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The Ward 7 Spring ResiStat meeting covered issues of interest including the future of Powder House Community School, the snow removal budget, and residential overcrowding.

By Patrick McDonagh

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Florescent lights and the stiff synthetic lunchroom seats of West Somerville Neighborhood School were harsh contrast to the early evening sun beckoning through windows. Somerville Ward 7's Spring ResiStat meeting hosted on May 13 in the public school building proved informative enough to capture the attention of attending residents; engaging attendees past sunset with city officials addressing looming budget concerns, community questions, and topics of interest in Somerville's surrounding area.

"It is really about sharing information," event coordinator Meghan Ackerman replied when asked about ResiStat's goals for community meetings. "We want to try to get people the information they are interested in, try to answer as many questions as possible, and hopefully connect people with the city"

Ackerman notes ResiStat provides opportunity for residents to talk with Continued on page 9

Davis Square Farmers Market opening this week

By Rebecca Danvers

It's Farmers Market season once again, and one of the most popular in the area is unfolding its tents and setting up its stalls this Wednesday in Somerville's Davis Square.

The market has been going strong for years and locals once again will have the opportunity to partake of some of the finest fresh produce and homemade culinary delights the region has to offer.

The market operates each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Day and Herbert Streets and will continue each week through Nov. 25.



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Some of the returning and new vendors to be found at the market include Blue Heron Organic Farm, Langwater Farm, C & C Lobsters & Fish Co. Inc., Narragansett Creamery, Danish Pastry House, and Soluna Garden Farm. Be sure to stop by and visit the market and support local, fresh, and healthy shopping.

The Davis Square Farmers Market kicks off its 2015 season this week at Day and Herbert Streets.

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Tonight, Wednesday, May 20 at The Somerville Theatre in Davis Square beginning at 6:30p.m., a film that shows the effect of the social stigma of overdosing. The moms and dads, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters - all bringing the power and proof of recovery to our communities. Together we will change public perception, and ultimately the public response to the addiction crisis...FOREVER. Will you join in? The Anonymous People is a feature documentary film about the more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction. Deeply entrenched in the social stigma, they have kept recovery voices silent and faces hidden for decades. WHAT: Overdose Prevention & Narcan Training & Screening of The Anonymous People. WHO: Somerville Overcoming Addiction and the Cambridge Needle Exchange. WHEN: Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. WHERE: The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville.

Alderman at large Jack Connolly is having a campaign kickoff and birthday celebration this week, Thursday night, May 21, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tony C's, Assembly Row. Jack usually gathers a large crowd. He's always been on top of things happening here in the city.

This year's city Memorial Day Parade will be Sunday, May 24 beginning at 1 p.m. stepping off from City Hall, heading up Highland to Davis, then to Teele Square/Clarendon Hill.

The Union Square Farmers Market is back, beginning last Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the plaza in Union Square. Come see returning vendors, meet new vendors, connect with neighbors, enjoy the fun, and shop for the freshest food around. This year, they welcome new dairy farms/cheese vendors, a cultivated mushroom vendor, and more. Plus all your favorites. Complete market info on their website: www. unionsq.market.

Taste of Somerville 2015 will be held in Davis Square this year on Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$50, while for \$75 VIP tickets will provide access to a tasting tent including craft *Continued on page 11*



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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Eminent domain to be invoked in Star Market site impasse*

A. Moore says:

Another one of those mixed messes. This is America and the person that owns the property has certain rights as to what they want to do with it regardless of what others want. This is a freedom. It would be nice to hear both sides of the story and not from just one side. This is not a case for eminent domain. Being a resident of Winter Hill I do want to see it developed and really want to have a supermarket there. I know the powers that be years ago had in a mind a mixed use building for that property long before it got to this point. I am sure Curtatone will get his way but I wonder if anything of any use to the people of Winter Hill will go in there. We shall see.

Jim says:

Eminent domain like this is just theft. My guess is that this is just a threat to motivate the owner to sell to a developer, but it doesn't make me feel good about City Hall

Didn't they want to put an Ocean State Job lot here, but the Mayor's office killed it?

Eminent domain should be for things like roads, utility rights of way, etc not taking stuff because you want to give it to your friends.

Matt says:

So, with a little bit more review it looks like the city has made the changes to the zoning and the property owner wanted to circumvent them which resulted in a lawsuit where the city zoning decision was upheld by the courts. http://www.somervillema.gov/news/court-upholds-city-s-zoning-winter-hill-star-market-case. This said, the idea of the city taking the land and not letting the owner build it out according to zoning just doesn't seem right.

Frankly says:

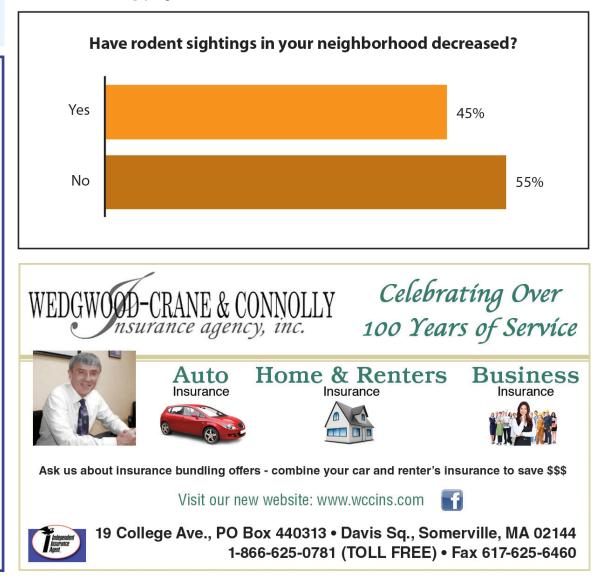
What kind of people think that stores (like Job Lot) that sell a bunch cheap Chinese made crap made by workers being paid next to nothing is better for the "working class" than locally owned business (which they call "yuppie" businesses) that may be more expensive, but sell things that allow for livable wages to be paid to the Americans that make them? People who have never actually owned a business or worked making something, that's who.

If you really wanted to live in NH, you'd be there already. All the Job Lots and Wal Marts you could want, and lots of parking lots too.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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The Somerville Times — Parenting is

Parenting issues addressed by BOA

By Jim Clark

Some of the challenges of parenting were brought up during the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Alderman last week.

Alderman at Large Dennis M. Sullivan sponsored a resolution requesting that the management of Earl's Kitchen and Bar at Assembly Square install a baby changing station.

Sullivan addressed the Board on the matter and related an experience he had at the restaurant saying, "After the Spring Cleanup I took my wife and daughter down to Earl's for an early lunch. When we walked in there were literally 15 baby carriages in a row."

Sullivan went on to say that his wife asked him if he would change their baby daughter. "I said, 'No problem.' I went into the men's room and saw that there was no changing table, so my wife said it must be in the lady's room. So my wife went into the lady's room and asked, 'Where is the changing station?'"

Sullivan said that the lady's room attendant told his wife that there was a chair in the corner where she could change her baby.

"I embrace my job of being a dad," said Sullivan. "I love it. But it's just mind boggling that we don't have a changing table in a new restaurant. Several restaurants down there all have them."

Sullivan said that his wife mentioned it to the manager, who said that they were



Alderman at Large Sullivan decried the lack of baby changing facilities at an Assembly Square restaurant.

working on it and the issue would be resolved within a week.

"I think it's unacceptable. How are you going to raise a family without a changing table in a restaurant," Sullivan asked.

Alderman at Large and Board President William A. White Jr. said that he would refer the matter to committee to see if regulation could be put in place to require changing tables in such establishments.

Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz added her thoughts on the matter, suggesting that if private institutions are to be subject to such regulations then public ones ought to be accountable for them as well. "We need to make sure that we're setting a good example," said Gewirtz. "I can also tell you that there are a lack of places for breast feeding mothers to pump, and that's an issue as well."

Gewirtz affirmed her support for universal access to changing tables throughout the city.

City launches 'Pothole Blitz'

In the wake of the record-setting winter that dumped more than 100 inches of snow and wreaked havoc on city streets, Somerville's Department of Public Works crews have been out in force over the course of March and April, filling more than 3,000 potholes, more than 450 of which were reported by constituents via 311. Work will continue in the coming weeks, in advance of the spring roadway repair and reconstruction season.

"Proactively managing and filling potholes is an issue our crews are diligent about at the beginning of every spring season, however after this most difficult winter, the DPW has been hitting the pavement particularly hard, filling an unprecedented number of potholes for this city," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "The winter may have ended for most of us some time ago, but for our DPW crews the cleanup—from pothole patching to repairs of our storm-damaged sidewalks, signs, trash cans, curbs and more—is still dominating their workdays. We owe them all a great deal of thanks for their round-the-clock work during the winter and their continued efforts to clean up its after-effects to keep our community spaces clean and safe. Nonetheless, the community should keep the pothole calls coming. We're up to the task." By comparison, in April 2014, DPW crews' first "pothole blitz" saw more than 1,700 potholes filled in a two-week period. City officials attribute the uptick in calls for service and pothole occurrence to a number of factors, including heavy trucking on public roads over the last several months as round-the-clock snow removal operations were underway as well as the increased volume of melting snow contributing to the freeze-melt cycle that contributes to pothole formation.

Late night Craigie St. fire displaces 8

By Tom Bannister

Somerville firefighters responded to a two-alarm house fire reported early Monday morning at 12:20 a.m. at 70 Craigie Street.

Firefighters discovered a large fire on a second floor rear porch with flames spreading up to the roof.

According to Fire Department reports, the fire had spread into the rear wall requiring firefighters to pull open numerous walls and ceilings.

The fire appeared to have originated on the second floor porch after an occupant discarded a cigarette into a dried out potted plant.

The 2 ½ story dwelling contained three apartments and all eight occupants residing there have been displaced.

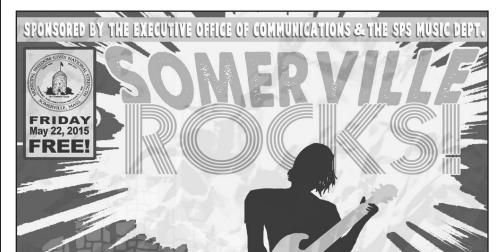
Damage is estimated to be in the area of \$250,000.

All occupants had evacuated the building prior to the arrival of firefighters. No occupants were injured. However, five firefighters suffered minor injuries.

The Somerville Fire Department urges all residents who smoke to properly dispose of any smoking material used on decks or porches. A metal container containing sand is best. Potted plants or plastic containers should never be used.



