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Somerville pauses in remembrance of those lost in Nepal earthquake



Attendees of last week's vigil in support of Nepal earthquake victims stood in solidarity as they remembered those who lost their lives as well as those recovering from the devastation.

By Jim Clark

Residents and city officials gathered last Wednesday, April 29, for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the victims of the devastating earthquake in Nepal that occurred the week before, and to support Somerville's Nepali community members as the rescue and cleanup efforts continue.

Participants gathered on the Somerville High School concourse to hear music as well as words of solace and support from speakers who included Mayor Curtatone, Rep. Timothy Toomey, Alderman at Large Jack Connelly, who spoke for other member of the Board of Alderman.

Attendees lit candles and left signs and offerings of prayer and hope for recovery for the victims of the quake.

Those wishing to help in the relief effort are encouraged to do so immediately.

Somerville Open Studios 2015: An inside look at the arts of the city

By Rebecca Danvers

The creative heart and soul of the city opened its doors to the public this past weekend as the artists participating in Somerville Open Studios welcomed those interested into their workspaces.

More than 100 local painters, sculptors, photographers and others joined in as the city's arts community showed off their finest works on their own home turf, as visitors were allowed access into their studios for viewing, discussion and opportunities to support these artists by purchasing their creations.

Founded in 1999, the annual event has become a highly anticipated tradition in the city among artists and patrons of the arts alike. The participating studios are given an opportunity to highlight their works, while those in attendance enjoy the rare experience of observing the process of artistic expression up close and personal. Continued on page 12



Somerville Open Studios has become a popular event for artists and those who enjoy learning about their - Photo by Claudia Ferro creative processes, while taking in the sights of current works on display.

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Tonight Wednesday May 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 celebrate with Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente at his third annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser Party at Cantina La Mexicana in Union Square. Tony sure is popular. It seems like no one is going to run against him again this year. Many of us here at The Times reside in Ward 4 and we think he's doing a great job. Join him, his family and friends in helping to kickoff his campaign.

The yearly SHS Raffle is here again, this Friday, with the \$10K first prize winners and many other prizes given away, this hard working Scholarship Foundation is selling tickets at \$100 apiece. Send \$100 to Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville 02145. The drawing will be held May 8 at the Highlander Café at Somerville High School, 7 p.m. This is a great local charity. They have raised over a million dollars in scholarship monies for deserving high school students. Buy a ticket and go enjoy the evening. It's always fun, with lots of prizes for those who attend.

Over the past few months, the rumors persisted regarding the DPW commissioner. The rumor spreaders over the grapevine were going wild speculating over what was going to happen to him. Was he leaving on his own or was he being let go? The rumors persisted that he was going to be removed from his job by May 1. Other rumors were floated that the commissioner was interviewing for jobs in other cities. So now it's after May 1 and we can tell you that Stan is still in his job. He's not going anywhere and, oh yes, he loves his job. Everyone associated with DPW and City Hall heard these rumors. They even reached us here at The Times, but we adopted a "wait and see" attitude, as did a lot of others here in the city upon hearing these various rumors. So as we thought, they proved to be wrong again and were probably propogated by some misguided city employee or maybe some loud mouth well known troublemakers?

Was that Sophia Carafotes a week or so back on the Kelly & Michael TV Show showing her dancing skills? We already know Sophia is very talented. We heard she almost won the contest. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

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

newTROLLontheblock says:

This editorial assumes that "new somerville" cares about "old somerville's" point of view. We don't. It is not the somerville created by dinosaurs who never left that we want, it's the location, and the somerville that has been built over the last 10 years: high end coffee shops, lending libraries, bakeries, bars and restaurants, bike lanes, the bike path, T stations, Assembly Row, parks etc., etc. This is a conflict as old as the human race. We (new somerville) are younger, stronger, and have more resources, and you(old somerville) have something we want, so we are going to take it because we can.

Somerbreeze says:

@newTROLL - You should come to a Union Square or East Somerville community meeting and openly espouse your Darwinian view-I'm sure you'll get an interesting response from attendees...

But actually, you are just some snarky troll with too much time on your hands and thrill at getting people riled up. I pity you, fool.

Moving right along....

