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The GLX lives to fight another day



A fired-up group area residents attended the MassDOT board/FMCB meeting on Monday, with many arguing in favor of seeing the GLX project through to completion.

By Josie Grove

For the first time in months, Green Line Extension supporters have reason to hope. At a packed meeting on Monday afternoon, the MassDOT board of directors and the MBTA fiscal management and control board voted to provisionally allow the embattled project to move forward.

Last summer, the Green Line Extension project ran off the rails when its costs swelled from \$1.992 billion up to nearly \$3 billion. In December 2015, the MBTA cancelled all the construction contracts. MassDOT then brought in Jack Wright of engineering consulting firm Weston and Sampson to oversee the design of a scaled-back version of the line.

Since January, the project has undergone a process of what Wright has called "value engineering," stripping the extension down to its essentials. In place of enclosed stations, the GLX will have open platforms. Bridges were simplified, a maintenance facility

The Posies host mystery show in an unconventional' Somerville space

By Jim Clark

Esteemed alt-pop combo The Posies are currently engaged in a "secret" U.S. tour of unconventional spaces in support of the impending release of their new album Solid States, due to drop on May 20. They will be stopping off in Somerville on Friday, May 13 for a sold out show at a yet-to-be-disclosed location.

The group has adopted the unusual tactic of selling tickets to their shows online through their website, disclosing only the cities they will be appearing in. Ticket holders will be notified of the exact location by email 24 hours before the shows.

None of these full band shows will be in clubs, but all in cool, alternative event locations in the each city. It could be a photography studio or a comfy living room or a house boat, rehearsal studio or deli. Those attending the Pop Up Secret Show will have an opportunity to purchase a copy of Solid States in Continued on page 6



The Posies are strictly hush-hush regarding the exact whereabouts of their Somerville appearance, but their new album Solid States will be widely available on May 20. – Photo by Dot Pierson



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

Leland Cheung, the Democratic challenger to Senator Jehlen this year, is going to have a fundraiser this Friday evening. Mr. Chung has been a City Councilor over in Cambridge since 2009 and has been very active with the progressives in Cambridge. His fundraiser is this coming Friday the 13th, right here in Sen. Jehlen's backyard at the Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler Street, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We applaud him for being so courageous in at least running against her. It's hard to imagine though how a left wing progressive is going to fare against the queen of the left wing progressives here in Somerville. Maybe he's counting on a huge turnout in November, with so many new registered voters that never heard of Sen. Jehlen. You can RSVP for the event here: http://bit.ly/lcaeroRSVP. Contributions can be made through ActBlue here: http://bit.ly/lcaeronaut.

A good guy and friend to many here in the city, **Alderman at Large Bill White**, has told us he's going to have a fundraiser coming up on June 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Cantina La Mexicana. As soon as he sets it in motion, we will let you know. We're very lucky to have Bill on the Board of Alderman. He's one of the smartest and most forward

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Joint statement of Somerville Mayor Curtatone and Cambridge City Manager Rossi regarding the GLX

craziness says:

It's clear that the city is unhappy with the scaling back of this project due to the exorbitant, inflated cost projections. But there is no logical reason for Somerville taxpayers to be on the hook for \$50 million. How is the Mayor able to make this 'donation' to the Mass DOT without bringing it to the taxpayers in a referendum, or at the very least to the Board of Aldermen? How much is Tufts University contributing to the project? How much are developers (the big winners in this entire deal) going to be asked to contribute for each project they propose?

Genie Geronimo says:

Wow. It took 13 paragraphs to say: "The state just extorted 50 million dollars from the residents of Somerville to build the GLX. This is the first time the state has done this to a municipality"

Looks like a big attempt to put a positive spin on what is otherwise a shameful precedent by the state government. I trust the state will now be sending bills to any other municipality that stands to benefit in any way from transportation related spending of the state. Kind of puts a whole new spin on the concept of public funding. A real genius, that Baker.

When I think about it though, it seems to fit the state's decades-long pattern of weaseling out of funding of big ticket transportation needs (transferring debt to MBTA to help state budgets "balance", avoiding maintenance costs, etc..)

The increase in the GLX project cost is mostly the result of state foot-dragging and mismanagement of the project. Somerville is essentially helping to pay the cost of the state's medicine.

Abba says:

Charlie Baker should "put some skin in the game" and pay for the maintenance of every road he takes to get from his home (Swampscott?) to the State House in Boston.

A Moore says:

This does not even say it will be built yet. By the time they drag their heels some more the costs will go up. Had this been designed properly to the money in place for the project it may have had an easier chance. It was clearly overdesigned which stalled it and possibly may end it. Mostly all we have here is a lot of talking almost saying nothing. I would find it difficult for the government to come up with more funds when they are so far in debt. But I suppose if it comes down to it they can print more money. If they push it on the taxpayers in Somerville it will force many of us just hanging on to exit. So I guess it's wait and see how it plays out.

Matt says:

A. Moore, it's not just over design the costs are inflated due to special interests that don't benefit the community.

A Moore says:

Maybe Matt. In my little experience I would have plans for the most basic design and then add in according to the order of priorities up to the agreed price. Then you need to use the formula to figure the extra cost by how many years it will take and the percentage for the type of work to estimate the total costs. Going in over cost with a blank check for added costs can be a deal breaker if there will be no more funds. This is a tough one as with this country so much in debt funds will be tough to get. Plus I don't know how much Curtatone holding up the Wynn project which is holding up a lot of money coming in will somehow have an effect. You can be sure there are a lot of unhappy people over that which may or may not make a difference in this going forward.

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Taking Somerville High School into the 21st century

By Sal Ghamo

The SHS Building Committee gathered on Monday, May 9 to discuss the next steps in the renovation or rebuilding process. Tony Pierantozzi, Former Superintendent of Schools in Somerville and Chairman of the SHS Building Committee, recently gave a tour concerning a variety of physical issues currently afflicting the Somerville High School building. The May 9 meeting recapped some of these problems and the tour did a good job explaining why a metamorphosis for the SHS building is crucial.

Pierantozzi highlighted some of the antiquated characteristics plaguing the SHS building: the extremely long hallways, outdated heating systems, a renovated auditorium with compromised sight lines, as well as a lack of stage functionality (inadequate acoustics), and a main entrance that dates back to 1895.

Pierantozzi said, "One of the issues we are dealing with is how large an auditorium is necessary for Somerville High School, but in addition the question is, how large an auditorium does the city need for some of its activities? Somerville High School is not

only a high school, it's not only a school, it's not only an educational facility, it is a community center and is used by many people for many different activities." He also talked about some of the accessibility issues for people with limited mobility.

"Somerville High School is not only a high school... it is a community center..."

Pierantozzi continued to review a few more obstacles for students and staff in Somerville High School. "Like many of the programs here at Somerville High School, the art program is in an outstanding room, but as we pan around the room you can see that this room is not built for art. It has an absence of storage space and it is extraordinarily congested." Pierantozzi stated. Somerville High School has added programs over the years, but the building is not designed to house those programs. One example of this that Pierantozzi presented is the clay throwing machines that are kept in a very compact room that is not necessarily a room primarily used for clay.

The building has a huge problem with air exchange, and because of this many classrooms will overheat to an unbearable degree. The stairwells were made in the early 1900's and while they are extremely safe, this style of stairs was not meant for students to be traveling up and down. Currently, the biggest cafeteria in SHS is located underneath the auditorium and there are no windows. This kind of subterranean eating space is too crammed and chaotic during transitional periods. "In a modern 21st century school we would provide students with a more appropriate eating space, and the eating space would be placed inside the building in a place where individuals who rent the building or use it for community activities can actually use it. The cafeteria would actually be used as a multi-purpose facility," Pierantozzi said. The plan for the new cafeteria will make the environment more suitable for students as well as more flexible for the city.

The Dental Assisting Program, which is part of the Career Vo-



The SHS Building Committee is hard at work analyzing the essential needs and requirements for an improved high school for the city. — Photo by Sal Ghamo

cational Technical Education Program, is an exciting addition to the Chapter 74 offerings at Somerville High School. However, the program is compromised by the space constraints. "We look forward to the time when all of the Career Vocational Technical Education spaces have modern environments to maximize the effectiveness of the instruction and the training." Pierantozzi said. Most of the classrooms throughout the school create difficult environments for learning. The field house is a relatively new addition to the high school, except because of its sheer size and connectedness it is virtually impossible to lock down, which is

potentially a security hazard. The thin rubber floor in the gym also causes knee problems for students and community members who actively make use of the facility.

Another issue with the school is that there are too many levels, making it difficult for students to travel from place to place. The media center has no air conditioning, has roofing problems, and it is located across from the band room, which creates operational issues. Pierantozzi closed the tour stating, "The newly renovated Somerville High School will be a state of the art 21st century school."

During the May 9 meeting, Pierantozzi Continued on page 7

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By Jim Clark

Taco Bell run goes terribly wrong

Police officers were dispatched to a Packard Ave. location last week on reports of a motor vehicle accident.

Upon arrival, the officers were informed by Tufts police that they had detained the driver of the vehicle involved in the crash, Ali Penniman, of Lexington.

Penniman reportedly had crashed her vehicle, and then

moved it approximately 25 feet away from the crash location and left it parked in the middle of the street, occupied by three passengers.

Police questioned two passengers about what had happened. They reportedly told police that they were not previously acquainted with Penniman or her companion. They reportedly

said that they were standing at the corner of Packard and Professors Row when they observed Penniman driving toward them, and they spoke to her as she pulled alongside of them.

They said that they asked Penniman to drive them to Taco Bell and she reportedly agreed to do so. The two men got got into the back seat of the

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second offense.

vehicle, whereupon Penniman turned onto Packard Ave. heading toward Powderhouse Blvd, accelerating at a high rate of speed. Penniman then attempted to turn left onto Talbot Ave., but lost control and proceeded onto the sidewalk crashing into a street sign, knocking it out of the sidewalk. The car then crashed into a black steel

railing, and into several bushes where it finally came to rest.

After failing a number of field sobriety tests, Penniman was placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense.

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Arrests:

Steven O'Neil, of 39 Grovers Ave., Winthrop, May 2, 12:52 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug, miscellaneous equipment violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a sus-

pended license, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Melanie Williams, of 77 Marcella St., Roxbury, May 2, 7:35 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

Ali Penniman, of 71 Parker

St., Lexington, May 4, 12:33 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor

Peter Avery, of 19 Berkley St., May 4, 9:33 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor third offense.

Luis Acosta, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, May 7, 2:59

p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

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The GLX lives to fight another day

was downsized, and the Community Path Extension was rerouted and cut 3,000 feet short. At public meetings this past winter, residents have had an opportunity to respond to aspects of the redesign, and they turned out by the hundreds to demand that the GLX be built.