Improper disposal of a cigarette was pinpointed as the likely origin of the blaze that caused extensive damage to the Craigie St. residence. — Photo courtesy of Somerville FD



Five Ways to Report a Pothole in Somerville:

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Unauthorized driver found via bad parking

Police officers on routine patrol near the Mystic River development last Thursday took notice of an SUV that was illegally parked in front of a handicapped ramp, unattended with the motor running.

The vehicle, parked in front of 5 Canal Ln., was observed to be unattended for approximately five minutes.

Officers ran the vehicle's ID and learned that it was not stolen and was actually a rental.

Two men eventuality came out of the building, entered the vehicle and drove away.

The officers resumed their patrol of the area and a short time later discovered the same vehicle illegally parked, this time at 25 Canal Ln., again with the motor left running, but with the passenger seated inside.

Once more, the officers continued their patrol and for a third time spotted the vehicle parked illegally with the motor running, this time in front of a dumpster, also near 25 Canal Ln.

The officers decided to speak to the passenger who was apparently awaiting the return of the vehicle's driver.

Upon being questioned, the passenger reportedly told officers that the driver was inside the apartment complex visiting his girlfriend. The driver, Kirshby Osias, of Cambridge, appeared shortly thereafter and, when asked about the illegal parking, reportedly became confrontational and answered angrily, "What's the problem? I just talked to my girl right quick."

When asked if he had his driver's license, Osias again reportedly responded angrily asking, "What did I do? What's the problem?"

The officers advised Osias that he had been repeatedly parking illegally and that they needed to see his driver's license, police said. Osias reportedly furnished his license, but when asked to produce the vehicle's rental agreement he became silent and did not provide the paperwork, according to reports.

The officers repeated their request for the papers and noticed that Osias had begun sweating profusely. Osias eventually told the officers that the rental agreement was in his girlfriend's name.

At that time, a police radio dispatch revealed that Osias' license was under suspension, at which time he was asked to step out of the vehicle.

Officers observed Osias placing his hands in and out of his pants pockets as he was removed from the vehicle. For the officers' safety, Osias was handcuffed and pat frisked. A knife was removed from one of Osias' pants pockets, as well as a roll of money amounting to \$724.

The vehicle's passenger was once again asked to produce the rental agreement after being advised that Osias was being placed under arrest for driving with a suspended license, but only responded by asking what it was that he had done wrong, according to reports.

The passenger asked if he could drive the vehicle away but was told that it was not possible unless the rental agreement was produced and it was shown that he was authorized to drive the vehicle.

The vehicle rental agreement was eventually located and it indicated that neither Osias nor the passenger were authorized to drive it.

Osias was taken into custody and charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, allowing improper operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Lucas Nascimento, of 31 Bailey Rd., May 11, 5:20 p.m., arrested at 36 Powder House Blvd. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sandro Corbelli, of 17 Dartmouth St., May 12, 9:14 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, kidnapping, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, felony daytime breaking and entering and resisting arrest.

Charles Cashman, May 12, 9:22 a.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of larceny from a building and lewd, wanton and lascivious conduct.

Daniel Sullivan, of 221 Bergen St., New York, NY, May 13, 12:46 a.m., arrested at Bay State Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

A juvenile, May 13, 12:39 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on warrant charges of assault and battery and threat to commit a crime.

Shawnn Smith, of 40 Century St., Dorchester, May 14, 1:45 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, carrying a firearm without a license, armed assault to murder, carrying a firearm with ammunition, and possession of ammunition without a FID card. **Patrick Scully**, of 394 Broadway, May 14, 6:38 p.m., arrested at Kidder Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Kirshby Osias, of 77A Bolton St., Cambridge, May 14, 6:58 p.m., arrested at 25 Canal Ln. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, allowing improper operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Michael Lopes, of 34 Summer St., May 15, 10:17 p.m., arrested at 372 Washington St. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and possession of a class B drug.

Fency Joseph, of 132 Summer St., May 16, 8:09 a.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

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OBITUARY

Thomas J Whelan Sr., 79



It is with a heavy heart that we convey the passing of Thomas J Whelan Sr. On December 17, 2014 surrounded by his loving family, Tom succumbed to the cancer he fought so quietly. Born in Somerville, MA Tom joined the USAF at 17 years old. He served in the military police in the Korean War an later in Vietnam and traveled the world before retiring after 20 years. After the Air Force, Tom joined the Somerville Police Department serving honorably until disabled in the line of duty. For many years he was the proud owner of O'Malley's Pub in his hometown. Tom leaves

behind an extensive network of grieving family and friends, He was a member of the VFW and DAV. A social soul, he loved the music at the Cape Cod Irish Village. He was also a life member of the Moose International and former governor of the Somerville chapter. Tom will be sorely missed. Interment will be at the National Cemetery in Bourne, MA on 5 June 2015 at 14:00.

Somerville Seeking Vendors for Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

The City of Somerville invites all interested vendors to participate in the Summertime in Somerville Fireworks Celebration on Thurs., July 2, 2015 (rain date Thurs., July 9, 2015). The City plans to have up to five (5) concession stands and vendors selling items such as balloons, toys (no toy guns permitted), food and beverage at the event. The City will choose the location of these stands and will judge proposals on the following criteria: all licenses held by the business must be current; type of food/beverage/type of product or toy being sold; quality and price of product. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or cancel this process at any time. Selected vendors will be notified by Tues., June 23, 2015. Please send all proposals to Nina Eichner at neichner@somervillema.gov or mail to 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 by 12:30 p.m., Fri., June 19. Vendors with any questions or comments should contact Nina Eichner at (617)-625-6600 x2985.

Book a Sunsetters in Your Neighborhood this Summer!

The Somerville Sunsetters are coming to a street near you! The Sunsetters, a traveling youth performance troupe that performs classic show tunes and modern musicals in Somerville neighborhoods throughout July and August, is still booking shows for the summer 2015 season. Residents interested in hosting a performance in your neighborhood should contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov. Performances are held Monday through Thursday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m., in July and August. Some blackout dates apply. Performance slots fill up quickly, so book yours today!



Mini-van crashes into home

By Jim Clark

Emergency personnel responded to a report that a vehicle had crashed into a building at 872 Broadway early Friday evening.

According to reports, a minivan crashed through the wall of the single-family home, entering nearly five feet into the building's basement area.

Both the driver of the vehicle and an occupant of the home, who was in the basement at the time of the incident, were taken to the hospital for treatment.

The building reportedly suffered significant damage in the front area.

Firefighters shut off gas and electricity, and shored up the basement to prevent any further collapse.

According to information provided by the Somerville Fire



A mini-van crashed through a wall at 872 Broadway on Friday.

Department, Mayor Curtatone and former Chief Kelleher have been progressive in recent years in providing equipment and training to Somerville firefighters to handle technical incidents such as this. This

training and equipment was put to good use in the incident with firefighters using shoring equipment carried by the Rescue Company. Inspectional Services and Somerville Police also responded.

Cab driver assaulted, causing crash

By Jim Clark

Police responded to a report of a vehicular crash and a possible assault on a cab driver at a Broadway location at approxi-According to reports, the driver of the cab was allegedly attacked by a passenger after arriving at portedly told officers that the passenger was angry because he had been driven to the wrong The cab reportedly crashed into the apartment building as the driver fled in order to get The exterior and interior of





An angry passenger reportedly caused a taxi cab to crash into an apartment building at 1370 Broadway last Saturday.

according to police and fire department reports. The crash resulted in the rupture of a water pipe and a substantial amount of water flowed into the apartment and basement. The exterior wall was pushed approximately two feet into the apartment.

The apartment was occupied

by EMTs and the taxi driver was transported by ambulance to Somerville Hospital for treatment.

According to police reports, the suspect, described as a black male wearing a black shirt and khaki shorts, has not yet been located.

mately 12:30 a.m. last Saturday. 1370 Broadway. The driver relocation and began beating him. away from the alleged attacker. the apartment was damaged,

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by an elderly woman who was watching TV at the time of the crash.

The resident was reportedly treated for shortness of breath

The cab driver reportedly said that the suspect may have entered the apartment building and that residents there may know him.



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Not your usual suspects

By Blake Maddux

As a musical unit, the Crescent City quintet The New Orleans Suspects has everything going for it. Its members include longtime Neville Brothers drummer "Mean" Willie Green, onetime Dirty Dozen Brass Band lead guitarist Jake Eckert, saxophonist and former James Brown bandleader Jeff Watkins, classically trained pianist C.R. Gruver, and bassist Reggie Scanlan.

Scanlan, who was born and raised in The Big Easy, was a member of The Radiators possibly the longest-lived New Orleans rock band ever - for all of its 33 years. Like his current fellow bandmates, he has also played alongside some of NO-LA's most legendary performers. On Thursday, May 28, The New Orleans Suspects with voyage down the streets of Somerville to Thunder Road in Union Square. Reggie Scanlan spoke to The Somerville Times by phone

Somerville Times: I have heard several different pronunciations of the name of the town that you are from. Which is correct?

in advance of the band's visit.

Reggie Scanlan: The fastest possible way that you can do it. The most abbreviated, fastest way - that's how people say it. They are all correct. A lot of it depends on what part of the city you're from, too. Different parts of the city have different quirks in the accent, you know. And then when you get out of the city, it gets even more diverse. Once you get southwest of here you start getting a lot of the Cajun twist coming into the dialogue and the accents.

ST: Is most of the musical talent in New Orleans homegrown, or do many musicians from out of town come to establish themselves there?

RS: Yeah, a lot of it is but like vou said, it's also a magnet for musicians who are not from



The New Orleans Suspects will be playing on Thursday, May 28, at Thunder Road, Union Square.

here. For musicians that are not from here, it's probably the mystique of going to New Orleans, certainly after [Hurricane] Katrina. [The HBO series] Treme kind of sparked a little bit of that as well. The other thing, too, was, you know, property values were cheap. You could come here and buy a house for not too much money and renovate it, and have a nice place.

They're in a place that's perceived as being cool. The music scene was really, at that time, at a huge changing point. You had a huge influx of out-of-town musicians and a huge exodus musicians that had lived here but had to leave because of the storm.

There was a big shift in the whole music scene. For a young musician who was looking to get involved in a new scene, this certainly would have been the place I would have chosen!

ST: When did you start playing a musical instrument and which one was it?

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Monday May 25 Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m. Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.



Grilled Pizza With Fig, Goat **Cheese & Caramelized Onions**

This is a great idea for when you're having a small group of people over. I like to have all the toppings set up and prepared ahead of time for convenience. It makes it easier for your guests to partake in the pizza making process too!