A. Moore says:

I have watched as the traffic problems have been solved in Union Square for the last 70 years and all it amounted to was moving the traffic backups from one location to another. So much money spent to solve this problem. Accomplished so much.

KLM says:

I have said for years that this administration is working its' hardest to create community'. Community cannot be created, it happens through the means you have mentioned in this article. Because even though people attend all of these 'community' events, too many still go home to their newly-rehabbed house, their cocoon, where they have lived a year or two and haven't yet spoken to one of their neighbors.

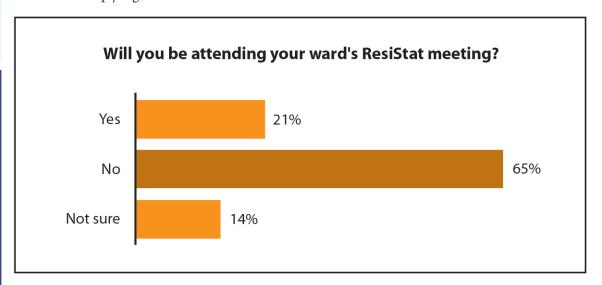
Progress? says:

People should be reading up about the West End of Boston. So many still look back fondly at that neighborhood, yet the destruction is repeated over and over and over. Even in Somerville, if you have never seen old pictures of Foss Park look it up. It looked like the Public Gardens. Also destroyed in the name of Progress.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you will be attending your ward's ResiStat meeting. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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Ward 6 ResiStat meeting addresses future development

By Josie Grove

"We exist to implement your vision of the city," said the head of the Transportation and Infrastructure Division in the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development, Brad Rawson, at last Thursday's Ward 6 ResiStat meeting held at the offices of web design firm Velir in Davis Sq. Despite their stated focus on participatory planning, Rawson and Mayor Joseph Curtatone also made it clear that Somerville is reacting to forces outside its control, from the regional housing shortage to the blizzards of last winter.

The city had budgeted \$1 million for snow removal last year, but the cost shot up over \$10 million by the end of the winter, said Curtatone. But the city's tone was optimistic. "As bad as the winter was, we are in as good a shape as you can be for a surprise \$9 million expense," said Community Engagement Specialist for the City of Somerville, Meghann Ackerman. Curtatone's presentation on Thursday supported Ackerman's optimism.

"The cash reserves are healthy," said the mayor. "The city's stabilization fund and 'free cash' funds will cover about \$5 million, and the city will pay off the balance over the next three years. The city budget will not decrease services to pay the snow removal bill," said Curtatone. As for city program improvements, "We'll hold off a year or two."

Curtatone is confident in Somerville's economic security for two reasons. First, the city's structural budget deficit is projected to close in the 2017 fiscal year, despite this year's snow removal costs. Second, Curtatone and his team envision robust commercial growth over the next fifteen years.

New commercial developments have been proposed across the city, from the Assembly Row development to the old Social Security building near Davis Square. The city hopes that much of the new development will be office space, which would alter the area's architectural character somewhat. "We're not going to be building 220-foot towers in Davis Square. But we are missing the ways density can help us," said Curtatone. He says high-density office space in the heart of Somerville would bring daytime traffic to local businesses, making those businesses more profitable, and more likely to hold heir ground against larger chains.

The mayor also promised relief for Somerville's residential property taxpayers. The city projects that tax revenue generated by the growing commercial development will make up nearly half of Somerville's tax base in 2030. "It's an important shift, and it's already started," said Curtatone. "The more commerce that comes in, the less the residential property taxpayer will have to bear that burden."

The city was vague about the amount of commercial development it would take to create this shift. Longtime Somerville resident and community activist Carol Dempowski was skeptical. "It doesn't add up for me. I would like to hear concretely how the residential and commercial units would balance."

Slowing the increases in Somerville's cost of living is a critical part of planning for the city's future. "We're asking the question: who will live here? Growth is fantastic, but if it pushes people out of this community who want to be here, it's not good." The mayor stressed the need for more housing units in Somerville, and for the city to have a role in that development.

"Investment is flowing into the community, whether or not we plan for it," said Rawson. The housing shortage in New England is increasing housing prices across the region, and the Green Line extension promises to push rent even higher in its vicinity.