The redesign still includes the same seven stations as the original project (including the Union Square spur), the same frequency of service and number of cars. All these changes have produced cost savings. Wright announced on Monday that the redesigned GLX would cost \$2.28 billion.

According to the presentation on Monday, the redesigned GLX will meet the requirements of the Full Funding Grant Agreement, and can therefore maintain the \$996 million grant from the Federal Transportation Administration. But the FTA will still needs to review the redesign to make sure.

If the GLX keeps the \$996 million from the FTA, the Commonwealth still has to reprocure \$996 million, its earlier commitment. Together, the total would only be \$1.992 billion.

That leaves a gap of almost

\$300 million.

Last week, the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council announced it would shift \$152 million in federal money toward the GLX, money that had been earmarked for a later phase of the Green Line to extend it to Route 16 in Medford.

And last Thursday, the cities of Somerville and Cambridge announced that they would seek to contribute \$50 million and \$25 million respectively to the Green Line project. "It's a decision we did not come to lightly," said Somerville mayor Joseph Curtatone. "Our communities have many critical needs, so many infrastructure needs, but the Green Line Extension is so critical."

It is unusual for municipalities to contribute to a state infrastructure project, said Curtatone, but he believes it has become necessary. "The rules have changed. We're in a new paradigm. The funding of major transportation infrastructure projects is becoming a challenge."

In addition to funding challenges, Monday's presentation also addressed management challenges. Management con-

sultants recommended the GLX project be given more staff and more autonomy within the MBTA, and warned against giving too much power to outside consultants.

For some, all of this is a distraction. Amid growing enthusiasm for the GLX at Monday's meeting, transportation secretary Stephanie Pollock said the MBTA should focus on its existing infrastructure, which has, by some estimates, a repair backlog over \$6 billion. Pollock said that the project should be cancelled again if its construction interferes with the T's existing service. Ironically, in a previous job with the Conservation Law Foundation, Pollock helped make the Green Line Extension a legal commitment under the Clean Air Act, to compensate for the increased pollution created by car traffic after the Big

Mayor Curtatone recalled that legal commitment last Thursday. "I've made it very clear, we would not relinquish our legal rights," he said. "The realities are harsh, but the realities would be even harsher if they just dismissed the project from the onset."



Somerville Mayor Curtatone announced the city's plan to contribute \$50 million to the GLX's construction costs last week. - Photo by Josie Grove

Car fire, bomb threat at **Tufts University**

By Charles Lane

The Somerville Police and Fire Departments responded to a car fire at 124 Professors Row Monday morning and discovered a suspicious note indicating bomb threats at several Tufts University buildings.

The fire was extinguished and local and state police remained on the scene investigating the bomb threats.

The buildings in question were secured, but residents were advised to remain off campus and seek alternate routes throughout the morning.

All buildings affected by the morning's events on the Medford/Somerville campus were eventually cleared by law enforcement, and the campus returned to limited operations for the remainder of the day.

Students, faculty, and staff were free to move about campus.



The burned out car was thoroughly examined by investigators before it was loaded onto a towing vehicle and taken away. – Photos by Bobbie Toner

For the peace of mind of the community and due to the ongoing investigation, an enhanced police presence remained in place for the rest of the day.

The Counseling and Mental Health Service (CMHS) at 120 Curtis Street was open for students, while faculty and staff were able to seek confidential support resources through the Tufts University Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The counselor on call and administrator on call were also available to those who were in need of their services.

Tufts President Tony Monaco had this to say on Monday:

We are shocked by this morning's events and want to know exactly what happened. An investigation is underway into the facts and circumstances of the car fire and threats, including whether they are related. We appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the Tufts University Police Department, and the support and collaboration of their colleagues in many area agencies including the Somerville and Medford Police and Fire Departments. I ask anyone with any information about these events to please contact the Tufts University Police Department at 617-627-3030 as soon as possible. We will continue to keep the community informed as we learn and are able to share more information going forward.

On Tuesday, Tufts issued the following statement:

Tufts University's Medford/ Somerville campus has resumed normal operations following a bomb threat and car fire in the early morning of Monday, May 9, that resulted in the temporary closure of a number of campus buildings and postponement of some final exams.

We are grateful to those who responded so quickly and effectively to secure our campus. Tufts continues to work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in the investigation of these deeply disturbing incidents. No further details of that investigation are available at this time.



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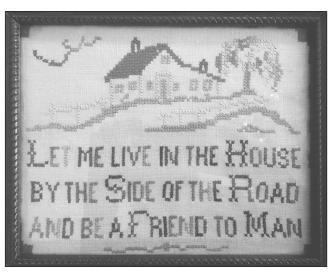
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Harmony Hills

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

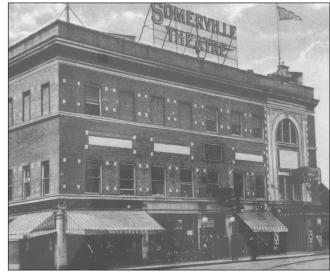
Somerville has often been referred to as the "City of Seven Hills." A more accurate description would be the city of fourteen elevations with twenty-eight different names. Through its history, the hills have echoed the sound of music, originally from the Pawtucket Indians who pre-dated the Europeans.

From as early as 1628, two years before Boston was established, English people sang the scriptures in what is now Somerville. When the governor of Massachusetts Bay, John Winthrop, and the Puritans came here to Ten Hills, they outlawed singing, except when caroling their prayers and psalms. They banned what they deemed ungodly chants and songs that they thought corrupted youth.



The printing of the first full-length book in America was the 1640 Bay Book of Psalms. One of the eleven surviving copies sold at auction in 2013 for \$14,165,000, making it the highest priced book in the world. It is said that the Puritans sang to the quiet sound of violins, lutes, and flutes. As time progressed, restrictions on music lessened. When sailors, crews, and voyagers arrived here, they introduced colonial ballads and songs that were performed on fiddles, bagpipes and other wind instruments.

Somerville's hills have been witness to an abundance of music for 388 years. Many of the city's old turreted houses were designed with music in mind. These turrets were piano nooks.



Through time, up to and including today, Somerville's hills have witnessed a colorful, musical tapestry. Here are several examples:

- + Patriotic singer, Kate Smith, sold over \$600 million worth of war bonds, more than any one else. Her theme song was God Bless America. Her debut was at the Somerville Theatre.
- Symphony Park is the city's

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Somerville fire displaces 35 people



— Photo by Claudia Ferro

On Thursday evening, May 5, around 9:00 p.m., a fire broke out and escalated to 3 alarms at 20-24 Rush Street. One person suffered minor injuries.

Crews were on site Friday to investigate and try to save what they could for the 11 families displaced.

The fire is under investigation.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition has set up a special fund to help victims of fires cover short-term shelter costs or long-term housing needs: https://www.crowdrise.com/helpvictimsofrushstreetfireinsomerville.

All gifts made through this site are designated for this specific purpose, and are tax deductible. For more information, please email Meghann Ackerman at the City of Somerville, mackerman@somervillema.gov or Kathryn Benjamin at the Somerville Homeless Coalition at 617-623-6111.

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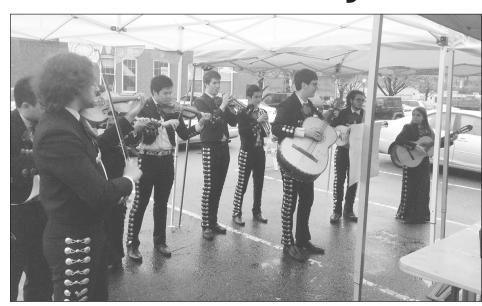
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Somerville's 2016 Cinco de Mayo



Somerville Arts Council provided a family friendly Cinco de Mayo celebration last Thursday in Union Square. There was Mariachi music, dancers, piñatas and kids activities. From 8:00 p.m. you could visit the local Union Square restaurants to dance the night away.

— Photo by Karen Toner

Tiny Tall Ships Festival

The Somerville Arts Council and Greg Cook, the fellow behind last year's "Pity Party," present "The Tiny Tall Ships Festival" in Somerville's Union Square from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14. (Rain date: Sunday, May 15.) Union Square Plaza. Admission is free. The festival is a celebration of everything tiny and nautical for people of all ages. Small ships, sea monsters and other floating sculptures will bob in kiddie pools spread across Union Square. Children and grown-ups will be able to make their own tiny boats to race in temporary lagoons. Pirates and mermaids will attend. Plus a tattoo contest (come show off your permanent or temporary tattoos), stories for children, sand castle building, a pirate-themed obstacle course, seafood, crafts, and nautical/pirate/mermaid/fishy tunes. Costumes are welcome and encouraged! For updates go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/1703440943261771/

The Posies host mystery show in an 'unconventional' Somerville space

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advance of it's official release date of May 20. "I think it's our most adventurous record to date," says founding member Jon Auer. "There was the conscious idea to strive for something different from the Posies of past, to use different colors and flavors. That was the plan, but then life had its way with our concepts and schedules, and threw many profound, out-of-the-park curveballs in our direction. By this point, we'd already painted ourselves into a musical corner, which ultimately left us no other option but to figure our way out, bit by bit, wave form by wave form."

"We definitely chose to make an album where the guitar was less in front and more of just another tone generator in a field of diverse sounds," band mate Ken Stringfellow explains. "The title Solid States refers ironically to the shattering of our stylistic habits and personal lives in the years between the this album and the one before it. We decided that the songs would be written with electronic rhythms in place, and we'd add real drums to give it variety, but only after everything else was done."

A lot has transpired between the release of their previous album, 2010's *Blood/Candy*, and now. "We've had two band mates die, a divorce and remarriage, a transoceanic move," according to Stringfellow. "There's been good things and difficult things, but nothing is in the same



place for us. So it makes sense that this record would sound different from its predecessors."

Joined on the tour by drummer Frankie Siragusa, who also plays on Solid States, the power pop trio boasts a game-changing sonic makeover that has shaken their loyal fans and critics by their heels.

"When it comes to the Posies," Auer muses, "I feel we jump on it and really go for it when it feels like it really needs to happen. We're still doing it because we're both still curious to see what happens next."

A select group of lucky fans will be in for a treat this coming Friday the 13th, as The Posies take the stage – wherever that may be – to entertain and present their new music.

Solid States will be officially released on May 20 and made available through the usual outlets, including the group's website at http://theposies.net.

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An academic examination of the profane

By Blake Maddux

Melissa Mohr is a Wisconsin native who has a Ph.D. in Medieval and Renaissance Literature from Stanford University. She is now a Somerville resident by virtue of being married to an MIT philosophy professor.

In 2013, Oxford University Press published her book Holy Sh*t: A Brief History of Swearing, which - in its concise 260 pages of text - covers the use of obscenities from ancient Rome right up through the present day. Mohr succeeds masterfully in entertaining and educating her readers with lessons in etymology, religion, history, sociology, and human nature.