The following recipe is for one large or two small pizzas. I find if you're going to grill the pizza, (it can also be made in the oven, on a pizza stone), it's more manageable on the grill if the dough is divided in half to make two small pizzas. I roll each portion out to 6"x13", oblong in shape and just under 1/2" thick.

1 package pizza dough (your home made recipe or your favorite store bought) 1 4 oz. package of plain goat cheese crumbled

the onions are starting to burn, lower the heat and add a couple of tablespoons of water to cool the pan down more quickly. Continue until all the onions are light brown in color, about 40 minutes total. Then you're ready to add the balsamic vinegar to the onions and stir until well blended, then remove from heat and let it cool down. In the meantime, preheat a 375 degree oven. Place the prosciutto on a foil lined baking sheet and bake until crisp, about 6 minutes or so.

Once you have your toppings prepared preheat your grill on high (I use gas), the temperature will reach between 500-550 degrees. On a well floured surface, divide the dough and roll out each portion to approximately 6"x13" and 1/2" thick. Transfer the prepared dough to a baking sheet for easy transport. Once you're ready to grill the dough, make sure the grill is hot and the grates are well oiled. Place the dough onto the grill and close the top and wait about 2 minutes before you reopen the grill to check to make sure the dough is not burning. Reposition the dough if you see evidence of hot spots under the dough. Close the top for another 2 minutes. Remove and invert the dough by transferring to a baking sheet. The grilled side should now be the top. Evenly distribute and spread the fig preserves over each pizza leaving about 1/2" border all around. Add the caramelized onions, then the crumbled goat cheese. Place the pizza back onto the grill for about another 3 minutes with the cover closed. Remove from the grill. Break up the crispy prosciutto and sprinkle over the top and drizzle with the truffle oil. Serve right away!

May 26 Ryan Alvanos et al 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 27 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday May 28 Cal Cali Band, Randy Black & The Heathcroppers 9 p.m.

Friday May 29 Tuna Rangers 6 p.m. Spotted Tiger with Danielle Miraglia \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday May 30 Remembering Jan Cornish 2 p.m. Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast 6 p.m. Todo Bien, Low Key, Honeysuckle \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday May 31 Natalie Flanagan & The F-Bombs, Field Day, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.



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2 medium sweet onions, sliced thin for caramelizing

3/4 cup fig preserves

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1/2 teaspoon salt

6 oz. thinly sliced prosciutto baked in oven until crisp

Truffle oil for finishing drizzle (optional, but highly recommended)

On low heat, add 3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil and the thinly sliced onions to a 12" sauté pan and stir well. After 10 minutes of sweating the onions, add the salt and stir well. Stir every few minutes, making sure none of the onions burn. * Tip - if

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Powder House School bids under review

By Rebecca Danvers

According to information released by the city, eight bids for redevelopment of the Powder House Community School site are under review to determine which proposals meet objectives developed by the community and thus which developers will be interviewed by mid-June.

A new Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the site on Jan. 7, with an extensive in-person and online community engagement process as one of the requirements for those seeking to design and ultimately redevelop the former K-8 school in West Somerville.

Competing bids were accepted until March 23 and are available for public review online at www.somervillema.gov/phcs. The 14-member Powder House Community School Technical Advisory Committee, whose membership includes residents, a local business owner, and city staff, along with Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly; Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne; School Committee Member Carrie Normand, is now reviewing those bids. The bids include, in alphabetical order:

Affirmative Investments,

Inc.: 40 condominiums including 10 affordable units; 11,000 square feet of office, research and development, or studio space; 830 square feet for community space, gallery or café; 32,800 square foot public park; \$100,000 cash offer to purchase plus 15 percent of proceeds from development above base costs plus fee set at closing, plus community benefits.

+ Burkhard Corporation: 30 apartments, 12 1-bedroom and 18 2-bedroom, including affordable per inclusionary zoning; five work-live artist spaces; 1,800 square feet for restaurant or café; 4,000 square feet for civic use; 100-room Moxy brand hotel; 6,000 square feet office space; either a central plaza open space or green space along Broadway; \$614,100 cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

+ ENS Partners: 40 apartments including affordable per inclusionary zoning; 46,000 square feet of commercial space; new 2,530 retail space for outdoor café on Broadway; \$4 million cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

• KSS Realty Partners, LLC.: 30 two- and three-story townhouses with public park; or 40 apartments with art, retail and



The city's latest Request for Proposals on redevelopment of the Powder House Community School site has yielded eight viable contenders, according to an official release.

community space and public park; Cash offers to purchase from \$1.25 million to \$1.75 million, depending on public amenity space, plus community benefits.

+ Marka: 40 residential units including 7 affordable units: 12 designed for seniors with partner Collaborative Living Project; 8 live-work artist units and 20 loft-style unrestricted units; 13,300 square feet of commercial over 11 units: three retail units, two service-oriented units; one restaurant unit; five collaborative campus/maker units; one "artists hall" unit. \$2.77 million cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

+ Diamond Sinacori, LLC: 35 home ownership units, with 12 one-bedroom units and 23 two-bedroom units, with five affordable units; community art studio; gallery exhibition space; coffee shop; 75% open space. \$1.05 million cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

+ Somerville Makers and Artists, Inc. (Smart Space): Arts center with 42,000 square feet of studio Continued on page 10

Election candidates update

By Donald Norton

Nominations can be picked up at Election Department at City Hall (lower floor) until June 22 but have to be in no later than June 24. The following have pulled nominaAvenue.

Challengers: Sean J. Fitzgerald, 46 Garrison Avenue; Stephen Delani, 43 Berkeley Street. Ward Alderman:

Ward Alderman papers need 100 plus 20 registered voter's signatures to certify.

Highland Avenue.

Alderman Ward 7: incumbent only Katjana Ballantyne, 49 Russell Road.

School Committee:

Need 100 plus 20 registered voters signatures to certify.

Ward 1: Kenneth M. Salvato,



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tion papers for this year's municipal elections as of Tuesday, May 19, 3:00 p.m.:

Mayor:

Needs 250 plus 50 registered vote signatures to certify.

Incumbent: Joseph A. Joe Curtatone, 130 Ten Hills Road Alderman at Large:

Need 9 candidates for a primary. Top 8 or less move automatically to the final election in November. Need 150 plus 50 registered voter signatures to certify.

Incumbents: Mary Jo Rossetti, 80 Electric Avenue; Dennis Michael Sullivan, 138 Ten Hills Road; William A. White Jr., 125 Ten Hills Road; John M. Jack Connolly Jr., 17 Winslow

Alderman Wad 1: incumbent only Matthew C. McLaughlin, 193 Pearl Street.

Alderman Ward 2: incumbent only Maryann M. Heuston, 115 Beacon Street.

Alderman Ward 3: incumbent Robert J. McWatters, 218A Summer St. BSMT.

Challenger: Kenneth C. Van-Buskirk III, 114 Highland Avenue.

Alderman Ward 4: incumbent only Antonio Tony G. Lafuente, 137 Sycamore Street.

Alderman Ward 5: incumbent only Mark Niedergang, 29 Conwell Street.

Alderman Ward 6 (open seat): Charles J. Chisholm, 151 College Avenue; Lance Davis 356

28 Brook Street. Ward 2: no one has taken out papers as of 1p.m. Tuesday May 12.

Ward 3 (open seat): Lee Erica Palmer, 17 Pitman Street; Vivaldo M. Meneses Jr., 19 Wesley Park.

Ward 4 (open seat): Andre L. Green, 88 Governor Winthrop Road; Jamie Sue O'Leary, 91 Thurston Street; Michelle Thomson.

Ward 5: incumbent Laura J. Pitone, 46 Rogers Avenue. Ward 6: no one has pulled nomination papers as of 1p.m.

Tuesday May 12.

Ward 7: incumbent Caroline Carrie Normand, 25 Kingston Street.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

vention, a joint meeting of the two branches convened to consider changes to the state's constitution. The convention took no action and recessed until October 21. Any proposed constitutional amendment needs the votes of only 50 out of 200 legislators in the 2015-2016 session and the same in the 2017-2018 session in order to appear on the November 2018 ballot.

Here are some of the proposed amendments on the agenda:

CORPORATIONS (S 53, H 933) - Declares that corporations are not people and do not have the same rights as individuals. Also declares that money is not free speech and may be regulated. These amendments are in response to the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission which allows corporations to donate an unlimited amount of money to Super PACs that are formed to support or oppose candidates. The PAC is not allowed to communicate directly with the candidate or his or her campaign.

SPENDING MONEY FROM RAINY DAY FUND

(S 61) - Requires a two-thirds instead of a majority vote of the Legislature in order to spend money from the state's Rainy Day Fund. The fund is a stabilization fund established by the Legislature to ensure that money is put aside in case of an economic downturn. The money can only be spent to make up for revenue shortfalls or federal funding reductions and when events threaten the health, safety or welfare of citizens.

Amendment supporters say that the two-thirds requirement would ensure that the money is used only when absolutely necessary. They noted that the higher hurdle would make it difficult to raid the fund unless there is a real emergency and overwhelming legislative support.

Opponents say that a two-thirds requirement is too strict and nearly impossible to obtain. They noted that it only takes a majority vote to place money into the fund and argued that it should take the same vote to spend it.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (H 567) - Re-

quires that the Legislature establish a seven-member redistricting commission to draw Massachusetts legislative and congressional districts every ten years. Commission members would include a college dean or professor of law, political science or government appointed by the governor; a retired judge appointed by the attorney general; and an expert in civil rights law appointed by the secretary of state. The other four members would be chosen by the original three members from a list of candidates nominated by the House speaker, House minority leader, Senate president and Senate minority leader. Currently, a commission is appointed by the House speaker and Senate president and is controlled by the majority party. quated, partisan system allows the majority party to control the entire process and permits "legislators to choose their voters."

Amendment opponents say the commission would be composed of unaccountable, unelected and unknown members who are not responsible to voters. They argued that elected, accountable members of the Legislature should be responsible for this important and tricky job of redistricting.

LIMIT JUDGE'S TERMS (H 1343) - Limits the state's judges to serving seven years on the bench, at which time they would be eligible for reappointment by the Governor's Council. Under current law, judges are appointed "for life" until they turn 70.

Amendment supporters say it is nearly impossible to remove judges from the bench today.

Amendment opponents say allowing judges to serve uninterrupted "for life" keeps them above politics.

RAISE RETIREMENT AGE FOR JUDGES (H 1609) – Raises from 70 to 77 the mandatory retirement ages for judges.

Amendment supporters say that requiring retirement at 70 was instituted many years ago when people's life expectancy was lower than it is today.

Opponents say the age 70 cutoff has worked well and should not be changed.