"We're halfway through a participatory planning process," said Rawson. "Having plans in place mean restrictions for developers." Mayor Curtatone added that one restriction might be changing the inclusionary zoning ordinances, which mandate that 12.5% of larger housing developments be affordable. Curtatone said that proportion could increase to as much as 20%. "Higher density means a higher profit margin for the developers. Those developers can afford to share some of he profits with us."

The city administration wants to have an active role in ensuring Somerville's future in the face of larger economic forces and the whims of New England winters. "We need to be bold," said Mayor Curtatone We need a series of policy and legislative reforms that not everyone's going to agree with."

Students call hunger strike to stop janitor cuts



A hunger strike and on-campus occupy action was undertaken by Tufts students protesting of janitorial staff layoffs. - Photo courtesy of Tufts Labor Coalition

By Tom Bannister

As of Tuesday of this week, five Tufts University students have been on hunger strike for and plan to continue indefinitely until the Tufts administration agrees to stop plans to cut 17% of its janitorial workforce.

According to information provided by Tufts Labor Coalition, supporters have also set up an occupation of tents outside the main administrative building on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Dozens of students stayed the past few nights and are planning to remain there until the administration agrees to the janitors' demands. As of thTuesday morning, the Tufts administration had not issued any response to students or janitors aside from enclosing the tent occupation with fences.

At a kickoff event for the action held Sunday afternoon, members of the janitorial workforce and their families were present in support of the students' action. "The cuts will affect many workers. Many will lose their work, and many of us will receive a heavy load of work," said Adelaida Colon, a custodial

worker on Tufts campus."I have seniority at this job because I have spent many years here. These cuts would not lead me to leave Tufts or lose my job. But, my workload would increase because the work of those 35 people would be placed on those that remain. We feel discriminated against by the administration of Tufts and by DTZ."

Given these concerns, for the past several months, janitors, the students of Tufts Labor Coalition, faculty, and community representatives have been united in a campaign against these cuts.

Last month, the Somerville and Medford City Councils passed a resolution urging Tufts to discontinue plans for the cuts. Tufts Labor Coalition has organized increasingly large-scale actions in opposition to the plan put forward by the Tufts administration. Janitors have held weekly rallies on Tufts campus. Nonetheless, Tufts plans to move forward and fire 1 in 6 janitors in early June.

"Our decision to hunger strike and occupy space on campus is in solidarity with the janitors' calls for no cuts. This culmination comes Continued on page 6



2015 SOMERVILLE ELECTION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Nomination papers available beginning May 11 for this fall's election

Somerville residents interested in running for Mayor, the Board of Aldermen or School Committee may take out nomination papers starting on Monday, May 11, for this fall's municipal election

Nomination papers will be available through Monday, June 22, and can be picked up at the Elections Office on the lower level of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Completed nomination papers are due to the Board of Election Commissioners by Wednesday, June 24, along with the prospective candidate's statement of financial interest.

To avoid conflicting with the domestic and religious holidays, instead of the usual Tuesday date, the preliminary election is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17, and the General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3. To run for local office you must be a Somerville resident for at least 6 months, a registered voter in Somerville and file the required number of signatures.

Residents can find information about running for local office at the Election Department's website at somervillema.gov/elections or questions may be directed to the Elections Department by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 or emailing elections@ somervillema.gov

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Alderman at Large Jack Connolly brings campaign birthday event to hot spot Assembly Row

Alderman Connolly invites colleagues, friends, and neighbors to birthday fundraiser

Alderman John 'Jack' Connolly has announced that he is planning a combined birthday/fundraising event for the city's fall election. The event is taking place on May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tony C's, the latest addition to the city's hottest destination, Assembly Row, for the 2015 local election. "With Assembly Row's success over the past several months, we decided that this would be the perfect place to highlight Somerville's newest neighborhood and to launch our 2015 campaign efforts," said Connolly.

Alderman Connolly was very involved with the planning of Assembly Row and its initial design phase. Assembly Row hosts top of the lines shopping, dining and entertainment options for all ages as well as residences with views along the beautiful Mystic River.