However frowned upon, the use of profanity is now and always has been. Mohr concludes that "Swearing is an important safety valve, allowing people to express negative emotions without resorting to physical violence ... they are cathartic, relieving pent-up emotion in ways that other words cannot. Take away swearwords, and we are left with fists and guns."

Mohr spoke to The Somerville Times by phone shortly after the May 1 publication of the paperback edition of Holy Sh*t.

Somerville Times: How is the subject of Holy Sh*t related to the work that you did in graduate school?

Melissa Mohr: When I was a grad student, I ended up writing my thesis about swearing in Renaissance literature, although the book is very different from that, which was an interesting transition, trying to take a kernel of academic work and turn it into something that people might actually be interested in reading. The dissertation kind of looks at what it means to swear in terms of literary theory and performative language. And it only does Renaissance literature - there's a chapter on [Christopher] Marlowe, there's a chapter

on satire – and looks at it from a more literary angle.

ST: Were you specifically interested in the concept of swearing or did you just need a topic on which others had not done extensive academic work?

MM: I was more interested in swearing. I was originally interested in the literary theory aspect, the idea that certain language can do something very directly, like when you marry somebody, the language is not communicating something, it's actually doing something. So I was interested in looking at different examples of language that makes people do things directly. So originally the project was going to be this gigantic thing where I was going to look at swearing and humor and pornography. But then I figured out that I had better not do all that and just ended up with the swearing, which is probably the most interesting anyway.

ST: Given humanity's use of profanity throughout history, should it really still surprise or shock anyone when people use it now?

MM: In a sense, it shouldn't be surprising, because it has been around forever in different forms. But the thing is, we kind of need it, and so we kind of have to make it shocking. It really performs a variety of important functions in language, and so we kind of need a word that really expresses emotion. When you hurt yourself, it actually is really helpful to be able to - first of all, it relieves pain be able to communicate to people how this hurts so much that I'm actually violating this social taboo by swearing, depending on the context.

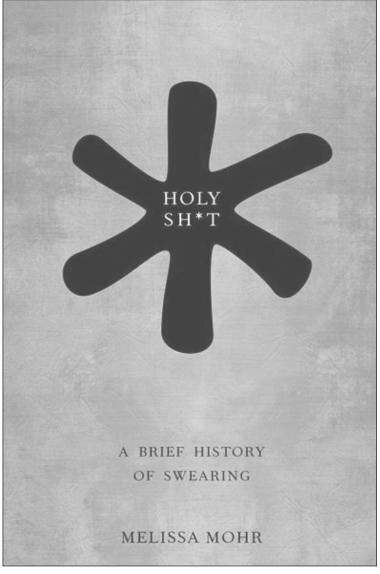
We need these words, and if we didn't have them we'd have to invent them. In fact, we keep inventing them. When the religious words started to lose their power, then we went to the sexual and the excremental ones, and those are getting less powerful and we're moving to racial terms as the most obscene terms. So I think there's always a turn, although it happens very, very slowly.

ST: How is it that the expression "by God's bones," which probably no one alive today has ever heard, was once the most profane thing that a person could say?

MM: So the religious words were at the height of their power in the Middle Ages - 1100 to 1400, let's say, the kind of high point of the power - and society was just suffused with religion and a lot of people's lives were directed toward God, heaven, hell, sin, punishment. And words, especially like "by God's bones" for Catholics, were thought to be a kind of perverse version of the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, the priest says, "This is my body" and creates the body of God in the wafer and then eats the body of God. Christ in the Catholic tradition also has a body up in heaven, a physical body. When you swear, you can actually rip that body apart in heaven, which causes Jesus pain and his body is literally bleeding up there in heaven. We don't think in those terms anymore, but for medieval Catholic people, that really was horrifying. "How could you do that to Jesus?!" So those were kind of the worst, most powerful things you could say.

ST: Were you prepared to have to swear in front of audiences after *Holy Sh*t* was first published in 2013?

MM: I was prepared. Given that I'm of a generation where the really obscene things to me are the racial slurs, and I won't say those and I don't think anyone wants to hear me say those. You have to sort of see who's in your audience. I once gave a talk at a Brandeis lunchtime seminar for retired people, and I was much more nervous about that because tolerance of swearing goes down as your age goes up.



Holy Sh*t: A Brief History of Swearing is a serious study of the history and meaning of the use of obscenity since ancient times.

So I was a little more wary.

But I think it is something of a myth that swearing is a sign of ill-education or poverty of vocabulary. A well placed swear word, as Donald Trump knows - although who knows what he's doing intentionally - can really win over an audience and can make you appear more credible. It really communicates emotion in a way that people can relate to.

ST: Do you have an idea for the next book that you plan to write or are you working on anything now?

MM: Eventually, I'd like to do something on swearing in other languages, which would be a fun thing. But right now I'm doing a kind of history of male and female relationships after marriage. How marriage became the way it is today and how it was different in the past.

Looking at friendship, adultery, cross-sex friendships, and other ways people kind of had contact with people who were not their spouses in the past.

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put things into a framework for the committee. The committee is currently in the process of completing the Feasibility study. This study is a precursor for the Schematic Design Process. The

committee needs their PSR submission to contain three options for the Somerville High School renovations. The greater part of the May 9 meeting concerned reviewing these plans, which will soon

be posted on the Somerville High School Building Comwebsite: http:// mittee's www.somervillema.gov/highschool/.

The committee also plans to schedule a SHS meeting with

about the high priority obstacles and plans for the future. The next SHS meeting will take place at Somerville High School on May 26 at 4:30 p.m.

the mayor in order to talk

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Senate 36-1, approved and sent to the House a bill 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 records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of May 2-6. There were no roll calls in the House last week. that would increase the access and availability of locally grown food products and invest in educational and agricultural programs to encourage further growth of the industry.

The measure allows farmer brewers and distillers to sell their products at farmers markets. Other provisions prohibit vendors at farmers markets from providing customers with single-use plastic carryout bags; establish a regulatory framework to allow off-premise raw milk distribution; create the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program Fund to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in the industry; and allow state-owned land to be used for non-commercial community gardens and farmers markets.

Supporters said this long overdue bill would benefit farmers and consumers. They noted it would help ensure that jobs are secure for the state's thousands of farm workers.

The lone opponent supported the intent of the bill but opposed it because it prohibits sellers at farmers markets from providing customers with single-use plastic carryout bags. He argued that it is unfair for the state to ban these bags at farmers markets while still allowing grocery stores and other establishments to use an unlimited number of them.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BAN PLASTIC BAGS AT FARMERS MARKETS (S2258)

Senate 24-12, approved an amendment that would prohibit vendors at farmers markets from providing customers with single-use plastic carryout bags.

Amendment supporters said the ban would help the environment. They noted that Americans annually use more than 380 billion bags and argued that most of them end up as litter or trash.

Opponents said it is unfair to ban these bags only at farmers markets when there is no statewide ban in effect. They noted plastic bags are legal and are widely used responsibly.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

KEEP SIBLINGS TOGETHER (S 2257) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and state courts to keep siblings and half siblings who are removed from their parents' home together in foster care. The requirement could only be waived if DCF shows to the court by convincing evidence that a joint placement is contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings. In those cases, DCF would be required to arrange frequent and ongoing interaction between the siblings, unless DCF shows the visits and interaction would endanger their safety or well-being.

3956) - A new law prohibiting the civil commitment of women facing substance abuse disorders to MCI-Framingham took effect at the end of April. The new law provides addiction treatment services at Shattuck and Taunton State Hospitals,

Supporters say addiction is a disease and it is time to end the practice of sending women struggling with addiction to jail instead of to a facility where they can get the treatment they need.

BILLS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE - The House gave initial approval to several bills last week including:

HIKE FINES FOR MISUSING HANDICAPPED PLACARDS (H 11) - Increases the fines for illegal use of a handicapped placard from \$500 to \$1,000 for a first offense and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for subsequent offenses. Other provisions include increasing the license suspension for a first offense from 30 days to 60 days and from 90 to 120 days for subsequent offenses; making it a crime to display a placard belonging to a deceased person and for failure to return a placard.

Supporters said the increased fines would reduce the incentive to misuse a placard in order to save money on parking. They cited recent studies by the Inspector General showing widespread misuse of placards. They noted that misuse hurts the disabled who cannot find parking because it is being used by those who do not need it.

USED MATTRESSES (H 241) - Requires the labeling of any mattress, box spring, studio couch or futon mattress that has been used by a consumer and returned to the store for resale. The required wording on the label would indicate that "this mattress, box spring, studio couch or futon mattress has been previously sold, delivered, used and returned and is being offered for resale."

NO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING IN-FORMATION (H 315) - Protects from civil liability an employee of a public or private Bay State school who in good faith provides information to a prospective employer about a current or former employee's job performance and professional conduct.

ABSENTEE VOTING (H 604) - Expands a current law that allows voters with a physical disability to vote by absentee ballot. The bill would expand that to include voters with a mental disability.

NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 4181)

- Prohibits robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; from companies advising employees of work schedules; from correctional facilities advising victims of the release of an offender; from municipalities and state government; from public utilities; and from persons concerning the care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

It also would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make an illegal robocall and allow an individual who is called more than once in a year to sue a company for \$10,000 in damages.

MANDATE TO CARRY \$100,000 INSURANCE (H 928) - Requires Bay State drivers to carry a \$100,000 death benefit to be paid to the estate of any person killed STOP CIVIL COMMITMENT OF WOMEN (H by the negligence of the driver.

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Currently, the minimum amount of "bodily injury" insurance coverage used to compensate the families of those killed in fatal automobile accidents is \$20,000

Supporters said that \$20,000 is often not enough to meaningfully support surviving family members once legal and medical fees are paid. They argued that the \$100,000 will give more support to surviving family members to address their immediate needs under tragic circumstances.

VEHICLE AUCTIONS (H 246) - Allows an agent from cities and towns to attend any motor vehicle auction to buy vehicles for the municipality. Under current law, only those with Class 2 vehicle sales licenses or car dealer licenses can attend these auctions.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – Special Farm Edition

The Senate approved a farm bill that increases the access and the availability of locally grown food products and invests in educational and agricultural programs to encourage further growth of the agriculture industry.

"7,755" — The number of farms in the state.

"523,000" — The total number of acres used by farmers.

"80 percent" — Percent of farms that are family-owned.

"28,000" — The number of farm workers.

"6th" — Ranking among the 50 states for the number of farms with Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). CSAs are a way for consumers to create a relationship with a local farm and to buy a weekly basket of produce.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of May 2-6, the House met for a total of three hours and four minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and four minutes.

Mon. May 2 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:07 p.m.