LIMIT EMINENT DOMAIN (H 1400) - Prohibits private property from being taken by the government for private commercial enterprise, economic development or any other private use without the consent of the owner.

A similar measure was originally filed in 2008 as a response to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to seize private homes and businesses solely for commercial purposes. The ruling also allows states to establish laws prohibiting the practice.

Amendment supporters say it is important to protect landowners from these land grabs by the government.

Amendment opponents say the proposal is too strict and ties the hands of government in an emergency.

ALLOW SOME FELONS TO VOTE (H 3350) – Allows jailed felons to vote in elections unless they were convicted of indecent assault and battery on a child; attempt to commit murder by poison, drowning or strangulation; murder, manslaughter or assault with intent to commit rape; or any other crime for which the person may be punished by imprisonment in a state prison for life. Currently, the state's constitution prohibits all convicted felons currently in prison from voting.



Sen. Patricia JehlentDISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex.c- Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11,tinclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town ofcWinchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county ofaMiddlesex.c

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION The two chambers met briefly in a constitutional con-

The commission would submit the plan to the Legislature for an up or down vote. The proposal requires the commission to follow specific rules including ensuring that districts are compact and contiguous and are not drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of a racial minority, political party or any individual candidate. The commission would also be required to follow other guidelines including preventing a city or town from being divided into more than one district.

Amendment supporters say that the majority party in the Legislature is not impartial and often gerrymanders districts to protect incumbents. They note that this antiAmendment supporters say the current law goes too far and should only apply to the worst of felons.

Amendment opponents say the current law was approved by voters in Massachusetts in 2000 and has worked well.

LIMIT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDENTS (H

1570) - Prohibits initiative petitions from proposing a constitutional amendment that would restrict the constitutional right to freedom and equality, or the right of

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each individual to be protected by society in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$38 BILLION FISCAL 2016 STATE BUDGET -The Senate Ways and Means Committee approved its version of a \$38 billion fiscal 2016 budget bill. It is a 3.1 percent increase above last year's budget. The Senate begins debate on the proposal on Tuesday, May 19.

EDUCATION LEGISLATION - The Education Committee held a hearing on several proposals including raising from 16 to 18 the age at which a student may choose to drop out of school (H 313); prohibiting teachers, guidance counselors and other school personnel from referring students under 18 to any outside counselor who does not work directly for the school without parental permission unless the parents are suspected of abuse or neglect of the child (H 408); and establishing the State Seal of Biliteracy to be awarded to high school graduates who have mastered speaking, reading and writing in a foreign language in addition to English (H 422).

TAX PROPOSALS – The Revenue Committee held a hearing on several bills including legislation allowing cities and towns to create a municipal income tax by replacing a portion of its property tax with a surcharge on the taxable personal income of residents of the municipality (S 1447); providing up to a \$500 property tax exemption for deaf homeowners (S 1533); providing up to a \$2,500 property tax exemption for volunteer, call or auxiliary firefighters and emergency medical technicians in exchange for their volunteer service (S1537); allowing owners of property valued at less than \$500,000 to be eligible for tax incentives if they improve their proper-

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ty including paying no taxes on the improvement for the first year and then one-half the second year

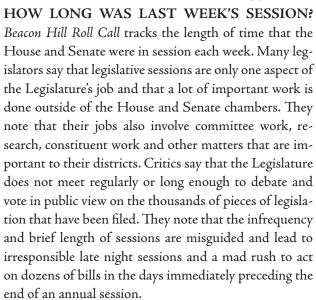
The proposal also allows cities and towns to designate a place on their municipal real estate tax bills permitting taxpayers to voluntarily check a box that would allow them to donate \$1 or more to establish a city or town economic aid fund for the purpose of maintaining municipal services in periods of instability (S 1547). The donation would be above and beyond the regular property tax.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS (S 896) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would prohibit state and local communities from adopting or implementing environmental and development policies that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I sure wish that the NFL would spend about a tenth of the time that's it's spending on this on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. I'm just struck by the fact that somebody like Ray Rice gets a two-game suspension and Tom Brady, over deflated balls, is facing a fourgame suspension. It doesn't add up for me." — Attorney General Maura Healey on the suspension of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for four games.

"This is a tremendous recognition of our collective efforts and the many initiatives in place throughout the commonwealth which have contributed to our current status as the fourth friendliest bicycle state." — Stephanie Pollack, Massachusetts Department of Transportation Secretary and CEO, on a report that ranked the Bay State as the fourth friendliest bicycle state.



During the week of May 11-15, the House met for a total of one hour and 57 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 10 minutes.

Mon. N	May 11		3 a.m. to 12:29 p.m. 4 a.m. to 11:48 a.m.
Tues. N	Лау 12	_	3 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. 6 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Wed. N	/lay 13		47 p.m. to 1:01 p.m. 7 p.m. to 12:59 p.m.
Thurs.	May 14	_	4 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. 2 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Fri. Ma	ny 15		No House session No Senate session

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Ward 7 sounds off at ResiStat meeting CONT. FROM PG 1

city officials individually. With topics such as potential Powder House School redevelopment, apartment overcrowding, aircraft noise, a slew of car theft and fiscal recovery from an unprecedented winter snowfall, there is certainly a lot to talk about.

After rejection of all contending redevelopment proposals in the spring of 2014, what to do with the closed Powder House School was the topic of immediate interest; Sue Thomas, senior development planner under the Office of Strategic Planning and Development (OSPCD) addressed these issues. "We had 8 proposals this year compared to 6 last year," says Sue. "Currently out of the 8 proposals all except one have some type of housing component, whether it be condos, townhouses, or apartments with affordable housing. We are currently going through the evaluations process. We hope to be doing interviews by June, but we want to be thorough and make sure we are not pushing through the evaluations."

open, publicly accessible, green space for the new location. This is contract criteria established by community input; evidence of successful reciprocity between residents and city officials. Talk of redevelopment prompted emotionally charged conversation regarding initial reasons for closing the Powder House School.

Alderman at Large and former school committee member Mary Jo Rossetti quelled the uncertainty of the Powder House School's closing." I served on the school committee for 14 years, and I had the unfortunate experience of voting to keep the school open or to close it. I voted to keep it open but I was a minority. At that time the Superintendent recommended closing it because the city needed funding. There were problems with funding and it appeared as though the enrolment was declining in the school system. I didn't see that and I didn't agree with that. I was right, it has been 12+ years since the vote closed that building to help the city financially and what has happened?"

of community invested Somerville residents. Efforts to consolidate funding and remedy the city's staggering snow removal budget deficit make monetizing this fiscally stagnant school closure a high priority.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone outlined the current city budget, allocation of tax money, projection of the city's annual income, and later answered questions from community members. Curtatone was decisive when addressing deficits regarding the snow removal budget, which ran costs of more than nine million dollars over the one million allocated for the fiscal year of 2015. "We are not going to go backwards, we want to be conservative. We want to pay our debts off then move forward." Record spending for snow removal in Massachusetts was the necessary result of this winter's relentless snowfall, according to the mayor. Getting every street in Somerville clear of snow was a priority for Curtatone; he commended the effort of public workers involved in this labor-intensive process. Labor and outsourcing contracts required for snow removal moved



that city tab into the red, but Curtatone reassures, "We haven't over-leveraged ourselves in terms of borrowing for the city; tice they'll run around and try to make things look good. When the inspection is finished they will move beds and



Current proposals and submitted bids are available online. Bidders must commit to contract agreement of least 40%

Rossetti's observation was met with agreement from the crowd

we haven't borrowed more than we can pay for."

Goran Smiljic, Superintendent of Inspectional Services, presented the intricate process of dealing with problem properties. Overcrowding residential buildings, housing significantly more persons than legally allowed, have residents and safety officials concerned. Instances of up to 25 students housed in single-family living conditions are nightmare scenarios Smiljic and observant neighbors are working to mitigate.

One attendee witnessed the problem inspectors and police face when dealing with unscrupulous landlords. "When the landlords have some nothings back in." Tips provided from neighborhood witnesses are primary leads to investigation. Smilijic relies on awareness of neighbors and the often-arduous legal process to combat overcrowding.

Chief of Police David Fallon and Capt. Michael Cabral presented the city crime statistics, noting 80% of the recent car break-ins are attributed to one offender.

For those interested in in future ResiStat meetings or community involvement Community Engagement Specialist Meghan Ackerman answers. "If you are not sure where to start get touch with me. We love having residents involved."

COMMENTARY

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Bay State aims to become the Bike State



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last November, we celebrated Somerville ranking first among northeast cities for bicycle commuting, a sign that our investments and commitment to making our community accommodating for all forms of travel were paying off. May is National Bike Month, and now we are celebrating a state-wide achievement. Massachusetts has jumped six spots in the League of American Bicyclists' rankings of bike-friendly states and is now the fourth in the nation. This is a great achievement for the Commonwealth, and one that has a great impact our community, because on we know that creating vibrant and accessible neighborhoods is work that crosses municipal borders. The Greater Boston region and all of Massachusetts needs to work together to build those connections between neighborhoods that spur economic vitality and improve our residents' quality of life.

Fortunately that regional focus is strong, in no small part thanks to our partners at the state level. In boosting the Bay State's ranking, the League noted that the transportation bond bill that passed last year authorized more than \$400 million over the next five years for biking and walking projects. Some of that funding directly benefits Somerville, such as \$1.5 million for designing a rail trail along the Grand Junction railroad corridor through our city, Cambridge and Boston, and \$75,000 for pedestrian safety improvements on Route 16 in the vicinity of Dilboy Stadium.

But funding for other projects benefits Somerville too. After all, it doesn't do us much good if we're traveling along a nice bike lane in one community but once we cross the city line, we're on a poorly marked and deteriorating roadway. It becomes that much easier for Somervillians to bike to work, the store or other destinations when projects such as Arlington and Medford road improvements, a pedestrian bridge linking the Museum of Science to North Point Park, and the second phase of the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway are completed. Funding for all those projects is authorized in the bond bill.

Beyond our immediate neighbors, bicycle-friendly improvements in Mattapan, Springfield, Amesbury, Newburyport and other communities are also helping to create the vibrant and accessible neighborhoods that attract businesses and new development, bringing with it jobs and housing. That creates a strong economic foundation for the entire Commonwealth. No matter where projects are being built, we all reap the benefits of a sustainable Massachusetts economy and the revenue that allows us to invest in our schools, infrastructure and services.