Jack Connolly is a second-generation son of Irish Immigrants and has been re-elected to the Board of Alderman 15 times in the last 30 years. He brings with him a depth of knowledge of the City of Somerville and its history. All are invited so please stop by for a piece of birthday cake.

Announcement: Open Office Hours

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne and 34th Middlesex District Representative Christine Barber will be holding joint open offices hours on Saturday, May 9, 3:00-5 p.m. at Angelina's Pizzaria, 230 Holland St., Teele Square. Ask your questions, and share your issues and ideas.

By Jim Clark

Demonstration blockage broken up

While monitoring a peaceful demonstration in the Davis Sq. area by students from Tufts University last Thursday afternoon, police were reportedly forced to place several individuals under arrest after they failed to clear the roadway as requested by officers.

A small force comprised of both Tufts and City of Somerville police officers accompanied the protestors as they marched down College Ave. and preceded to the Powder House rotary. The rotary was temporarily closed to vehicular traffic so that the demonstrators could safely cross the road on their way back to the Tufts campus.

As they protesters were crossing the rotary, a representative from the group reportedly approached police and stated that it was the intention of some of the protesters to stage a "sit in" at the rotary, thus prolonging the closure indefinitely.

Police advised the group's representative that this could not be allowed, although a very brief sitting would be permitted to serve as a symbolic gesture by the protesters.

As the chanting protesters entered the rotary area, a number of them did sit themselves in the roadway, according to reports.

Police asked the protestors' representative to advise the seated demonstrators that if they did not leave they would be

placed under arrest.

The representative spoke with the protestors, and then reported to police that they would not leave and that they were not afraid of being placed under arrest.

At that point, police decided that the rotary had been blocked long enough and that several vehicles that had been backed up on all converging streets should be allowed to pass through the area.

The individuals involved in the blockade were peacefully taken into custody and removed from the rotary.

The following persons were placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct: Lorelei Kluever, Blaine Dzwonczyk, Vinik Zobella, Diane Gibson, Roxana Rivera, James Gordon, and Daniel Nicolai.

The scene was returned to normal, with traffic flow restored through the rotary.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Brian McCarthy, of 237 American Legion Hwy., Revere, April 28, 11:18 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, marked lanes violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to wear a seatbelt.

William Fournier, of 70 River Rd., April 29, 6:26 p.m., arrested at home on multiple warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle.

Charles Cashman, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, April 30, 10:54 a.m., arrested at 290 Washington St. on warrant charges of trespassing, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Lorelei Kluever, of 82 Mystic St., Medford, April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Blaine Dzwonczyk, of 411 Carmichael Hall, Medford, April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Vinik Zobella, of 15 Whitman St., April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Diane Gibson, of 27 Packard Ave., April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Roxana Rivera, of 210 Atlantic St., Warwick, RI, April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conducts

James Gordon, of 120 Hodgdon Hall, April 30, 3:18 p.m.,

arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Daniel Nicolai, of 73 Robert St., Roslindale, April 30, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Guerino Deque, of 129 Franklin St., Cambridge, May 2, 12:37 a.m., arrested at Concord Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jason Andrade, of 105 Puritan Rd., May 2, 10:19 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug, drug possession to dis-

tribute, possession of ammunition without FID card, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Lehandro Cruz, May 3, 12:14 p.m., arrested at 15 Mc-Grath Hwy. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

David Seibel, of 90 Morrison Ave., May 2, 12:15 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

Kevin Graham, of 75 Myrtle St., May 2, 5:49 p.m., arrested at home on charges of abuse prevention order violation and threat to commit a crime.

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Board of Alderman seeks answers to aircraft noise issues

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Alderman passed a resolution at their last regular meeting on April 23, requesting that the Administration, through city departments such as SomerStat and Communications, work with the Board to develop a strategy to analyze the increasing use of Runway 33L at Logan Airport and document the adverse noise impacts of this increased use on Somerville residents.

Alderman At Large William A. White Jr., a co-sponsor of the resolution along with Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti, explained what a huge impact the airplane noise has on the residents living in the area.

Alderman White asked that flight patterns and the number of residents affected be analyzed and be compared with other runways and communities.