Tues. May 3 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. May 4 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. May 5 House 11:03 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Fri. May 6 No House session
No Senate session

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	Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	er the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
107 Moreland St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	7	\$415,000	\$436,500
7 Montrose St	8 room, 6 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	16	\$459,900	\$470,000
2 Bartlett St U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 0h bath Front to Back Split	97	\$547,500	\$525,000
16 Wesley Street	8 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	81	\$569,900	\$545,000
32 Gorham St	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Victorian	14	\$1,495,000	\$1,518,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	r the Past Month	:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
7 Waldo Avenue U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	10	\$359,900	\$456,000
1 Fitchburg St U:C402	2 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Loft	12	\$389,000	\$435,000
245 Highland Ave U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$419,000	\$460,000
261 Highland U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Rowhouse	23	\$439,000	\$478,000
17 Greenville Terrace U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$449,000	\$476,000
561 Broadway U:B3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$460,000	\$511,000
30 Parkdale Street U:30	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$469,000	\$550,000
12 Central Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$489,900	\$545,000
57 Grove Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$498,000	\$538,500
34 Fenwick St U:34	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	18	\$499,900	\$526,000
68 Puritan Rd U:68	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	32	\$499,900	\$520,789
21 Indiana Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	133	\$514,800	\$515,000
10 Silvey Place U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$525,000	\$542,500
10 Hillside Circle U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	13	\$540,000	\$595,000

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Mor	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
7 Roberts St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	13	\$649,900	\$630,000
199 PEARL St	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	364	\$699,900	\$575,000
65 Alpine St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	109	\$799,000	\$855,000
38 Oliver St	4 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 4 Family	117	\$899,900	\$860,000
17 Sycamore Ter	4 unit, 20 total room, 8 total bedroom 4 Family	174	\$989,900	\$950,000
45 Lexington Avenue	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$999,999	\$1,090,000
333 Alewife Brook Pkwy	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	29	\$1,000,000	\$1,033,000
94 Grant St	3 unit, 16 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	11	\$1,000,000	\$1,020,000
89 Josephine Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	111	\$1,025,000	\$940,000
429 Medford St	3 unit, 18 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	57	\$1,599,000	\$1,335,000
19 Bow St	6 unit, 18 total room, 7 total bedroom 5-9 Family	1	\$1,700,000	\$2,200,000

COMMENTARY

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Regular checkups for our athletic fields



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Your general practitioner knows your body better than any other doctor, but she'll refer you to a specialist when conditions call for it. That's what we have in mind with our plan to shift the upkeep of Somerville's athletic fields to specially trained city employees who will focus solely on the care of our natural grass playing fields.

We've proposed to the Board of Aldermen that the Recreation Department be given a new name that reflects a new, broader scope: the Parks and Recreation Department. With the name change come new duties. Members of the department will be trained to take on the responsibility of preparing, maintaining, and improving Somerville's

athletic fields. It is a logical, best practices step that has been adopted by many other cities.

This move is a win-win for everyone. Currently, the athletic fields are maintained by the Buildings & Grounds division of the Department of Public Works. They also maintain and care for our other green spaces: city parks, playgrounds, the grounds of our schools and city buildings, and other green spaces. We're proud of the job DPW employees have done with this wide range of duties. But with the increasing demand on our fields, it's time to introduce specialized care of our playing fields.

Placing the upkeep of the sports fields under the Parks and Recreation umbrella will let us respond to the community's needs with better agility. This streamlining has the added benefit of easing the heavy load on DPW, freeing its workers to tend to their many other duties. Most of all, it helps Somervillians who use the fields and expect them to be in the best possible shape.

Athletic fields are different

from other public parks. You can't just mow the grass and call it a day. The use of these grounds is intense: Kids and adults trample the fields for hours on end, and usually while wearing spiked shoes. This heavy foot traffic damages the grass and compacts the soil, which not only shortens the useful life of a field but can also create risk of injuries. Thanks to the demand on these fields, they require more attention than a typical park—sometimes on a daily basis.

As you can imagine, Somerville's desire to be a great place to play takes a toll on the fields, which are exceeding their capacity due increasing demand in recent years. This is especially true of the rectangular fields, where the usage has been rising at the highest rate.

But Recreation Director Jill Lathan and her crew know these fields cold. They permit them daily, host programs on them regularly, and inspect them often. Because they work with the leagues and teams who use the fields, Rec Dept. employees also understand which surfaces

need tending to most, and when. It's only sensible to expand the department's oversight to the maintenance of the fields they schedule as well.

I'll paraphrase Liam Neeson in "Taken" in saying that keeping these surfaces in good shape takes a particular set of skills. Parks and Recreation employees dedicated to - and specially trained for - maintaining the fields will have the focus and resources to provide even better care of our fields. They will constantly test the soil and know when and how to seed, water, cut, aerate, and add nutrients and other materials as necessary. They will put the fields on a regimented schedule, meaning that a surface will need an occasional break from the action to recover.

These improvements won't show results overnight. Field maintenance is a long-term project. Some may take a few years to take full effect. Many of our fields also have built-in challenges to overcome, like being put over poor soils and in areas with poor drainage—because that was what was available. Con-

stant soil compaction and overuse has inhibited grass growth. Reversing this will require patience along with TLC.

The lack of ideal soils and drainage as well as overuse of the natural grass is also why our Fields Master Planning process is working to prioritize needed field improvements such as those currently planned for Lincoln Park and Nunziato Field. Field reconstruction too takes time to tackle, but as we improve conditions such as drainage and best practices for maintenance and use, conditions will also improve over time on our fields.

Shifting responsibility for our fields to Recreation is part of a number of administrative changes the city is proposing to the Board of Aldermen for approval. In 2014, the Board passed a resolution requesting that the city rename Recreation the Parks and Recreation Department, and expand their duties to include maintaining athletic fields.

We are now following through on that resolution, so that we can get to work that lets you play.

GLX extortion is an opportunity to win state approval of a transfer fee



By William C. Shelton

State transportation officials are extorting \$50 million from Somerville to help fill a cavernous budget deficit created by their own mismanagement of the Green Line Extension. It's a shakedown that is unprecedented in Massachusetts.

Despite the apparent suddenness of last Thursday's announcement, this isn't happening because Mayor Curtatone capitulated before the bargaining began. On the contrary, negotiations have been ongoing for some time.

And multiple reliable sources tell me that the Department of Transportation's Soviet-style bargaining began with a demand for more than double the \$75 million that Somerville and Cambridge finally agreed to pay. But it came down to an ultimatum.

The resulting \$50 million encumbrance represents a crisis. The danger is to our city's fiscal health and to taxpayers. We rely on state aid to meet a quarter of our budget. When state finances catch cold, Somerville's catch pneumonia, and state tax collections were down in April, the month that they normally turn up.

This comes at a time that we face serious new capital costs—upwards of \$100 million for a new high school, well beyond that for half-century overdue sewer reconstruction, and new police and fire stations. Meanwhile, ever-rising home and business property taxes have the potential of turning the current displacement torrent into a cascade.

The opportunity side of the crisis is winning state approval for a transfer fee. Community advocates, many aldermen,

and the mayor have previously agreed that a 1% transfer fee is essential to maintaining some measure of housing affordability.

But the governor and and state legislative leaders have publicly expressed their opposition to new taxes, and their desire to keep municipal taxation uniform across the state. Their approvals are necessary to pass the home-rule petition that instituting a transfer fee would require.

The \$50-million Green Line assessment's imposition enables us to position our transfer fee as a special case, as defined by Somerville's unique circumstances. And we should now seek a 2% rate, as already exists in Duke's and Nantucket Counties. Our special circumstances and the argument's logic are as follows.

Our city bears greater burdens to support regional transportation than any other in the Commonwealth. Over 200,000 vehicle miles per square mile are travelled through Somerville each day. People who live or

work here account for a miniscule fraction of them.

Six diesel rail lines lacerate our neighborhoods, truncate our streets, and spew carcinogens, huge volumes of ultrafine particles, and twenty times the nitrogen oxides emitted by equivalent gasoline engines. That's 15,000 trips per Somerville square mile per year.

But when the MBTA's deferred maintenance shuts down a bridge, they do not respond promptly. It took them 2,245 days to reopen Lowell Street, while plenty more Somerville bridges need serious structural attention.

These burdens are killing us. Most years we have the highest heart-disease and lung-cancer excess-death rates per square mile in Massachusetts, even though we have no industrial sources of pollution and a below-average smoking rate. Our kids' incidence of asthma is off the charts. Many of them will have diminished breathing capacity throughout their lives

because of the damage that ultra-fines are doing to their developing lungs.

Somerville has been promised help with these conditions for 45 years. A 1971 MassDOT plan to mitigate I-93/Route 38 pollution, which proved to be ten times federal limits, was never implemented. A 1990 consent decree to extend the Green Line was ignored until the Conservation Law Foundation went back to court and won a 2007 settlement obligating the Commonwealth to complete GLX construction by 2014.

Now we are expected to pay a \$50 million ransom that we can't afford for a stripped bare GLX. Gross MBTA mismanagement and sketchy Department of Transportation oversight blew a billion-dollar hole in the project budget. Our stunted commercial tax base leaves us hard pressed to pay the ransom, much less the other capital expenses confronting us. Our best near-term opportunity to grow our Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Paving the way for the GLX's completion.



It seems as though many of us don't know whether to toss our hats in the air and shout for joy or quietly drown our sorrows down at the local tavern.

The news that the Green Line Extension was granted yet one more repreive from the chopping block - however tentative that bit of respite may be - is comforting to many. After all the years of prom-

ises and compromises, most of us feel we have it coming.

But now it looks as if there ain't no such thing as a free lunch after all. The mayor of Somerville and Cambridge's City Manager have jointly decided to generously dip into our pockets to help foot the bill for this mighty thrill ride. To the tune of \$75 million, no less.

There's little question, really, about the value of the GLX and how it will enhance the transportation infrastructure in the region, but we should imagine that there would be a limit to how much will be asked of us financially.

The state and federal governments have led the way and pledged to fund the lion's share of the project. Some say it was pure mismanagement right from the start that led to the disastrous shortfall in the project's budget, leading us to where we are today. In that case, is it fair to ask the affected municipalities to shoulder this much of the financial burden.

It leaves us wishing for a way to penalize the mismanagers instead of ourselves.

Wishful thinking, no doubt.

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thinking aldermen we have. He is currently in his fourth year as President of the Board of Alderman. You know you're good when your colleagues on the Board keep voting for you every year for the office of President. Not in our lifetime has that accomplishment ever been made.

The good Alderman from Ward 7, Katjana Ballantyne, who is also Vice President of the Board, will be hosting a fundraiser herself on Monday, May 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 212 Holland Street. Alderman Katjana is a new face on the scene here in Somerville. She's doing a great job up there in Ward 7, as we're told by many who live there.