And when we make it easier to bike, we take cars off the road. For bicycle-friendly projects in neighboring communities, that means less traffic congestion throughout the region, because a traffic problem in one city ripples out through the regional network. And for every project that makes it easier to bike, no matter where in Massachusetts, that means fewer carbon emissions, less pollution and better air quality for all of us. This is a core value of our community-a community where half of our residents live in environmental justice zones, located in a region that has the fourth highest disparity between nonwhite and white people inhaling air pollution. If we're going to build a sustainable future for Massachusetts, we need a sustainable economy and a healthy environment. Bikes are a key part of that and Somerville is doing its part.

More than 25 miles of bike lanes and sharrows have been painted on City streets in the last three years alone. We have added over 200 new public bike parking spots and, through zoning determinations, required bike parking in private developments too. We've brought Hubway into Somerville through a successful regional collaboration, and we're studying where we can expand that system. Thanks to the advocacy of Friends of the Community Path and to Mass-DOT, the Community Path Extension will be built alongside the Green Line Extension,

providing a seamless pedestrian and bicycle 'highway' all the way to the Boston line. On top of those investments, we are doing the outreach and programming, from posters and a PSA campaign to biking education in schools, to make sure people are aware of the rules of the road. And our Police Department has stepped up its enforcement, too, so that as more cyclists take to our streets, we're keeping the streets and sidewalks safe for all forms of travel.

As Somerville shifts more trips from cars to biking, walking and public transportation, our efforts are bolstered by the fact that we are in a region and a state that understands the importance of this shift. Our fellow communities are also seeking to build that infrastructure, and our partners at the state level have embraced the challenge. We know that the higher your bike score and walk score, the better it is for the local economy, for our residents' personal health, and for the environment. I am proud that Massachusetts is now ranked the fourth most bike-friendly state in the nation-and we are going to keep working until we are number one.

A need for a better zoning ordinance



By Katjana Ballantyne

and maintain publicly accessible, institutional master plans (IMPs). As Alderman, I've submitted a legislative order to have an institutional master planning requirement included in Somerville's new zoning ordinance and here's why:

As a Somerville resident of over twenty-two years, and as an Alderman I've experienced both the benefits and less beneficial aspects of living with a large institutional neighbor. I can state from experience that non-profit institutions provide jobs, partner with our city and our schools and they can help create and to attract businesses. However these large, non-profits also expand into our neighborhoods, taking commercial and residential properties, thereby reducing our very limited supply of commercial space that would be available to local businesses and also reduced the supply of market-rate housing our tax rolls, so Somerville loses twice; first we lose housing supply and commercial space, and then secondly we lose the tax revenues that would help us pay for our parks, roads & sidewalks, police and fire departments, our schools and many other essential city services.

Boston Redevelopment Authority's (BRA) Article 80 requires that institutions maintain master plans that look ahead ten years or more, and the BRA does not approve individual projects that are inconsistent with the current IMP ... so there are no surprises in Boston! Any interested party is empowered by Boston's IMP requirement; neighbors, businesses, community groups and the City of Boson can participate in shaping their future together in an open planning process.

We want to know in advance what the institutions are going to do. Large institutions have their own best interest in mind. We in Somerville need to look out for our best interest; to protect our neighborhoods, requiring an IMP is one very important way to do this.

Alderman, Ward 7

Somerville needs a zoning ordinance that requires university, health care and other large multi-million & billion dollar, non-profit institutions to create that is generally available. This reduced supply of housing and commercial space puts upward pressure on both residential and commercial rents. Properties owned by non-profit institutions are also removed from

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space including shared, maker and film spaces; 20,000 square feet of collaborative office space; 3,000 square feet of community benefit space. \$250,000 cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

• Trinity Powder House Limited Partnership: 35 condominiums with five affordable; eight live-work artists units with one affordable; 30,000 square foot facility for Artisan's Asylum, currently in Union Square; 32,000 square foot public park. \$2 million cash offer to purchase plus community benefits.

The RFP requires that all proposed plans meet community objectives including that:

• at least 40 percent of the site be used as publicly accessible open space (as required by a vote by the Board of Aldermen); • the pedestrian route linking Broadway and Holland Street must be preserved, enhanced, and maintained;

 the long-term economic impact of the proposal must be defined and beneficial to the com-

munity. Those objectives—along with the combination of the purchase price, revenue and community benefits offered—will be used in evaluating responses. Also, the selected developer may propose to purchase or, lease the site, and to either demolish, reconstruct or rehabilitate the existing school building. The developer must also work with city staff on a

series of public neighborhood meetings to develop collaborative solutions to the design of the project and the open space, and provide an interactive online platform that complements in-person meetings, with this engagement building upon the previous community process to inform the project and any proposed rezoning of the site.

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Never mind Texas. The latest hot spot for a hostile take-over is right here in our own back yard.

The city has announced its plan to utilize its potential eminent domain rights to force some redevelopment activity at the long-forsaken Star Market site in Winter Hill.

Let's face it. This saga has gone on a long time and practically everyone who cares about the issue feels that it's high time something gets done, and the sooner the better too.

Of course, the wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly, and this effort by the city to get the process moving could take as long as it has to get where we are now. In other words, a very long time.

Meantime, residents and potential investors stand back and wonder how much more decay and deterioration the area can stand while the powers-that-be tussle with the powers-that-wanna-be. Many seem to just want to see something new go onto the site. Anything is better than nothing. Right?

Still, a good number of viable proposals have been laid on the table and ultimately not come to fruition, which is a very frustrating thing to endure.

Perhaps the city's latest maneuvering will shake up the situation to the point where a final and generally satisfactory resolution of the matter will be achieved. It doesn't have to come to blows in the end. Somewhere out there, a viable plan exists. It's just going to take some real effort on the part of all parties involved to identify and embrace it.

Give peace a chance.

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cocktails mixed up by local celebrity bartenders and exclusive table-side food service. Tickets are on sale now at www.tasteofsomerville.com. Follow them on IG @tasteofsomerville and Twitter @tasteofsomerville.

The Somerville Pop Warner Banquet for the 2014 season, with trophies handed out to players and cheerleaders, will take place this year on Sunday May 21, 1 to 4 p.m. at Foss Park.

and talent, activities for children and food from all over the world. *****

SCATV is looking for a group of six Somerville High School students who will work together to create an interactive story website on the topic of immigration in Somerville. It promises to be a lot of fun. They will be paid \$130. Space is limited and there is an application process. Register online at http:// www.scatvsomerville.org/news/sumlgbtq@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext 2400.

The Somerville Sunsetters are coming to a street near you! The Sunsetters, a traveling youth performance troupe that performs classic show tunes and modern musicals in Somerville neighborhoods throughout July and August, is still booking shows for the summer 2015 season. Residents interested in hosting a performance in your neighborhood should contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov. Performances are held Monday through Thursday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m., in July and August. Some blackout dates apply. Performance slots fill up quickly, so book yours today!

cluding beginners aged 7 and older. For more information about these Summer Music Camps, visit www.somerville. k12.ma.us/music/summer. Contact Rosemary Sears at rsears@k12.somerville.ma.us with questions regarding the Wind Camp. Email enquiries regarding the String Camp to joannesadler@rocketmail.com.

Do you have questions about how your young child is learning or devel-

Happy Birthday this week to some notables both here in the Ville and from the Ville: Happy Birthday to wellknown political guru Feargal O'Toole who owns Data for Donkeys, a political consultant firm. If you're running for office and want to know what to do, Feargal is our local expert. Also celebrating this week is Scott Diamond, who grew up here in the Ville.

The 6th Annual Carnival@Somer-Streets is coming up on Sunday, June 7 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. East Somerville Main Streets will partner with the City of Somerville to present Carnival@Somer-Streets. This event brings out more than 8,000 people to enjoy awesome music, performances from community groups mer-next-generation-producers/.

You are invited to join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) on Wed., May 27, at 2:45 p.m. to raise the Pride flag in honor of LGBTQ Pride Month and LGBTQ Youth Pride. The ceremony will take place on the City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave. Mayor Curtatone, City LGBTQ Community Liaison Andra Oshinsky, and a representative from GSA will speak at the event. The event is open to the public, and we invite community members to join us in celebrating LGBTQ youth and the diversity that makes Somerville great. For more information about the GSA and other LGBT programming, events and information, please contact

The Somerville Wind Camp 2015 and Somerville String Camp 2015 are registering for their summer camp programs. Both camp programs will be held at the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry Street, during the weeks of July 13-24. The Somerville Wind Camp is open to wind or percussion students who have played for at least one school year. The Somerville String Camp is open to violin, viola, cello and bass players of all ages, in-

oping skills? The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative offers a free program to help families answer these types of questions. Help Me Grow -Somerville offers: Free developmental screening checklists for families to fill out on children between the ages of 1 month and 5 years using the "Ages and Stages" system; Resources and strategies to offer families ideas on how to be their child's first teacher; Referral to supportive services for children who might need extra help. To get more information or a copy of the correct checklist for your child, call (617) 625-6600 x6966 or email abamforth@comcast.net. Or, visit us on Thursday, May 21st, 9:00am to noon at the Cummings School (42 Prescott St.).

PorchFest 2015

By Josie Grove

Last Saturday's fifth annual PorchFest was so popular that the Somerville Arts Council's website crashed shortly after noon. Since the online map of participating porches was inaccessible, Somervillians followed their ears to over 200 live musical acts across the city.



















Photos by Josie Grove



SPORTS

Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital

By Rebecca Danvers

Avery Nigrelli was born with an Atrial Septal Defect, causing her to have open heart surgery at Boston Children's Hospital just before her second birthday.

A few months before her surgery, her family decided to put a positive spin on the time Avery would spend at the hospital by walking in the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital. In fact, the Nigrellis became the top fundraisers for the Walk last year and plan to walk again this year.

The 13th Annual Fundraising Walk will take place at DCR's Baxter Park, Assembly Row in Somerville on June 14. Last year's Walk had over 5,200 walkers and raised over \$1.6 million to support the hospital. The goal this year is \$1.8 million.

Boston Children's Hospital is encouraging all who are interested in spending the day at Assembly Row and walking for the hospital to register for the 2- and 7-mile walks online at www.bostonchildrens.org/walk. Supporters can also make donations at www.bostonchildrens. org/walk.

Walkers can enjoy a number of activities at DCR's Baxter Park such as: a free cookout for all walkers along with snack tents along the walk route; a kids activities tent that allows children to show their team spirit by decorating bandanas, backpacks and crowns; face painting; a bubble station with multiple kiddie pools and bubble wands; and live music.



The 13th Annual Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital takes place on June 24 at Baxter Park in Somerville.