"For a long time this Board has been putting forth resolutions and orders about the noise being generated by Logan Airport," Alderman White said. "The folks who don't live under the flights that fly over, they may wonder what the heck's going on here and why we keep doing this. For the folks who live under it, they can really understand because this really has a significant impact."

White asked those at the meeting to imagine living in a house where the fly-overs occur every two minutes, hour after hour. "In the summer, if you have your window open you cannot watch TV, so you have to have the air conditioning on," White explained. "Parents have to try to figure out where they can put their crib, because their baby gets woken up at 11:30 or 12 o'clock at night when one of these jets flies over."

White said that people have situation is so bad they are considering moving.

"Some people say, 'Well, that's what they get for living under it,"



Board President, Alderman At Large William A. White Jr., explained the need for a more thorough analysis of the aircraft noise problem confronting the city.

White continued. "Folks don't usually think about flight patterns before they buy a house. A lot of times they might be checking it out, but they're not there when the flights occur."

White indicated that what may be most frustrating is that the more resolutions and orders the Board puts in, the more planes seem to take off from Logan airport and fly over the city.

White further noted that back in 2012 approximately 12,000 flights took off over Somerville, and that in 2013 it went up to 18,000. Last year, according to White's data, more than 25,000 flights were recorded.

"It really has doubled within a couple of years," according to White. "If that carries forward we'll have an all-time record of flights out of runway 33L. So we really have to do something."

Alderman White affirmed the availability of data mining personnel who can analyze the situation and help find solutions to the problem.

"I would like them to take a look at the flight patterns that affect us, and the number of folks who are affected," White said. "It runs anywhere from Assembly contacted him and said that the Square to Ten Hills. Goes all the way out through Somerville and even affects people in Arlington, Belmont and Watertown."

White speculated that Somer-

ville has the loudest noise affecting the most people in the entire area. "We have to put on a strong campaign," he asserted.

Alderman Rossetti announced that Professor Jonathan Levy's class at Boston University did a study of this problem and that there would be a presentation of its findings on April 30. Rossetti stated that she would attend the presentation and report back to the Board on its findings.

Rossetti did express a concern that the time frame of the study had minimal flights, however, and that three days after the completion of the study the constituents that participated in it were inundated with the plane noise again and that they were extremely frustrated.

"I did get a call from two people who are moving, they're selling their houses," Rossetti said. "In my neighborhood there is a house for sale and the couple and their realtor were clenching their teeth during the open house, hoping that the planes would not be flying overhead."

Rossetti expressed her concern that there have been major changes in the noise levels in the city due to the over-flights, and that something must be done to alleviate the problem.

The resolution was approved without opposition and the matter referred to committee.

Fire Dept. training at Highland Avenue





For four days last week Somerville firefighters conducted training using a vacant, commercial building at 311 Highland Avenue. Firefighters trained on rescuing an injured firefighter trapped in a basement during a fire. They also practiced using thermal imaging cameras to see through smoke, practiced using search ropes and two newly purchased Pak Tracker firefighter locating devices that lock on a signal produced when a downed firefighter activates an emergency alert. Firefighters were tasked with entering the dark and smoke filled basement, searching for and locating an injured firefighter, providing him with an air supply and removing the firefighter to safety. The training took place in a darkened, windowless basement that was filled with "smoke" from a fog machine to create realistic conditions. The Somerville Fire Department would like to thank Marshall and Gwen Simpkins for allowing firefighters to utilize this property to provide critical training for Somerville firefighters.

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Fire Chief Kelleher resigns

After 37 and one-half years of distinguished service with the Somerville Fire Department and 18 and one-half years at the helm of the department, Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher, whose official title is Chief Engineer of the Somerville Fire Department, will be retiring as of May 16, 2015, announced Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

"Chief Kelleher was a civil servant whose dream was to be a fire fighter, and as he pursued that goal, our whole city benefitted. Having this dedicated, tireless, forward-thinking civil servant lead our fire department into the 21st century, has made our community safer, our safety policies smarter, and emergency response capabilities broader," said Mayor Curtatone. "But Chief Kelleher didn't just manage strategically, he knew our streets. This was a hands-on Chief who was at every fire scene and who personally drove every snow-covered street repeatedly this winter to ensure passage was clear for emergency vehicles. In short, he made our community safer and he deserves our community's highest gratitude for that. I cannot speak highly enough of his commitment and contribution to our community, and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved and hard-earned retirement."