Welcome back to the Ville! Local attorney Edwin Smith and his wife Martha Friend and daughter Augusta Friendsmith just returned this past week, co-leading the hardiest group of @ habitatforhumanity volunteers imaginable. They exceeded all expectations and achieved every goal far ahead of schedule in a mission to build a multi-functional sports field for the community of Bellavista in #soacha Colombia. Congratulations to the entire team for everything they accomplished together with members of the local community. What a wonderful experience this must have

been for these special people, to donate their time and energy. If more gave of themselves to do this sort of thing and spread the goodness that this represents, the world would be a better place.

In 2010, according to City of Somerville voter registration, there were a total of 43,236 voters, of which 23,696 were registered democrats and 1,888 were registered republicans, with 17,324 registered unenrolled. In 2015, according to the same records, there were a total of 46,045 voters: 24,068 registered democrats, 1,855 registered republicans and 19,735 registered unenrolled. Just since January 1, 2016 to now there are a total of 49,969 total registered voters with 26,527 registered democrats, 2,028 registered republicans, and 20,892 registered unenrolled. That's a total of an additional 6,733 new registered voters. Obviously, a lot of Villens have moved out and new residents have moved into the city. Many new residents have no knowledge of who's who on the political map. Imagine you paid top dollar to move here and enjoy the finer parts of Somerville and you get hit with an additional tax bill to help pay for the Green Line - the mayor is going to ask the Board of Aldermen for \$50 million – a new high school, a newly renovated City

Hall, pay raises for non-union employees and who knows what else. Or imagine you're a long time resident of the city and you get hit with a huge increase in taxes and you pass it along to your renters. What are you going to do but pass it along to your tenants, if you have any? We bet you can see more than the usual 10-15% that normally come out and vote in the city elections next year. What do you think? We think more and more will be forced out of the city. You know, with all the new registered voters here in the city, it might not be a good time for the mayor or the Board of Aldermen to recommend a substantial tax increase. We hear it could be as high as anywhere between \$500 to \$1,000 per homeowner, maybe even higher.

By the way, we hear that pre-election day balloting will begin soon. That means those 49K registered voters can vote up to 20 days ahead of the polls official opening. This makes it easier for you to vote and harder for the candidates to figure out who voted.

A very special Happy 53 Years Anniversary to our own Claudia and Sal Ferro. What a nice couple. Imagine, 53 years as a perfect couple. Claudia is our own famous photographer. Everyone in the city

knows her and her famous camera. Sal, a lifelong resident of East Somerville, is known for his printing skills. Over the years he's done printing for a lot of companies and political people. We can't say enough nice things about the two of them. We are truly blessed to know them. We wish them nothing but the best and hope they enjoy each other for another 53 years.

Monday evening a special Board of Alderman meeting was called to unanimously pass a 20% inclusionary zoning ordinance that will generate additional affordable housing and help preserve the character of this amazing city. After about two hours of discussion and votes on amendments, the vote to pass the 20% inclusionary ordinance was passed.

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan, who is originally from Somerville, is having a fundraiser on May 19 over at Restaurant Dante, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Her campaign coordinator here in the city, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, has let us know he is looking for a good showing from Somerville. Marian Ryan is doing a great job as District Attorney working hard here in both

Somerville as well as Continued on page 19

'Inspiration' at Brickbottom

The current show at Brickbottom Gallery, entitled *Inspiration*, asks its artists, "What is your Muse?"

Participating artists include: Artists: K. Adamczyk, S. Autor, E. Band, L. Blood Bennett, D. Campbell, J. Cascio, P. Cobb, D. Davidson, R. Dawkins, D. DesLauriers, M. DesLauriers, C. Engles, P. Ewen, L. Fiore, A. Forrester, J. Fries, W. Gilbert, L.Gippetti, L.Goldberg, P. Gustafson, C. Herot, M. Hewitt, B. Kipp, M. Kulovic, J. Lainoff, A. Leveille, P. Lim, L.Lunskaya Gordon, C. Mesarch, C. Moses, D. Novetsky, D. Olin, P. Parda, T. Prato, F. Regan, D. Rocha, S. Schmidt, K. Schwahmann, P. Stevens, S. Strauss, A. Vered.

Showing now through May 21.

Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville.

NOTE: Not every work shown here is in the current show, but each artist represented is.



Free Falling by Debra Olin.



 ${\it Highway~Bill board~by~Charlotte~Kaplan.}$



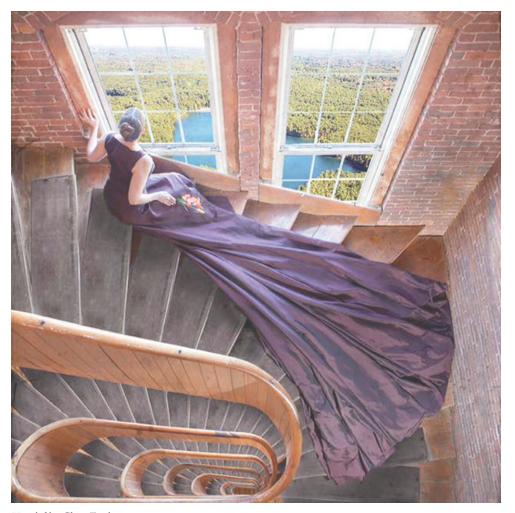
Hot Target by Sherry Autor.



 $3D\ PAINTING\ by\ Piotr\ Parda.$



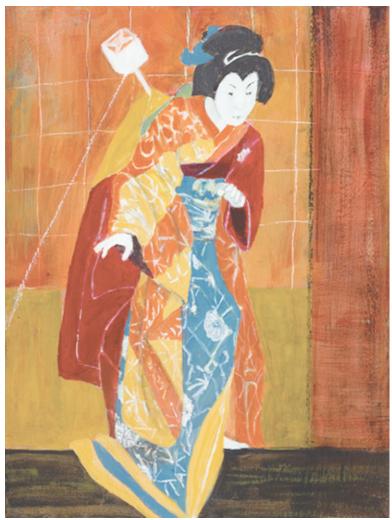
Sweet Youth by Paulilne Lim.



Untitled by Chris Engles.



 $Hold\ it, hold\ it, now\ breathe...\ by\ Daniela\ Des Lauriers.$



Kabuki V by Chris Mesarch.



Caribbean by Diane Novetsky.



Open Basket by Susan Schmidt.



Family portrait in objects by Lisa Lunskaya Gordon.

SPORTS

M.O.M.'s Run 2016 hits the blacktop

By Louise Carpenter

M.O.M.'s Run 2016 took place on Mother's Day, this past Sunday. The traditional Kids 0.1 Mile took off at 9:30 a.m., with the Walkers 5K following at 9:45 a.m., and the Runners 5K heading out at 10:00 a.m.

In the past 14 years, M.O.M.'s Run has raised over \$130,000 benefiting the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. They owe this success to the thousands of runners, countless volunteers, and generous sponsors who have partaken over the years.

2016 is their biggest year yet.

Whether it is to celebrate moms, promote health, to commemorate cancer survivors or to honor those who have been lost, it is hoped that you will join in on Mother's Day for a 5K, delicious food and a fantastic raffle.

Mary (Pilotte) O'Brien, who was a longtime Somerville resident, lost her brief battle to cancer on November 19, 2002. Mary was involved in many local organizations throughout her life, and dedicated much of her time to helping others. All are invited to join in at this community event to honor the amazing mothers and women, and countless others that have been affected by cancer in each of our lives.



Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#525

- 1. What is another name for a shooting or falling star?
- 2. Which one of the cast of the TV show *Friends* starred in the movie *Lost In Space*?
- 3. Which planet has one moon called Charon?
- 4. Celine Dion recorded two songs that won the Academy Award as Best Song from what two films?
- 5. Which four stringed instruments make up a string quartet?
- 6. In 1903 an Italian merchant, Italio Marcione, patented what?

- 7. What element gives amethyst its violet color?
- 8. Which Apple computer model introduced such features as the mouse, and the technology of point and click on visual icons?
- 9. Where in the human body do you find the alveoli?
- 10. What TV soap opera did Demi Moore appear in?
- 11. What group did Linda Ronstadt launch her musical career as a lead singer in 1964?
- 12. What is the meaning of the term "hat trick" in soccer, football and hockey?

Answers on page 17

M.O.M.'s Run 2016 Top Finishers:

Rank	Name	Details	Time	Bib Number
1	TIM HARDER	30 M	16:30	496
2	AHARON WRIGHT	30 M	16:51	495
3	DANNY ZENG	25 M	17:57	275
4	STEVE BRADY	35 M	18:10	59
5	DAVID LOPES	30 M	18:20	541
6	E J HRYNOWSKI	53 M	18:26	15
7	FRED WARBURG	34 M	18:33	552
8	SCOT DEDEO	35 M	18:48	334
9	BENJAMIN SPAULDING	33 M	18:52	41
10	TIM MORIN	33 M	19:11	2

Pro women's football comes to Somerville

By Daniel Sullivan

Last Saturday night, May 7, the Boston Renegades trounced the Cleveland Fusion 47-18 at Dilboy Stadium. The Boston Renegades are a full contact semi-professional women's football team and are part of the Women's Football Alliance, an eight team league that features teams as far south as Washington D. C. and as far west as Chicago.

The Renegades are 4-1 this year, their only loss (35-32) coming on a last minute touchdown scored by the D. C. Divas.

I have talked to a several players and they have assured me that this is not a girl's game. These women are serious, talented athletes and play all-out.

I became aware of the Rene-



gades quite by chance. I walked into a local tavern to sing karaoke and met three men wearing tri-cornered hats who turned out to be The New England Patriots' Militia. Shortly afterwards, ten or so Renegades showed up to celebrate their 54-12 win over the Philadelphia Phantomz. We all had a great time sharing pitchers of beer and belting out

some of our favorite songs.

They play May 14 in Pittsburgh and the next home game is May 21 vs. the Chicago Force. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. \$10, children free. The New England Patriots' Militia will be firing off a volley after each Patriot's score. Support your local team!

For more information visit: bostonrenegadesfootball.com.

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What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Displacement, the new face of homelessness

Rising rents, soaring home prices and high-end developments are causing displacement across Somerville. The organizations that fight homelessness are finding their resources are being taxed to keep residents in their homes, before they are displaced, and at greater risk of homelessness.

"We need to look at how to do development without displacing our current residents, and there's been a lot of displacement." said David Gibbs, Executive Director of Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS.) "There's been a lot of people at really every income level from the lowest to the higher middle-income levels who've been forced out of the city."



Organizations like the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) and Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) have been seeing a rising number of families and individuals seeking assistance because they are struggling just to meet their monthly rent. In Somerville, housing costs are 35% higher than the state average, which can put many residents at risk of becoming homeless.

Sam Davidson- Weiss works with homelessness prevention at CAAS and says, "A lot of families in Somerville are paying upward of 50% of their income towards rent. Some more than 80% or 90% and just barely getting by."

