. The event is hosted by well-known slam poetry organizer "Mr. Hip". Teams represent schools from Brookline, various areas of Boston, plus the North Shore.

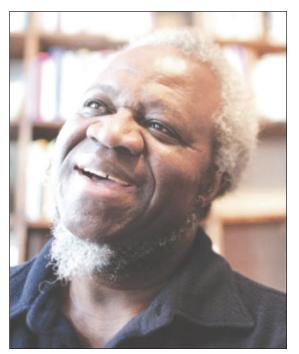
I should mention that poet Harris Gardnerwho co-founded this annual event—resides here in Somerville. Denise Provost, one of the fine "Featured Poets" on Saturday, lives here as well. Of course, she is also a highly regarded State Representative. On Sunday, you won't want to miss award-winning poet Ifeanyi Menkiti (Somerville resident and owner of the world-famous Grolier Poetry Book Shop).

Somerville's Doug Holder, who kindly suggested I write this week's column, is another exceptional poet you'll want to hear on Sunday. Doug's neighbor Bert Stern, a profoundly talented writer, is reading Sunday as well.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I must tell you that I, too, am a "Somervillen"! (I'll be hosting some events, and also performing.)

NOTE: this is a FREE event, and all are welcome. One reason it's free is the generosity of various excellent area businesses. In Somerville, many thanks to The Norton Group (real estate), Master Printing & Signs, Blue Cloud Gallery, and Sweet Ginger Thai Cuisine. Thanks also to Union Square's fantastic Market Basket, for helping with publicity.

In what I call "Greater Somerville," which in-



Ifeanyi Menkiti.



cludes Cambridge and Boston, special thanks also to Harvard Book Store, boloco, and the Middle East & ZuZu Restaurants and Nightclubs.

I can't begin to mention everything and everyone this Festival has to offer (a panel discussion on "Craft & Publishing," a reading by Boston's new Poet Laureate, book tables, etc.), so you should really check out the Festival's website.

It's easy to learn more—including how to sign up for the Open Mic I mentioned at the beginning, plus where and when everything is taking place. Go to: bostonnationalpoetry.wix.com/poetry.

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