Kelleher joined the Somerville Fire Department in Oct. 1977, and rose through the ranks to eventually become Chief in 1997. His 18 years as Chief, make him the longest serving chief in the Metro Fire Region. During his tenure as Chief Fire

Engineer, he worked to modernize equipment and procedures and among other advancements, introduced data-based management and safety analysis, hiring the department's first ever fire data analyst. Kelleher spearheaded the effort to establish Rescue Company 1, which expanded the department's ability to respond to major and complex emergencies including building collapse. Under his leadership, the department was also selected to join the Metro Boston Homeland Secure Region, which provides coordinated regional responses to major emergencies in the metro area.

> "This has been 37 years of a job well done"

"Chief Kelleher is a consummate professional who deservedly rose through the ranks and who has steadily moved the department forward, even right up to the very end as he initiated the creation of a new, state-ofthe-art headquarters that will provide the proper training facilities and a centrally located homebase for our crews," said Alderman At Large Jack Connolly, Chair of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. "Wherever there was an opportunity for improvements and enhancements whether it was in acquiring specialized training



Retiring Somerville Fire Department Chief Kevin Kelleher.

for crews, ensuring the community was reminded of safety precautions, or transforming the department's data analysis capabilities, Kelleher was sure to spot it and then make it happen. This has been 37 years of a job well done."

Mayor Curtatone is currently considering several candidates to serve as provisional Chief Fire Engineer until a new Chief is hired. The City will be working with the State Human Resources Division on the selection process for a new chief.

"Right from the start, the Chief was always a go getter," said Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Sullivan. "He was very dedicated to the fire service. When he first started out, he used to chase fires in other communities to observe their response techniques and learn from their approaches. And eventually, he put Somerville on a playing field equal to that of Boston when it comes to emergency response. We are now a major player in emergency response in the region thanks to his efforts, especially with bringing in Rescue 1. It has been an honor to work with him, and it will be an honor to see the department through this transition."

— City of Somerville

Mayor Curtatone honored on Law Day



On Sunday, May 3 the Massachusetts Sons of Italy presented Mayor Joseph Curtatone (pictured right) with the 2015 Public Service Award in honor of Law Day. During his twelve years as Mayor and eight years as a Somerville Alderman, Curtatone brought reforms and redevelopment to Somerville earning it distinctions by regional and national organizations, including the "Best Run City in Massachusetts" by the Boston Globe, and a winner of the 2009 All American City Award. Somerville Attorney Phil Privitera (pictured left) serves as the Sons of Italy's Massachusetts Commissioner on Laws. Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kathryn Polito (pictured center) served as Toast Master of the celebration. Both Privitera and Polito are members of the Sons of Italy Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge.

Students call hunger strike to stop janitor cuts CONT. FROM PG 3

from a long history of Tufts treating workers poorly," said first-year student Nicole Joseph, an organizer with Tufts Labor Coalition. "We have decided to pursue this drastic action to make Tufts administrators' priorities align with the rest of the Tufts community, given that all previous efforts from workers and students have been silenced and ignored."

Students plan to continue

to strike and occupy with the support of the janitors and the larger community until the administration agrees to discontinue plans for cuts before contract renegotiations in spring of 2016.

Tweet at @tuftslabor #JusticeFor-TuftsJanitors #NoCutsAtTufts #JumboInjustice Instagram: @tuftslabor

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Spring String Fling

Join in for a musical celebration at the annual Spring String Fling, scheduled to be held at the Somerville High School Field House on Thursday, May 7. String students from around the District will be performing at this free musical event. The concert begins at 7:00pm.



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

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lan McFeron 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 13

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday May 14

Box of Birds, Los Goutos, Los Texacanos 7:30 p.m.

Friday May 15

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
Suzanne McNeil & the Sleepeaters, Speed Fossil,
Trick Wallace Trio \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday May 16

The Byrneinaters 6 p.m. TBA 9:30 p.m.