"For a family of 4 the cost of living is roughly \$70,000 year so if you're making less than that you're either going into debt or relying on government assistance or the generosity of neighbors, and if you're making just a little bit over that you're doing ok, but you're still economically vulnerable these days," says Gibbs

And families are not the only ones who face this obstacle. Rising rent costs also affect the organizations in place to help residents, like SHC, who helps provide assistance to those struggling to make their rent payments every month.

"We lease about 40 apartments across the city and we're a tenant just like anybody else, if we're not able to meet those rising costs then we have to give up those apartments. The ones who really suffer are the ones living in those apartments, our clients," said Michael Libby, Deputy Director of SHC.

To watch the full news video and to read the full article visit: www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.

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newest, and it honors the musical Hadley and Cobble Hill. family. One of its members, Henry Hadley, led the Seattle, San Francisco, and New York symphonies. He also established the Tanglewood Musical Festival in the Berkshires.

- + Sam Walter Foss, Somerville's most famous poet and librarian, wrote the poems Songs of War and Peace, The Song of the Library Staff, and his most notable, The House by the Side of the Road, which was put to song.
- · Somerville resident and famous entertainer, Arthur Godfrey, made the ukulele popular from coast to coast.
- Spring Hill's accordion-playing Anthony "Tony" Lavelli played basketball for the Boston Celtics, the New York Knicks and the Harlem Globe Trotters, but his real passion was studying music at Julliard.
- Members of the rock group Aerosmith sometimes practiced at Spring Hill

- · Mary Tyler, who was the object of the song Mary Had A Little Lamb lived most of her life on Spring Hill.
- Winter Hill's Bobby "Boris" Pickett and his band, The Crypt Kickers, became a "graveyard smash."
- + Harry Ellis Dickson, father-in-law of Governor Michael Dukakis, rose from Somerville High School's orchestra to be the Associate Conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. The Center of Fine Arts and Humanities room at the Winter Hill Community School was dedicated to him.
- · Overshadowing Seven Hills Park, the heart of Somerville's popular music has been its theatre in Davis Square. Its celebrities include Bruce Springsteen, U2, Tracy Chapman, Joan Baez, Norah Jones, Arlo Guthrie and many others.

To quote Julie Andrews: "The hills are alive with the sound of music!"



Max Motroni, a student in my creative writing class at Endicott College writes a poem that is very germane these days with our ever increasing substance abuse problems.

Track Marks

He looked down at his forearm, Pale white, No freckles or birth marks. Still untouched like a blank canvas With the option to keep clean Or stain himself forever.

He picked up a small, grey needle, That was held in place by the syringe, Simultaneously tightening his fist. Ready to alter the innocence that graced His arm, that graced his whole body.

When the needle entered his arm, He was unaware of the long journey That just begun. A journey that would be dark, One that might not have a light at the end.

Purple, Red, Pink, Yellow outlines on the scabs, The track marks covered his forearm. These scars told the story of his journey, From dope sickness, to mother's tears. A stain that has been forever injected.

— Max Motroni

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



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts City of Somerville Office of the Acting Treasurer/Collector

NOTICE OF TAKING

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

Signed: Peter K. Forcellese, Jr. Treasurer/Collector.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 7 MORTIMER PL#6
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: ANTHONY SHEPARD
DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 071D00042000006
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20083100 SQUARE FEET: 0
TITLE REFERNCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 47948,
Pages: 282

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$1,317.69 Interest to Date of Taking \$200.72 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$1,887.41

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 16P2211EA

Estate of:

Santo Incatasciato

Date of Death: <u>12/20/2015</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Salvy Cicero of Somerville MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Salvy Cicero of Somerville MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/24/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: April 26, 2016

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on <u>Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM</u>, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for a Mobile Food Vendor License for Clover Fast Food Inc., dba Clover Fast Food, which seeks to operate at Tufts University on College Avenue Mondays through Wednesdays from 4 to 8 PM, in Davis Square on Holland Street in front of the Red Line headhouse Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 10 PM, and in Union Square in the Parking Lot in front of the Independent Saturdays from 4 to 10 PM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Autobody Squady Inc. dba Autobody Squady, for a Garage License at 45 Webster Avenue, for storing vehicles, repairing vehicles, autobody work, spray painting vehicles, and washing vehicles, for 6 vehicles stored inside and 2 vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 18</u>, 2016, at 6:30 <u>PM</u>, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Autobody Squady Inc. dba Autobody Squad, for a Garage License at 47 Webster Avenue, for storing vehicles, autobody work, and washing vehicles, for 8 vehicles stored inside and 3 vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.

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PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of PJ's Motor Cars Inc., for a Garage License at 161 Broadway, for storing vehicles, repairing vehicles and washing vehicles, for 33 vehicles stored inside and no vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on <u>Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM</u>, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Paul Carneiro, dba Barnes and Walsh Co., for a Garage License at 224 Somerville Avenue, for autobody work and spray painting vehicles, for 10 vehicles stored inside and 5 vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Essex Probate and Family Court 45 Congress Street Salem, MA, 01970

NOTICE AND ORDER
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. ES16P0825GD

In the interest of Liana Marie Salami

of Somerville, MA

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1) Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/24/2016 by

Marianne P Salami of Somerville, MA

Will be held 06/14/2016 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing
Located Essex Family and Probate Court 2 Appleton Street
Lawrence, MA 01841

2) Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3) Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that the counsel be appointed for the minor.

4) Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds it is not in the minor's best interest.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the Guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least <u>fourteen (14)</u> days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Somerville Times Somerville** publication to be at least <u>Seven (7)</u> days prior to hearing date.

If required, services on the United States Veteran Administration and Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: May 2, 2016.

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Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION TO THE REMOVAL of select City Ash Trees in accordance with Ash Borer Preventative Program

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

OFFICE OF DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Somerville, MA

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the Public Works Building, 17 Franey Road, Somerville, Massachusetts

On May 25, 2016

at 5:30pm., in regard to the removal of a public shade tree.

For a list of tree locations, please reference the City of Somerville's Website

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

Tree Warden

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The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA), the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from HVAC Contractors for HVAC repairs and maintenance as needed on a day-to-day basis at various State and Federal Housing Developments owned and operated by the Somerville Housing Authority in accordance with the documents prepared by the

Somerville Housing Authority, SHA Job No. P-HVAC-052016 . The work consists of a One (1) year "full service" contract including preventative maintenance as well as all other necessary repairs. Contractor must be able to provide twenty-four (24) hour service 7 days a week. The SHA may exercise its option to renew the contract for two (2) additional years at one (1) year intervals

The estimated cost for each year is \$25,000.00.

Bids are subject to MGL c.149 §44A-J & to minimum state wage rates as required by MGL c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., June 02, 2016 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on May 18, 2016. There will be no charge for these documents. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will also be available by email at no charge by contacting Anthony Crespo, at tonyc@sha-web.org or downloaded from SHA web site at www.sha-web.org bid opportunities-tab.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

A site visit is scheduled for May 20, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or by email TonyC@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI16D1499DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Hernandez, Pedro D. vs. Michereone, Michelle S.

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Francisco J. Rosa, Esq Rosa & Taing Law, LLC 1550 Middlesex Street Lowell. MA 01851

your answer, if any on or before 06/13/2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: May 2, 2016.

Tara E. De Christofaro Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 16-87

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed applications from qualified engineering firms for:

Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Reduction Program

The City of Somerville seeks professional engineering services to support implementation of the multi-year Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Reduction Program for the City's sewer system. The City seeks a highly qualified engineering firm to locate, inspect, inventory and evaluate the City's sewer manholes for I&I, design and prepare the bid for appropriate rehabilitations, and provide construction and resident representative services as required for the initial phase of the City's multi-year Capital Improvement Plan for Sewer I&I improvements. See RFQ for details.

The RFQ may be obtained online

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after May 11, 2016. Sealed applications will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all submissions if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 6:30 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Edmilson Valentino, dba BBC Auto Repair, for a Garage License at 42 Joy Street, for repairing vehicles, for 8 vehicles stored inside and no vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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Memorial Day Parade volunteers sought



The City of Somerville's Veteran's Services Department is seeking volunteers to assist with the 2016 Memorial Day Parade on Sun., May 29, one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the region. Volunteers will be assigned to one of five parade divisions, working with parade organizers to line up and assist with needs of the more than 1,000 parade participants. Volunteers will ideally be available for a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. day, and will accompany their assigned division along the parade route, from City Hall to North St. in Teele Square. To sign up to volunteer, visit http://goo.gl/forms/VmFMrdBam0. For more information, contact the Veterans Service Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700.

The City of Somerville does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, national origin, disability or any other protected category. Auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures will be provided to qualified applicants and employees with disabilities free of charge, upon request.

If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access this program, please contact the ADA Coordinator no later than seven (7) business days before the scheduled event at the address noted below:

Betsy M. Allen 167 Holland Street, Room 207, Somerville, MA

ballen@somervillema.gov (617) 625-6600, Ext. 2323 (Voice)

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(617) 808-4851 (TTY)

El Sistema Somerville Fundraiser

El Sistema Somerville's performance and fundraiser on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 6:30PM to 9PM. The event will take place at Somerville High School and will be showing a documentary about El Sistema students from inner cities whose lives were changed by El Sistema programs. There will also be a brief performance by El Sistema Somerville students and a discussion about our program here in Somerville. Anyone can reserve a free ticket at https://www. tugg.com/events/103965 and also make contributions through a link at the bottom of the page if they feel inclined to do so!

approval of a transfer fee



From on page 14 Ms. Cam's

- 1. Meteor
- 2. Matt LeBlanc
- 3. Pluto
- 4. Beauty and the Beast in 1991 and My Heart Will Go On for Titanic in 1998
- 5. 2 Violins, 1 Viola and 1 Cello
- 7. Manganese
- 8. Lisa
- 9. The lungs
- 10. General Hospital from 1981 to 1983
- 11. The Stone Poneys
- 12. Scoring three goals in one game
- 6. The ice cream cone

commercial tax base is Union Square and Boynton Yards redevelopment, which requires a Green Line extension.

To pay the ransom, promote economic development, and slow down displacement, we must harness a runaway housing market with a transfer fee.

The chances are good for broad support among our elected officials for this option. The mayor advocated a transfer fee in his inaugural address in January. At a

2% rate, it could ease fiscal pressure while accomplishing the objectives that he initially intended.

GLX extortion is an opportunity to win state

Board of Aldermen President Bill White gave testimony at the combined Mass DOT and

MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Boards meeting on Monday that produced a commitment to proceed with the project. In his remarks, he recommended using transfer fee revenues to service the GLX assessment.

Afterwards Senator Pat Jehlen

told me, "If wisely structured, a transfer fee could capture a portion of speculative profits in behalf of working families."