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	1. What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?	6. Who first developed frozen foods?	
	2. What was Memorial Day formally known as?	7. What is the name of the dog on the crackerjack box?	
	3. As a young naval offi- cer serving in World War II, what famous American set up the only hamburg- er stand in the South Pacific?	8. Who originally coined the phrase that has been appropriated as the slogan for Maxwell House coffee, "Good to the last drop"	
	4. Before the U.S. Navy adopted the standard 21-gun salute in 1841,	9. In <i>M*A*S*H</i> what was the character Radar's full name?	
	how many blasts did its warships fie when they sailed into foreign ports?	10. What is actress Debra Winger's real first name?	

Somerville martial arts studio offers new programs

By Rich Tenorio

Villari's Self-Defense Center of Somerville, a karate studio in Union Square, has new programs available for those who would like to learn and improve on their martial arts skills.

"Like life and most things worth working for, the more you put in, the more you get in return," Master Brad Rogers, a fifth-degree black belt who runs the studio, said in a release.

The changes include three brand-new programs: the Black Belt Club, Leadership Program and Special Team of Role Models (STORM).

Master Rogers said that STORM is a "deeper development of leadership," with required monthly meetings on developing leadership and communication skills and learning how to assist and teach classes. STORM members will also become eligible for the first level of instructor training. Leadership Program members will be eligible for the STORM program. They will also be able to attend optional monthly leadership meetings and weapons training. They may get to assist in classes and can wear a black and blue Leadership Uniform.

Black Belt Club members will be eligible for the Leadership Program. They will have the option of training in the bo staff, a traditional martial arts weapon made of wood, and monthly specialty classes. They will be eligible for the Villari's Somerville demo team, which recently participated in Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone's Fitness Challenge Kickoff at Somerville High School, and before that at a Providence Bruins game at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. features for Other new Villari's students include a monthly class in grappling and a weekly class in tournament preparation. Villari's students are encouraged to compete

against students from other martial arts studios at two tournaments each year, most recently the Medway Tournament several weeks ago in Medway, MA.

The changes will take effect on June 1 of this year.

Master Rogers and his staff teach karate to children and adults each week. Students are ranked by belt level, beginning at white belt and progressing through a series of tests to black belt.

Villari's Self-Defense Centers were founded by Fred Villari, who was inducted into the World Masters martial arts hall of fame as great grandmaster of the 20th century.

The Somerville Villari's studio is located at 54 Union Square.

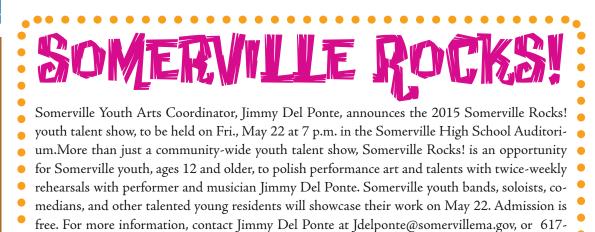
5. What American brewery was the first to market beer in a bottle?

11. What is the most often earned boy scout merit badge?

12. What is the glabella?

Answers on page 16

You can learn more about Villari's of Somerville by calling (617) 625-5070. You may also visit http://www.villarisomerville.com/ or "like" the school on Facebook.



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Full Circle students attend Empowering Girls Conference



By Tom Bannister

On April 14th, Next Wave/Full Circle High School Principal Margaret DePasquale accompanied Full Circle female students to the Empowering Girls Conference "I'm Worth More," sponsored by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and the Middlesex Partnerships for Youth. The event was held at Nashoba Valley Technical High School in Westford, MA.

This year's conference focused on a variety of confidence-building and empowering topics, bringing together high school students from across the state to hear from compelling speakers and learn through interactive presentations. The topics offered at the 2015 conference included Paving Your Own Path, The Power of Positivity, Recognizing Healthy Relationships, Healthy Inside and Out, and Girls Empowering Girls.

Full Circle students were impressed to learn that District Attorney Ryan is from Somerville and were excited to have the opportunity to meet her and take a photo with her. (Pictured from Left to Right in the photo above: Mikayla Arenella, Melissa Lanzieri, Taylor Corning, District Attorney Marian Ryan, Christine Benjamin, Margaret DePasquale, Gabby Etienne, Amber West.) To learn more about this and other events and services offered by the Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, visit www.middlesexpartnershipsforyouth.com.

SCC Financial Education Class

Over the course of 4 weeks, participants will gain important information and skills to help them navigate their financial lives more successfully. The class (offered in English) will meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to noon. Graduates will receive a \$200 stipend to get them started on a successful financial path! The class will be open to people who live and/or work in Somerville. Class dates are June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24. Refreshments and childcare offered (childcare must be requested in advance). Pre-registration is required. To make an appointment to register, please contact Shannon Erb at 617-776-5931 x238 or serb@somervillecdc.org as soon as possible.

Somerville student honored

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is what to expect in the latest Somerville Neighborhood Newscast:



Hear what the Board of Aldermen had to tell the Mayor and the Planning Department about the proposed new zoning code. See the latest plans for Union Square redevelopment. Drop in at the city's youth Peace Summit. Find out what the city's Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group is up to and visit some neighborhoods that are in danger. Hear from some former heroin addicts, their friends, and a mom about the heroin and opioid epidemic and what can be done to stop it.



These stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #40 on May 19 at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at http://www.somervil-leneighborhoodnews.org.

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at Science Fair

Distrigas of Massachusetts recently honored 19 students from Somerville, Everett and Lexington for their academic success and outstanding work in the field of science.

Connie Chan of Somerville High School took first place as Region IV State Science Fair winner.

Students, along with their families, school administrators, and educators, were recognized at an Awards Dinner held in their honor at the New England Aquarium in Boston. Distrigas has been sponsoring the local scholarship program and science fair competition for more than 30 years.

"Given the importance of science to our natural gas business, we believe it's important to support students who show drive, creativity, and a commitment in this area," said Carol Churchill, Manager of Communications for Distrigas. "The students we're honoring have shown innovation, academic achievement, and an interest in understanding the world around them."

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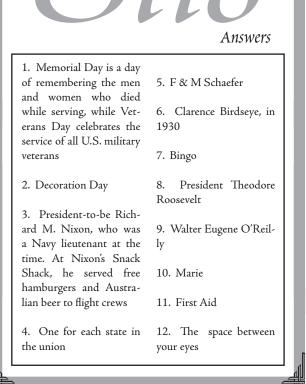
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We are searching for possible relatives of David J. Carrol. His last known residency was 101 Grant St, Somerville, Ma 02155. His death was recorded as of March, 1st of 2011. He was the owner of a 1995 Chevy Cavalier which was left abandoned at the same address since his death. Possible relatives. please contact Sergio Lemos at (617)799-1733 5/6/15, 5/13/15, 5/20/15 The Somerville Times	Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 15P1203EA Estate of :	A Request for Services (RFS) may be obtained online, or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville MA 02143 on or after: 5/20/15. Sealed applications will be received at the above office until: <u>Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 12:00 noon</u> at which time such applications will be opened and distributed to the MSBA in accordance with the MSBA's Designer Selection Panel's Procedures.
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Olio	To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner <u>DOLITA D. CATHCART of JAMAICA PLAIN MA</u> First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)	The RFS and an Exterior Envelope Study of the existing building will be available on the City's Purchasing webpage: <u>http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</u> . Prospective applicants must register via the "Active Bid" registration at



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RS: I started when I was in the third grade. I played tenor sax in the school band, but I also lived six blocks from the school, so carrying that thing back and forth after one semester, I was like, "You know what? I'm done with this, I want a clarinet!" So I got a clarinet and man, that thing was so great at just being a noisemaker that I finally got kicked out of the school band. I just wanted to make noise. I wasn't planning on actually playing it. I was just into goofing off, really.

And then, the next thing that happened was The Beatles were on Ed Sullivan and everyone went out and bought guitars. I was a pretty terrible guitar player, I gotta say. And then some guy from my school who thought I could actually play guitar - because he had never heard me needed a bass player for a Creedence Clearwater [Revival] cover band. They asked me if I wanted to play bass. I said that I didn't really play bass, but if you show me how to play the songs then I'll do it. So they gave me a bass, and I started playing and I was like, "Wow, this makes sense. I should have been doing this all along!" That's how it started.

ST: Had you and any other members of The New Orleans Suspects crossed paths before forming a band together?

RS: Me and Willie [Green, drummer] had had a lot of projects over the years. We were part of a band back in the 90s. Then right after the storm he and I had a residency at the Maple Leaf [a New Orleans venue and bar] for a while. Me and Willie go back a long way. We've been friends for I don't even know who long. Jake and C.R. they knew each other and had been doing stuff in New Orleans post-Katrina when they both moved here. And then Jeff moved here. I think that he was still playing with James Brown when he was living here. Jake and Kevin Harris, who was our original sax player – was in the Dirty Dozen [Brass Band] – knew each other because Jake was in the Dozen as well. Before the band got together, I knew Willie and that was it. He and I are the only native New Orleanians.

ST: How did the band end up forming?

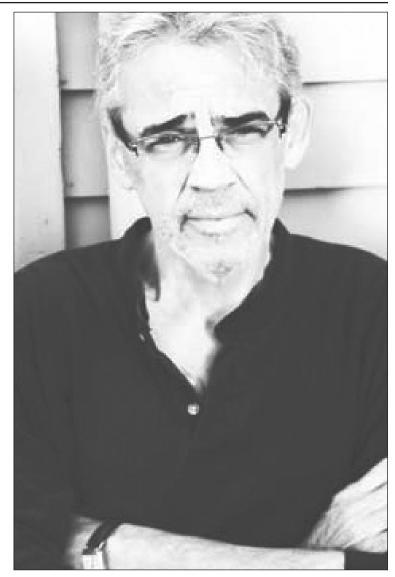
RS: The guy that owns the Maple Leaf, Hank [Staples], has got a pool of musicians that when a band didn't show up, or they forgot to book a band, or whatever happened, he would call somebody up and just say, "Round up the usual suspects." So that happened one night to us. It wasn't Willie on the drums, it was another guy. Jake and C.R. had never met before. So we did the gig, it was a lot fun, and we told Hank that if this happens again and we're all in town, just call us up and we'll do it. That happened a few times and we started getting some gigs on the side and we called ourselves The Usual Suspects. So when The Rads [Radiators] broke up and The Neville Brothers broke up, we were kind of like, let's just do this band for real. We thought that we'd be The Unusual Suspects, but then I was researching online and there was a band in England called The Unusual Suspects with a CD out. So we chose New Orleans Suspects, because that way people know where we're from, they'll know it's New Orleans Music, and we're still the Suspects. That's how it happened.