Sunday May 17

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 7 p.m.



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Dorothy's Corner



Fresh Tomato Salsa

One of the foods I enjoy, especially in the spring and summer is fresh tomato salsa. I use it in a variety of ways. I serve it with my favorite tortilla chip, on a taco, and on the side along with grilled chicken or a piece of fish, adding freshness to any dish.

The best time to get the freshest tomatoes here in the Northeast is June through August. In a pinch, I have used canned petite diced tomatoes, and when I do, I prefer to use tomatoes that have been flash steamed. By using this type, the tomatoes texture and flavor stays the same once they are refrigerated. Best to use the leftovers up within a day or two. Parsley could also be substitut-

ed for the cilantro if you don't care for the flavor of cilantro.

5 vine ripe tomatoes, seeded and diced or 1 (14 - 1/2 oz) can of petite diced tomatoes, drained

1/2 jalapeño, seeded and finely minced 1 large garlic clove, finely minced Zest of 1 lime, plus the juice of 1/2 lime 1/2 cup chopped cilantro 1/4 cup red onion, finely diced

1/2 tsp. Kosher salt

1/4 tsp. cumin

In a medium sized bowl, mix all the ingredients together. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed and serve.

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Brad Rawson named head of Transportation and Infrastructure

Somerville Senior City Planner Brad Rawson has been selected to head the Transportation and Infrastructure Division in the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD), Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and OSPCD Executive Director Michael F. Glavin announced.

A planner in in OSPCD since 2007, Rawson was instrumental in developing the City's SomerVision Comprehensive Plan and Somerville by Design efforts, setting the stage for Somerville's development future and gathering wide acclaim for the processes, while managing more than \$2 million in planning funds for the department. Rawson succeeds former Director Hayes Morrison.

"I am extremely pleased to welcome Brad as our Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. Brad has been an invaluable member of our team for the better part of this administration, and has taken every opportunity to help move this city forward," said Mayor Curtatone. "His extensive work with SomerVision and Somerville by Design as well as the Inner Belt planning initiatives involved residents and community stakeholders from all aspects of our City and have produced key guiding principles for Somerville's future. He will be a tremendous leader and advocate for our ongoing and exciting transportation projects."

"As a resident and public servant of this great city, I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to continue serving our community," said Rawson. "Our residents and my colleagues in Mayor Curtatone's administration have taught me so much about Somerville's traditions of open government, data-driven public policy, and the relationships between mobility, economic opportunity, social justice, and community identity. I treasure this city, and I am delighted to continue the important work of planning for a vibrant and sustainable future."

Rawson is a Somerville resident, and holds a Masters in Planning from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont.

The City of Somerville will conduct a search to fill the Senior Planner position.

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Somerville Farm to School Empowering Mindful Eaters

The Somerville Farm to School Project is empowering students across the District to become "mindful eaters" with fun and engaging nutrition education experiences. Students at several schools in the District recently tried out pepper strips dipped in a veggie yogurt dip in taste tests held during the lunch period. Learn about some of the things we're doing to encourage healthy eating choices by visiting the Somerville Farm to School blog at http://somervillefarmtoschool.blog-spot.com/.

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Somerville native son honored by Tufts



Tufts University School of Engineering 2015 Outstanding Career Achievement Award recipient Paul Kelly (left) with Tufts President Anthony P. Monaco (right). — Photo by Kelvin Ma/Tufts University

By Jim Clark

Paul Kelly, Senior Principal at the engineering firm Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc., Boston branch, was recently honored with the Tufts University School of Engineering 2015 Outstanding Career Achievement Award.

In introducing Kelley at the award ceremony on April 24, Tufts President Anthony P. Monaco said, "Paul is widely recognized as a leader in the profession. He has authored or co-authored 23 papers, is frequently sought out as a guest speaker, and has won numerous awards, including the Clemens Herschel Award of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers. The professional accomplishments of graduates like Paul Kelley make us tremendously proud, and provide outstanding role models for students today. Paul, we are pleased to present you with the Tufts University School of Engineering Outstanding Career Achievement Award."