The unprecedented and unjust \$50-million hit commends our elected officials to seize the moment by passing and winning home-rule approval for a transfer fee—and, by locking in \$50 million as the most that Somerville will pay for the state to make good on 45 years of false promises.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday May 11

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

Central Library Teen Empowerment

3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 12

Central Library

Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Friday | May 13

Central Library

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

East Branch Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.| 115 Broadway

Monday | May 16

Central Library

Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 17

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Wednesday | May 18

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. -11:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday May 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room Backroom Series: David Power & Willie Kelly|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Ma-

cone 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Emma Murray

Paul Yu Josie Lowder **Charles Berthoud**

Kathryn Hallberg Mike Morrisev

345 Somerville Ave

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Figment Noir: A Night of Art and

8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Your'e the Expert 7:30 p.m.| 255 Elm St

Thursday | May 12

Sally O'Brien's Tuna Rangers

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Red-

necks|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: Katrin, The Arrow & The Bow |7 p.m.

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

P.A.'s Lounge The Facc-tones

A Proper Mob Sur5ill

345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

Thunder Road

Peelander-Z (Japanese Action Comic Punk Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Paint the Town la Red/Pinta la Ciudad de Rojo 2016 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Comedy Show - Ahmed Bharoocha

With House Band 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Eskimeaux

7 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre KLEZWOODS CD release 7:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Somerville Theatre

Peter Wolf 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday | May 13

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters 6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents The Daybreakers, Buxton Cliff, Amateur Athletes \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Backroom Series: Guy Davis|7 p.m. Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Maiden New England

Rat Salad Bon Shootin' 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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

Bull McCabe's HI FI Monk

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

Joshua Tree

DI McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

255 Elm St

Playing Dead - New England's Premier Grateful Dead Tribute 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Jody Blackwell|6:30 p.m Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|10:30 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Barry & the Remains~Lyres~Cal Cali

Band~Muck & the Mires 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Book Launch: If Mercy by Frannie

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Saturday | May 14

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Red Right Hand, Reverse, Junior Classics \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.

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

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

Backroom Series | Miriam - CD Release Show! |7 p.m.

Spitting Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Matinee|3 p.m. Operation Mayhem Coral Reef Above Water Motto Copilot |8 p.m.

The Atlantic Effect Wonder City Hidden Markov Till Tomorrow 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's

Corner Funk All Stars 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617-625-5195

Daniel Byrnes Band (Folk/Rock) 8 p.m|379 Somerville Ave

Thunder Road

Davis Square Theatre Paintnite 1:30 p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m.
Boston's Unscripted Musical Project|10 p.m.

Dirty Disney|11:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Carissa Johnson album release w/ Little War Twins, Jack Romanov, & Great White Tourist 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Sunday | May 15

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

p.m.

Back Room he Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8am - 2:30pm Stefanos Vryniotis& Eugenios Zarkadas 3 p.m.

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

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

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

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

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

Highland Ave

Todd Lewis Kramer (Singer-Songwriter)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

The Greek Laouto - a workshop & concert with Vasileios Kostas 4 p.m.|Café RISK! Live Show & Podcast 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Dead Meadlow 9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Monday | May 16

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session 9 p.m.

Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Free Mondays featuring: 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

P.A.'s Lounge

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road

The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

New Music Night W/ DJ Bad Squirrel.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Tuesday | May 17

Sally O'Brien's Bar TBA

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

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

PA's Lounge

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

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

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

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

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

8200

Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m.

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday | May 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center. Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom Hagerty Band til 10! \$20 suggested donation 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room

Backroom Series: Kevin Burke|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Angele Hema Zion Rodman Raven Medicine Sophie Kohn

Dann Russo Atlas Mason 345 Somerville Ave

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9910 ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Figment Noir: A Night of Art and

2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive

Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre** Your'e the Expert

7:30 p.m.| 255 Elm St **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Somerville Positive Forces

Wednesday May 11 **Central Library**

1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Researching Your House and Family 6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 12 **Central Library** Community Cooks Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday | May 14

Arts at the Armory Somerville Local First - Spring Market

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.|191 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. 79 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work

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

Sunday | May 15 **Central Library**

1 p.m..- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Monday May 16

Unity Church of God

Central Library Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 17

Central Library Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Wednesday May 18 **Central Library**

Book Sale Setup 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15th through May 20th is BOOKED SOLID.

All available appointments for the Hearing Screening & Hearing Aid Checks scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th are

Please note that ALL CENTERS CLOSED on May 30th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

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

The Essex, Gloucester & Rockport day trip scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th is SOLD OUT.

Hayday Big Bands scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th has been CANCELLED.

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

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th and 8th is BOOK SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group - This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be in the

conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional info.

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A

9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | May 11

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

Thursday | May 12

All Centers Closed

Nutrition Fair at our Holland Street Center

Friday | May 13

All Centers Closed

Nutrition Fair at our Holland Street Center

Monday | May 16

9:30 Veterans Group (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:30 Moonlighters 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 1:00 Bereavement Group (H) 5:30 LGBTQ Event Night (H)

Tuesday | May 17

9:30 - 11:30 Coffee Hour (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 3:00 Legal Check-Up (H) 6:00 Caregivers Group (H)

Wednesday | May 18

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

back couple of years ago and see that she has done a great job representing us.

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to attorney and great guy Edwin Smith of Highland Avenue. We mentioned him and his family just coming back from Columbia after doing some great work. Enjoy your birthday, Ed, and have a relaxing week. Also celebrating this week is former Villen and very popular Winter Hill resident Ed Palazzolo, who has been going through some very difficult times for a while now being laid up in a hospital in VA. We wish him the very best and hope that his troubles are behind him. He's a nice guy and everyone who knows him will tell you that. Happy birthday Ed, and

Large Dennis Sullivan. Melissa is very involved with unions and has also been very popular here in Somerville herself. We hope she has a great day for herself.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Some-

one asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

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

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

Middlesex County. We supported her many more! Happy Birthday to Melissa class once a month, which is limited to Students of Arthur D Healey School are in her very first election bid for the seat Hurley, the lovely wife of Alderman At 10 people and we hear that this is the organizing a No Drive Day for Somerville. The No Drive Day is intended to help reduce Somerville's emissions when driving motor vehicles. It is expected to help reduce Somerville's use of fossil fuels, air pollution, and mitigate climate change. The No Drive Day is taking place on June 1. The rain date of the event is scheduled for June 2. People who participate in the No Drive Day will walk, bike, bus, or carpool to school.

The Somerville Council on Aging's LGBTQ Advisory Board invites you to "Dinner & Conversation" on Monday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Join them for a free dinner and interesting conversation. RSVP is a must. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 no later than Friday, May 13.

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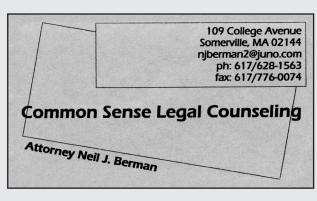
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6:00am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	1:30pm	Legacies
6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
7:00am	Poet to Poet	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Throwback Thursday!	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	MAPS
9:00am	Legacies	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution	7:00pm	Gay USA	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
9:30am	The Somerville Line	11:30pm	MAPS	8:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	5:00pm	Telegalaxie
10:30am	Rare Groove Revolution	Friday, May	, 13	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes		The Struggle
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	6:00pm	The Literati Scene	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:00pm	
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Life Matters	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Start Up TV
1:30pm	Physicians Focus	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	Sunday, I	May 15	7:30pm	Music Mania Television
2:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:30am	Color in your life	6:00am	Faith Show	8:00pm	The Somerville Line
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4:00pm 5:00pm	Free Speech Television Art At SCATV	10:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
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7:30pm		1:30pm		12:00pm		7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	2:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:30pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	9:00am	Chefs table Series
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Finger on the Pulse	10:00am	Eat well be happy
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Taking back your health	10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:00pm	Walter Ness Presents	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Infinite Momentum	11:00am	The Somerville Line
Thursday, M	ay 12	5:30pm	Words on Film	3:30pm	Legacies	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
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9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Taking back your health
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10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Poet to Poet	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate		Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
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11:30am	Legacies	Saturday, I	Лау 14	Monday,	May 16	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Life matters	6:00am	Health is Wealth	5:30pm	Duck Village Stage
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	6:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast	6:30pm	Person 2 Person
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Wednesda	ay, May 11
9:00am	A Moonlighters' Performance
10:00am	Congressional Update
12:00pm	Beyond the Badge
12:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
1:00pm	Connecting Communities
1:30pm	A Moonlighters' Performance - 4.25.16
2:18pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
2:55pm	SomerViva em Português 4.7.16
6:00pm	GLX Community Path Public Meeting
8:00pm	SomerViva em Português
8:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
9:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
Thursday,	May 12
12:00am	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2016
12:30am	Mayor's Town Business Meeting
1:41am	Congressional Update
2:11am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
2:40am	SomerViva en Espanol
9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol
9:30am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Intergenerational

12:30pm

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4:00pm

Wednesday, May 11

Greek Independence Day Celebration 2:08am A Moonlighters' Performance 3:00am Growing Up in Somerville 9:00am Beyond the Badge 12:00pm Mayor's Town Business Meeting 1:11pm SomerViva em Português 1:42pm Guns n' Hoses 2016 Congressional Update 2:40pm 6:30pm Mayor's Town Business Meeting 7:41pm SomerViva en Espanol Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2016 8:06pm Beyond the Badge 8:36pm 9:06pm Congressional Update 9:36pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte 10:05pm SomerViva em Português 10:35pm Guns n' Hoses 2016

Friday, May 13

12:00am

12:30am

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Upcoming Meeting Agenda

A Moonlighters' Performance - 4.25.16

Greek Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, I	May 14
12:00am	GLX Community Path Public
	Meeting 4.13.16
2:00am	Know Your Rights
3:10am	SomerViva en Espanol
9:00am	A Moonlighters' Performance
9:48am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
12:00pm	Beyond the Badge
12:30pm	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2016
1:00pm	2016 Patriots' Day

City Hall Mural 1:43pm 2:00pm A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center 2:30pm SomerViva em Português 2016 Patriots' Day 6:30pm 7:13pm Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16 8:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte 9:00pm SomerViva en Espanol 9:24pm Greek Independence Day Celebration 10:33pm A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center Sunday, May 15 12:00am **Know Your Rights** Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception 1:10am 2:14am 2:44am 9:00am

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SHS Spring Concert 2016

SHS Softball v Lawrence

Monday, May 16 12:00amSenior Circuit "Intergenerational Health Care" 12:30am **GLX Community Path Public**

Meeting 4.13.16 2:30am Mayor's Town Business Meeting 9:00am Congressional Update 9:30am Connecting Communities 12:00pm 2016 Patriots' Day 12:43pm Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16 1:43pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte 2:11pm Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin 2:47pm Connecting Communities 4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda School Committee Meeting (LIVE)

7:00pm Tuesday, May 17 12:00am Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16 Congressional Update 1:00am 9:00am Jane's Walk 2016 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Intergenerational Health Care" 12:30pm Jane's Walk 2016 2:00pm Congressional Update 2:30pm Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16 6:30pm Beyond the Badge 7:00pmSenior Circuit "Intergenerational Health Care" 7:30pm Guns n' Hoses 2016 School Committee Meeting -8:30pm REPLAY OF 5.16.16 Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 12:00amSenior Circuit "Intergenerational Health Care" Jane's Walk 2016 12:30am