ST: The Radiators formed in the late 1970s, right?

RS: January of '78.

ST: So you're coming up on four full decades as a professional musician?

RS: I was professional way before that. I'd been on Bourbon Street. I'd been on the blues circuit in California. I'd played already with a lot of the older New Orleans guys like James Booker and Professor Longhair. The Rads formed [when] I was like 26, so I'd been professional



The New Orleans Suspects' bassist, Reggie Scanlan.

for six years already.

ST: Does anything surprise you after all of this time?

RS: The fact that I can be surprised surprises me! It's nice that I can still be surprised. I like that. Some of the stuff that I've seen has been pretty crazy, I have to say!

The New Orleans Suspects. Thursday, May 28. Thunder Road, 381 Somerville Avenue. 6 p.m./21+/\$20.

Fewer rodent sightings reported

By Tom Bannister

According to a release of information by the city last week, Somerville is seeing encouraging signs that its policies are working, in the form of a significant drop in reported rodent sightings.

According to recent findings, analysis of the data suggests that the city's integrated pest management policies including comprehensive dumpster enforcement and uniform rodent-resistant trash bins have helped reduce rodent sightings by almost one-third beyond the normal seasonal fluctuation. Year-to-date, 311 Constituent Services has received 24 reports of rodent sightings, while in 2014 during the same time period, there were 103 reports. For a larger sample size, during the last 365 days 372 rodent sightings were reported. During the previous 365-day time frame there were 584 reports. That equates to a 36 percent decrease in recorded sightings.

Boston to New York to Chicago, as the mild temperatures failed to naturally decrease the rodent population. Somerville's increased rodent reports after those warmer winters mirrored the increase seen in those cities, but since adopting new policies in the fall of 2013, Somerville's numbers ceased to mirror Boston's numbers. Reports of rodent sightings in Somerville went down much more sharply than in Boston, indicating that It's with your help that we're having this success."

Inspectional Services hired an additional health code enforcement officer in October 2013 to manage and enforce Dumpster licensing and inspections. At that time, 177 Dumpsters were licensed with the city. Through the efforts of the new inspector, 622 Dumpsters are now licensed with the city. The health inspector regularly inspects each registered Dumpster to ensure that it is free of holes, enclosed or screened in, has a tight-fitting and lockable lid, door, or cover that remains closed, and that both the dumpster and surrounding area are clean. Clean, well-maintained Dumpsters with closed lids deny rodents a food source—a critical goal in controlling the rodent population. Businesses and property owners with dumpsters receive guidance on Board of Health sanitation requirements as part of the Dumpster registration process. "By overlapping maps of reported rodent sightings with registered Dumpsters, we've found that most calls about rats correlate with the location of

commercial Dumpsters," said Goran Smiljic, Superintendent of Inspectional Services. "By adding an inspector that we can dedicate to registering, inspecting and licensing Dumpsters, we have created an environment where it is much more difficult for rodents to access food in commercial trash, making it more difficult for them to survive and multiply."

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Warmer winters in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 coincided with increased reports of rats in cities across the northeast, from the city's policies are having the intended effect.

"We want to see another season, but we are cautiously optimistic that these numbers show that the cooperation of the community and the policies we adopted, have reduced the rodent population in the city," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We remain vigilant, and will continue watching the numbers closely, and stay active on multiple fronts-from denying rodents a food source to trapping and addressing any problem spots that may arise. I want to thank all the residents and business owners who have helped us by keeping their trash lids closed and registering their Dumpsters.

trash carts were provided to residents citywide in June 2014 before the usual high rodent sighting season of summer. Every household that receives trash service from the city was provided free of charge one of the 64-gallon wheeled carts with secure-fitting attached lids, which helps keep rodents out of residential trash and further denies them any sources of food, while making it easier for residents to comply with the city's ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen requiring a tightly closed lid on trash carts put out for pickup. "Rodents are an issue so many cities struggle unsuccessfully to address, so Continued on page 20

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Thursday May 21 **Central Library** Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Friday May 22

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

Monday May 25 Libraries Closed-Memorial Day

Tuesday May 26 West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

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

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Johnny D's TBA 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

Arts at the Armory Green Line Extension project - Gilman Square & Lowell Street Station Design Public Meeting 6 p.m.|Performance Hall Castle of Comedy 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Friday May 22

Johnny D's Former Muddy Waters Blues Band Member PAUL OSCHER and his Trio The launtee with Sprocket 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. presents Blue Eyed Soul, Charles Delta, The Dirty Dottys \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 7 pm Andrea Capozzoli and Jeff Ramsy featuring The Smoke People 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday May 23

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Saturday Night Fever! Free Bar-side dance party hosted by DYSKO! 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Sunday May 24

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

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Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Interesting Points (Panel Show) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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Arts at the Armory Songwriters' Round 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday May 26

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Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Post Cards to my **Future Self** 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Life Drawing 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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Wednesday May 20 **Central Library** Researching The History of Your House and Family Kristi Chase 617-625-6600 x2525

7 p.m.-8 p.m.||79 Highland Ave Third Life Studio Belly Dance performance preparation with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday May 21

Central Library Lithium Hindsight: A Dance Performance and Discussion Eugenia Kim 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday May 23

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 24

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

Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday May 25

Libraries Closed - Memorial Day

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

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Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Life Drawing 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday May 27

Central Library Somerville Republicans Brian McCarthy|774-634-6035 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

East Somerville Mosaic Project / Streetscape for

East Branch Library – Tuesday, May 29th – 10:00 A.M. to Noon / As part of our "Community Day" at Cross Street Artist Emily Bhargava will be joining us again at our Cross Street Center to help us place objects into clay, creating textures and images into the permanent community mosaic. The completed mosaic will forever be a part of the neighborhood as it will be permanently place just outside the East Branch Library. Just one of the amazing things happening that day at our Cross Street Center. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up.

Now & Then - Reminiscing with Jimmy – Starting Tuesday, June 2nd – 9:30 to 10:30 at our Holland Street Center. Engage in entertaining group discussions about the good ol' days with Jimmy DelPonte. Have fun looking back on historical events, pop culture, old Somerville and the way things used to be. "Now & Then" will be meeting on Tuesdays, June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th and June 23rd. For additional information or to sign up please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Celestial Bodies: Astronomy & Telescopes – Monday, June 15th – 9:30 in the Atrium at our Holland Street Center. The 2nd in our "Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series" – Tufts University Professor Emeritus Robert A. Gonsalves will give an illustrated talk showing the universe as seen through the eye of the Hubble telescope. Come, see some beautiful photos, learn a little about our universe and ask some questions. Call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for details, more information or to sign up.

Annual Nutrition Fair – Tuesday, June 16th – 10:00 A.M. to Noon – At our Holland Street Center. Health screenings, food demonstrations, eating tips, yummy recipes, snack samples and more – Join us for a healthy lunch after the fair and transportation would be available. For more information or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Luciano's Restaurant Featuring The Drifters – Tuesday, June 23 – departing our Holland Street Center at 9:45 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:45 P.M. Lunch choice of Chicken or Baked Scrod, includes salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls with butter, dessert and coffee / tea – A \$85. fee includes transportation, lunch and entertainment by the amazing R & B group, The Drifters, famous for such hits as Under the Boardwalk, Up on the Roof and This Magic Moment. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions. someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

All centers will be closed on Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

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Where: 167 Holland Street

When: Saturday, June 20th, rain or shine

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There has been a lot happening at the SCOA – Keep your eyes open for more details on the upcoming trips

- 9/11 Museum & Memorial a 2 day / 1 night trip
- The Drifters at Lake Pearl
- Best of the Golden Oldies
- Boothbay Harbor & Cabbage Island
- Hu Ke Lau, Riverboat Ramblers / Triple Lobster Fest
- The Beach Boys Tribute
- Italian Festival at the Danversport Yacht Club
- The Manhattan Dolls Music through the decades USO Style
- Our own "Antique Road Show" One man's junk just might be a treasure

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, June 8th – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, June 8th – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. We will be joined by the students of the GSA from Somerville High School with a yet to be determined lunch menu. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, June 15th – 5:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. In honor of Gay Pride Month at approximately 5:00 we will have a showing of The Great Pink Scare followed by a yet to be determined dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of If These Walls Could Talk 2. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|May 20

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) Bowling Banquet

Thursday|May 21

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

Friday|May 22

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

Monday May 25

All Centers Closed Memorial Day

Tuesday May 26

10:15 Housing 101 Workshop (H)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
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)

Wednesday|May 27

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Friendly Caller Program

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Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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Supper & Bingo HAFB

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Fewer rodent sightings reported CONT. FROM PG 17

it's really encouraging to see the number or rodent sightings in Somerville falling so dramatically. This just shows what you can achieve when you apply strategic resources and pass effective ordinances, and then have the type of community where city officials, business owners and residents will all work together to achieve a goal. This wouldn't have worked if each dumpster owner and resident had not done their part," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston."But our work isn't done. We will continue our efforts around this

very important life quality issue for our community."

As part of its comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Plan, the city also launched its Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program, offering up to 2,000 ho meowners per year free one-time rodent control services including baiting, dusting and trapping. Since launching in July 2014, 28 households have applied for and received extermination services through the program. City Health inspectors survey the property for evidence of rodents and provide educa-

tional materials on rodent prevention to qualifying owner-occupants, who must agree to take recommended rodent prevention actions (such as removing pet food bowls from outdoors or clearing debris from yards) in exchange for the recommended free rodent abatement treatment of their choice. Extermination services are provided by All-Star Pest to owner-occupied residential properties with one-to-three units that have evidence of rodent activity, as determined by Inspectional Services. Residents interested in receiving rodent

abatement assistance in 2015 should contact 311 (dial 617-666-3311 if outside the city or on a cell phone).

The city also continues to work with biotechnology company SenesTech, Inc. on research in Somerville of a humane approach to reducing the rat population through rodent fertility management, using non-lethal bait that suppresses the reproductive capability of rodents. Senestech will run pilots using its ContraPest bait at a mix of six public and private locations in the city this season.

"Rodents are part of the eco-structure of cities that cannot be entirely eliminated, so the goal of every city is to reduce their population to levels where they are not infringing upon our quality of life or our health," said Superintendent Smiljic. "We are encouraged by the positive results to our efforts that we have seen so far citywide, and will continue to address any hotspots that arise, so keep those 311 calls coming. But in short, so far it appears that our approach is making a real difference."