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Sunday, May 15

9:00am: Student of the Otr.- Brown School - 5/5/16 9:30am:Student of the Qtr.- Kennedy School - 5/5/16 Student of the Qtr.- Argenziano School 10:00am: 11:00am: Student of the Qtr.- WSNS - 5.2.16 11:30am: Student of the Qtr.- WHCIS - 4.28.16 Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 4/15/16 12:00pm: 12:30pm:Student of the Qtr.- Healey School - 4.27.16 1:00pm: Our Schools, Our City - SHS Building Project 2:00pm: CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016 SHS Spring Concert 2016 4:00pm: 6:00pm: Student of the Qtr.- Brown School - 5/5/16 6:30pm:Student of the Qtr.- Kennedy School - 5/5/16 Student of the Qtr.- Argenziano School 8:00pm: Student of the Qtr.- WSNS - 5.2.16 8:30pm: Student of the Qtr.- WHCIS - 4.28.16 9:00pm: Student of the Otr. - ESCS 4/15/16 9:30pm: Student of the Qtr.- Healey School - 4.27.16

10:00pm:Our Schools, Our City - SHS Building Project Thursday, May 12 CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016 12:00am: 2:00am: SHS Spring Concert 2016 4:00am: SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16 9:00am: SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16 10:00am: SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28 12:00pm: 2016 World Language Awards Night 1:00pm: Spring String Fling 2016 2:00pm: CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016 SHS Baseball v Medford 4:00pm: 6:00pm: SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16 6:30pm: SHS Baseball v Everett - 4.28

8:30pm: 2016 World Language Awards Night 9:30pm: Spring String Fling 2016

Friday, May 13 SHS Baseball v Medford 12:00am: SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16 1:45am: Public Domain Theater - May 2:30am: 9:00am: Spring String Fling 2016 10:30am: CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016 12:30pm:Our Schools, Our City - SHS Building Project SHS Spring Concert 2016 1:00pm: 3:00pm: SHS Baseball v Medford 5:00pm: 2016 World Language Awards Night 6:00pm: Spring String Fling 2016 CTE Senior Awards Banquet 2016 7:30pm: 9:30pm: Our Schools, Our City - SHS Building Project 10:00pm: SHS Spring Concert 2016

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Tuesday, May 17

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by Doug Holder

David Blair sounding the whistle in his third book 'Friends With Dogs'

Review by Somerville Bagel bard Michael the virtues of herbs and flowers in her T. Steffen:

Reading David Blair's poems is like lying in bed awake listening to the one who lies beside you talking in their sleep.

There is a network of veins, nerves, and straw where there was potted nasturtium.

Dental hygienists who misbehave come back as the numbers crunchers who remove salaried plaque,

the 86ers going deep to scorch or freeze.

[Vulcanists & Neptunists, FWD, pp 38-9]

All of the terms are a little odd, which is difficult but also amusing. We leap, as Robert Bly would say, from potted plants, to the dentist and accounting, to sports and weather. What does "the 86ers" refer to? There is a European American Football team in Sweden called the Uppsala 86ers, which would make sense of "going deep" (throwing a long pass deep down field). General American readers will recognize the term "going deep" and have the research engines in their memories looking for an associate NFL team, say the 49ers. In this line of thought, on to Blair's next line, you can "freeze" a linebacker by faking a run then throwing a long pass which, if successful, could be said to burn ("scorch") a defensive back. Amid all of this talk of athletic dynamics, tactics and maneuvers, keep in mind the extremities of weather which climate change is causing our winters and summers. Poetry is at work when so much more is evoked than is actually stated. Great bargains take place between word count and reader.

Friends With Dogs [ISBN 9781937679606/Sheep Meadow Press/ P.O. Box 84/Rhinebeck, NY 12514], Blair's third book of poems, lives up to the promise of his previous collections, in which the poet established his signature method in madness of evasive speech. "His music, his diction," wrote A.D. Powell of Blair's second book Ascension Days, "his refusal to use (ever) clichés, his syntax all drive his poems and their hearts forward."

Thomas Lux amplified:

I have been reading Blair's poems for about ten years now—struck always by his unique pitch and tone, the tensile muscularity of his syntax and vibrational accents. His diction is totally unboxed.

From this deliberate dismissal of clichés and coins and cousinages, mere gestures are made toward a grander scale, a finger on one's cheek pointing at the sky, to refute determinism and fate, while acknowledging these mechanisms dangerously at play in our world. The poem Festivals for Saints Lucy and Anthony strike a plangent irony that reminds one (listen closely) of Ophelia singing over

craze after Polonius's death.

The Book of Common Prayer gives such lovely presentation to the psalms, and the weird rites that developed for so many events

All through the North End, Jimmy Roselli kept singing Torah and ending in Koran verses across the neck of water between here and Charlestown

When people pin the ribbon pole with dollar bills with the trumpets annoying people until they pin more, bringing back indulgences is okay with me.

There is a pill (are pills) under Blair's sugar of meanderings. To an aggressive, accusative and hypocritical world of solicitation, denying us so much in the way of authentic contact and purpose, there is adequacy in a response of denial, refusing sense made by the powers that be, returning everything originally to depict the oddness of how this feels rather than how it should seem okay. Satire, the theatre of the absurd, deigning to no obvious purpose or sense, happens upon a critical "usefulness" in its powerful disrespect and will to shock the censors and oppression crouching even in a free society.

The festivals evoked in the poem's title are feast days or celebrations in honor of saints. Saint Lucy is petitioned for restoration of sight or vision. Saint Anthony is prayed to for help in recovering losses. The title of Blair's second book, Ascension Days, with vocabulary in his earlier poems, have raised the notion of religion, an old world religion, in his poetry. His language can behave hermetically. Like Haley Joel Osment, the child in The Sixth Sense, Blair sees dead people: he sees Rabelais' ghost in the erudite contemporary poet Tom Yuill:

the poet from Old Dominion. "Yoo hoo," he says, "Read more Wyatt. Read Sir Philip Sidney." "Yoo hoo," he says, "Buttermilk biscuits.

Gravy. Monday Night Football."

[FWD, p. 60].

The fragmentary presentation of his poetry allows for vast silences and omissions. Whether Blair is devoted to religion we may not know by his poetry. That atrocities are being committed throughout the world in the name of Religion should weigh on every informed human being. This is a fact that reflects howsoever in the mirror of Blair's presented discourse.

The conclusion of Festivals for Saint Lucy & Saint Anthony startlingly compresses the world confused in these gestures to the naïve sweet tooth of a child at such a festival, bound for the biochemical disaster of a blackout caused by a sugar rush:

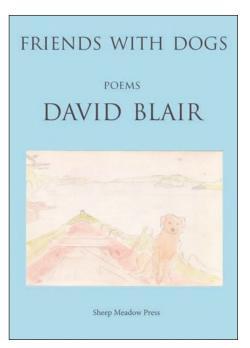
A kid won a box of Lemon Heads and a box of Alexander the Grape, and all the flavors of taffy, a watermelon Now & Later candy, a coconut oil smooth banana flavor that never leaves my mouth, that takes the wooden floor out from underneath our feet, that brings me to another level of unpeopled Wampanoag hill sadness first state park north of the city, where there is one chipmunk and about four pigeons left and a lot of woods, a sugar rush, then crash, graceful deficit in the distant Fells.

In the "rational world," radical fundamentalism motivating violence is seen as the choice that justifies intervention. It is not Saint Lucy or Saint Anthony, any more than the 86ers going deep. It is a butterfly somewhere causing a hurricane elsewhere. The, say, Venus de Milo as an objective is not mentioned. Nor the fact that the world is consuming sources of energy on a daily basis like a kid loading himself with candy to the point of having a seizure at a religious festival. As elsewhere in Blair's poetry, just enough is said in this poem to make so much come tumbling out.

To a great extent, the day-to-day world we live in "makes sense" because it is what we have learned to live with, ways accumulated and assimilated with progress in time. It is the world we frequent daily. One necessary step for the artist and poet, in order to get a good look at things around, in order to begin to speak relevantly about it, is somehow to get outside of that world, get somehow to a vantage point, on a hill, for a good while, to be able to see it for himself or herself. To varying degrees, poets bring this cultivated alienation to readers, with their purpose of showing us something we cannot normally see yet that is true, so probable to how we imagine life, that we say "this really speaks to me."

Defying logic and expected sequences, Blair, while "restless," often achieves an a-temporal or out-of-ordinary-time feel, the around-going-nowhere motion of a river mill wheel, a simultaneity of collages, a moving stillness.

David Rivard in Boston Review isolated a line of Blair's, "Nothing can remain horizontal or vertical for long," calling this the poet's "mini ars poetica." The riverhead of the statement may be Heraclitus' The only constant is change. It comes by way of one of David's tamer or more focused meditations, from Ascension Days, on inspiration, in the figure and under the title of Amelia Earhart, who like the Virgin Mary did not suffer a witnessed death. The famous American "aviatrix," as David designates her (with a wink that is both bawdry and submissive to the suffix, evoking the Dominatrix of erotica) serves



stunningly as a displacement of the Virgin Mother who according to certain traditions is said not to have suffered death but to have been assumed into heaven, lost up in the air in flight, off the radar and our maps, entering into the needful and copious domains of our speculation and wonder.

A little beyond midstream in the poem, Blair embellishes Earhart with suggestions of another great woman from American history, Eleanor Roosevelt, with a marvelous double entendre on the word "dam," in one sense for the construction with a reservoir that harnesses energy from a river (recalling the era of the New Deal), and "dam" in the sense of a grand lady, the diminutive of "Madam" or "Madame."

The lines go:

It's possible that she was always bundled muscle, nerve and horse sense. Standing rigidly against rivers like a dam named after a president is a dubious way to be, but I can imagine Amelia fascinated by toasters and Christmas lights, the large blue bulbs, and the terrifying orange coils and the way the toaster cord feels like the root of a plant when attracted to earthen recesses, and I can imagine a blue bathrobe for her in the endless morning before anything.

There is merely a suggestive allusion to Mary in the poem. We might remember that blue is Mary's color, blue of the serene sky. And that Amelia's bathrobe imagined in David's poem is blue. A verbal association is possible with the Day of the Assumption, which is commonly confused with Christ's Ascension, offering an explanation as to the plural in the title of this wonderful book, Ascension Days, published in 2007 by Del Sol Press.

The poetry of David Blair, for all of its oddity and difficulty, strikes us as something we cannot put down or turn away from. It's likely we are not terribly sure about what it is he is saying to us on a first or maybe not even a second reading, yet we get a keen sense that it is undeniable and essential.