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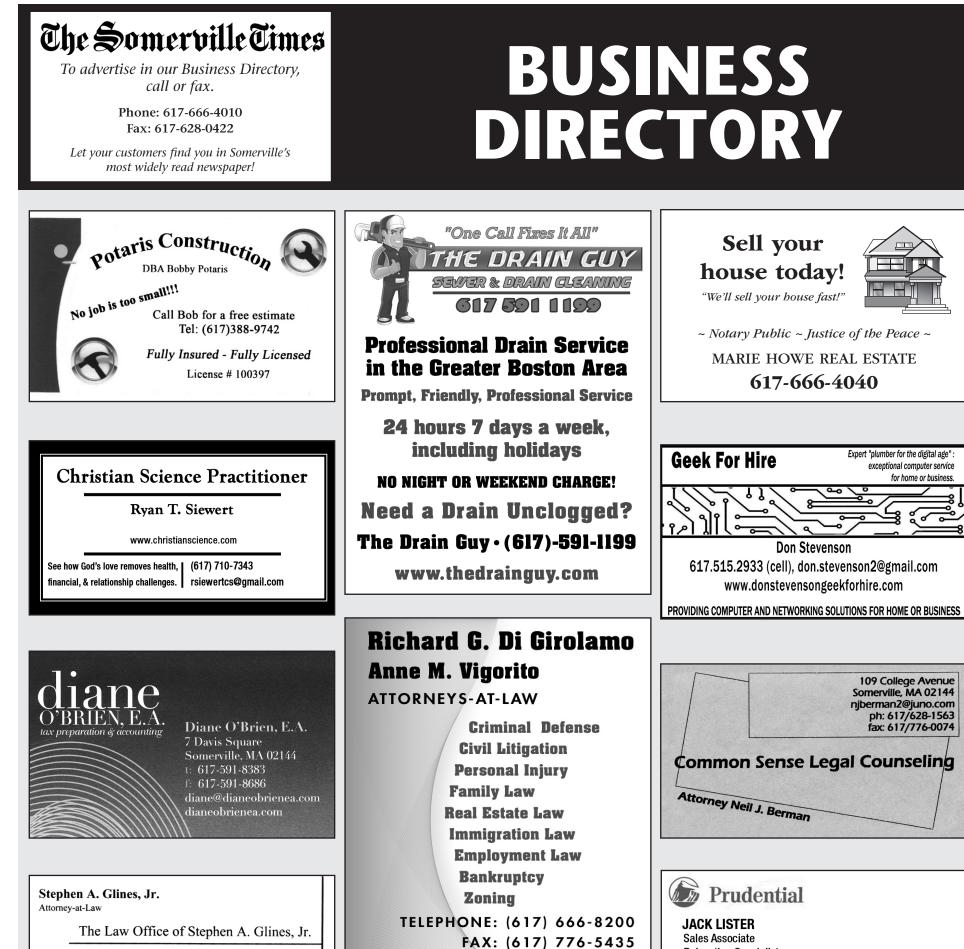
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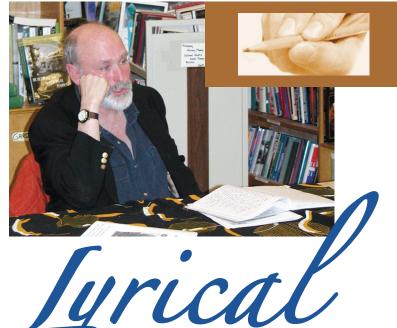
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OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

'Airstream' by Audrey Henderson

State Rep. Denise Provost is a Somerville Bagel Bard, an excellent poet and reviewer. She has also been involved in the effort to create a Massachusetts Poet Laureate position. Here is a review she sent to Off the Shelf:

Airstream, by Audrey Henderson Homebound Press, 2014 \$16.95 Review by Denise Provost

The cover of Audrey Henderson's first published collection of poetry, *Airstream*, speaks of motion – the bulbous aluminum trailer halfway passed; metallic surface of a distant lake, clouds and light moving into sunset formation. The poems within take the reader on as fine a set of journeys as can be fitted between an opening and final line. *Airstream* seems to defy the laws of physics – like Dr. Who's Tardis, the poems in this book are bigger on the inside than one would guess from their modest physical proportions.

The book is divided into three sections - with, tellingly, geographic names. The first, *Finisterre*, is filled primarily with poems about quests. These are propelled by the varied personal motivations or exigencies that send individuals out to visit – or settle upon – various lands' ends.

We meet Mr. Peterson, of *Field Guide* fame, for whom, "there'd be too many/ questions for an old man/ with a suitcase full of flowers..." *The Lichen Lovers*, we learn,

...met with blank stares mostly

as we crisscrossed America

looking for clean air. You corrected book text on your sick bed as we reminisced about tundra—how I shot the lichen through a cloud of mosquitoes while you beat the air with a glove—

St. Kilda Sunday makes reference to a Scottish island so remote that, when it was ultimately evacuated in 1930, its inhabitants reportedly did not know that Queen Victoria had died. Its narrator muses that Jesus "seems kind/ although he forbids us/ to tend our animals/ on Sunday...." It's a poem that measures the distance between the pre-Christian past and its transition to the age following it. Similarly, *The Elders Lament* describes a world "[a]fter the monks arrived," where

[t]he elders grew silent, fearing in their hearts that noone

would carve the stones that tether the sky to the land, or burnish mirrors where people see their faces in the stars.

One truly breathtaking poem is *Lammermore*, with its dazzling compression of time and distance. It tells a three-generation family story between lines of conversation with a neighborhood grocer who happens to be an opera fan: Tony's butcher shop is pristine—jars of tomato paste Along a shelf, jaunty cans of Pastene, the whole place Painted red and white to go with the meat. A sign in



seen from Mary's point of view: "crude and toothless. They stank/ and hoarded cheese in their pockets...."

Behind these schemes, there are also places, so full of personality that they asset themselves off the page, and into timelessness. In Hacksilber, one such location reveals its magic, both hidden and revealed:

She brought all her suitors there to see if they went with the scenery – the castle, a river, the valley where the swan sleeps...

They ran on it as children in their cable sweaters and once a man looked out from a tower to which there was no staircase....

There is also *National Library of Scotland*, a poem so rich in detail and side observations that its perfect arc of narrative seems to encompass an entire world:

We could have guessed the size of it because George IV Bridge is actually a bridge, and you can peek

over the edge beside Baumeisters, where Escher-like eighteenth century facades recede down to the Canongate

and you can gauge the fathoms of the NLS....

Eastern Seaboard, the third and last section, might seem to bring us to more familiar territory. We find it, too, however, to be riddled with mystery and surprise. Simply getting ice cream at the Dari-Joy becomes a rather gothic adventure, where there are "many, many enormous black flies, mutant neon-eating flies, all over the plate glass window which/ reflects our mint chocolate chip with rainbow sprinkles...."

In *Creatures and Beasts*, we watch vicariously with the narrator, who observes that:

It was a lean time, month of the hunger moon the world run out of food, only a carcass from beneath the snow to be picked clean. The grass was flat and brown, wobbly with water, the hill a jelly, turned out from the mold too soon. First a turkey vulture came unfurling the black curtain of its wings like a Victorian photographer....

Even in the settled places here, there is constant movement: in *Indigo Bunting*, where an old man is distracted from his woes and injury: "He came into the house full of wonder and asked/could it be that he had seen an allover blue bird." In Fireflies, a hospital patient sees these insects for the first time:

Ellen Maas is a voice in and for the wilderness. She is a member of Somerville's Bagel Bards, and is well-known for her ecological activism in our community.



Death of A Forest

Sleep fails as my brain begs the blade to stop,

continues deafening into heartwood, slicing cortex winter coat that covered me from freeze

Merciless saw cuts through my cambrian layers of evolution that healed diseased wounds,

carried water to my thirsty branches.

Killers sever my silver maple veins.

I bleed sap and resin with resignation,

Steadfast sapwood system of vascular circuitry flowed constant, leaf nutrients in

transport finger limbs to roots,

sun permeates the forest, brilliant nurturer for eons.

None discoverd my synthesis secret carried through from molecular creation by magical mother.

The grinding saw penetrates ploem neath protective green layers shielded me from harm, once, fueled a vascular system of sugar food, I make Dancing daily, will touch a blue cosmos to live beyond millennium and all

I respire for life all around.

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brutality Woodland kin, we suspected nothing wrong.

"Tree language", you said, "Is harmony with community --beyond which,

we silver maples cannot go." I honor the oath.

Killer revs a steel arm again, severing my pith center. Next, wrenching,torn trunks collapse by hundreds, reeling, canopy pounds the ground, breaks, broken bones like lightning crack, roots ripped away- grubbed deep

into screaming biotic earth.

We fell in great numbers that October day, choked nature spirits buried deep, final dishonor.

Without emerald countenance, all barren,

Miracle sap layer stood me upright for a 100 years. My corps nourished farms, animals, bird homes, scattering verdant morsels for every season.

Carbon sequester is non-stop microbial work.

Long roots stem erosion, flood waters by

great earth-tree symbiosisflows through my soil via delicate hair,

far up to crown for secret ritual.

no natural weapons left to stymie the flood of greed-

predation flowing in my fair city among the refuse of human decay,

drifting apart from our life source.

Cry shame as loss covers my earth. For generations to come must find this tree world to hang any planet dream.

Today Solstice

light begins in north hemisphere, glowing nature's inextinguishable memory of dead silver maples.

— Ellen Mass

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Marker on the cash register says bacalao \$8.99 a pound.

I ask him how to cook it. When it comes out I'm from Scotland he hands me a CD of Lucia de Lammermoor,

A picture of Italian men in kilts on stage at La Scala...

For me to reveal any more of this tale's details and digressions would require a spoiler alert.

The second section, *The Continent and the Levant*, offers a mixed assortment of meditations: on paintings and artists; on art historians (like the one in *The Tempest*, "listing to one side

like a monument about/to topple, his expression blissful,"); poets, and other characters; some of whom have perhaps stepped out of paintings. The Baptist, the eponymous John, roasts locusts "on a makeshift hearth/ and hastily/ getting wings in his teeth—*The Shepherds*, one realizes, are those drawn to the nativity of Jesus, Flashing semaphore in the last light. You're transfixed, can't make sense of what you're seeing, having no experience....

Girls.Birds presents us with an unpromising scenario:

I tell the delinquent girls anyway, about the warblers....

They listen to me and talk through tongue studs, their lycra abdomens bulge....

Yet the description of long migrations, nests In spruce forests, and "damp leaves, yellow and pointed and tropical" pierces the feigned boredom of even this audience: "The girls smoke/ hastily, for they are defenseless against this information/ and they never suspected the world was surrounded by wings."

If your world could use some wings, pick up a copy of *Airstream*, and glide away on revelations and delight.

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