In his acceptance speech given, Kelley remarked on how special it was for him to be accepted into Tufts and what the experience has come to mean for him as he advanced throughout his career. The full text of his speech follows:

"Thank you very much for this award, I am of course honored to receive it.

"I was very surprised and gladdened when I learned of this award, and especially gladdened when I learned that several of my coworkers advanced my case.

"Any award name containing the words 'career achievement' is bound to trigger a period of reflection. In my case, I have reflected on how lucky I have been.

"I came from a loving and supportive family in Somerville. I had extremely supportive teachers in the now closed St. Ann's parochial school. I attended Malden Catholic High School and learned there to act like an adult. I found a great job at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, where I have been challenged intellectually every day for 36 years. I have a won-

derful wife and four children who have all allowed me the freedom to work hard and travel around the country on civil and structural engineering assignments of all types.

"Among the luckiest events in my life to date are two involving Tufts.

"The first stroke of Tufts' luck was my admission to the undergraduate program. In the early 1970's, it was difficult to gain admission to Tufts as a 'townie.' But in 1973, there was political pressure from Somerville and Medford to coax Tufts into letting more 'townies" into the school. I benefited from the resulting increase in local students. I worked very hard at my studies and met many great professors, including Professor Lew Edgers, who taught me geotechnical engineering, and, especially, Professor Ken Tsutsumi, who taught me structural engineering, professionalism, and the benefits and joys of life-long learning.

"My second stroke of Tufts' luck was being offered a two-year, graduate-school position as teaching assistant to Professor Tsutsumi - grading papers, running the structural lab, and eventually teaching a full course to second year students. The position came with a generous stipend and full tuition, without which I probably would not have attended graduate school. The extended course work and the opportunities to teach greatly prepared me to succeed as a consultant.

"Tufts introduced me to people from many different backgrounds and with many different viewpoints than I experienced growing up in Somerville. Tufts challenged me intellectually to such a degree that I had to learn to work hard for success. Tufts provided me a foundation to solve diverse technical problems, and, in the more recent years, business problems of all types.

"So again, I thank Tufts for the award, and I thank Tufts for the opportunities that have allowed me to experience such a wonderful career."

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call r ecords local senators' and representatives' votes on six roll calls from the week of April 27-May 1. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

There were only 17 roll call votes during the three days of budget debate in the House on the \$38 billion fiscal 2016 state budget. That total is down from the prior two budgets when 40 and then 34 roll calls were held. One of the reasons for this year's lower number is that not enough Republicans stood to request a roll call vote on several issues. A roll call is required in the House if 16 or more representatives request one. Since there are 35 Republican members in the House, the GOP can demand a roll call whenever it wants. That was not the way it worked last week. A group of GOP members who have far less than a close working relationship with Republican Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) stood up several times to request a roll call on various amendments. They were not joined by enough GOP colleagues to reach the magic number of 16.

The proposed amendments that were debated in the House on which an insufficient number of representatives requested a roll call included proposals to: prohibit any use of public funds for the 2024 Olympics; create an annual permanent meals tax holiday on March 22-27; prohibit any tax hike from becoming effective sooner than one year after it is approved; require six regional public hearings before any tax hike is voted upon by the Legislature; increase review of rules and regulations with economic impacts on small businesses; and establish smoking cessation programs for firefighters and police.

Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) said that Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) directed Republican members to remain seated and not request roll calls, and Diehl called upon Jones to explain his actions. "I stood for all roll calls and I would not think to speak for him or to begin to rationalize his actions," said Diehl.

Jones responded, "Once again the representative is in error. I never asked nor told anyone not to stand. As Minority Leader I have a great many demands and responsibilities, especially during budget week, and the sponsor of any amendment has primary responsibility, if they want a roll call, to make efforts to ensure there is sufficient support for a roll call. Any member's inability to secure a roll call lies first and foremost with themselves."

Jones continued, "The budget week is always a busy week with visitors, advocates and a variety of meetings commanding the attention of members and drawing them away from the chamber. Neither Rep. O'Connell or Diehl ever spoke with me before, during or after the budget debate about their amendments or roll calls for their amendments."

Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) said it is important that the people know how their representatives vote in order to hold them accountable. She continued, "I make it a point to be in the chamber the majority of the time. The people expect us to pay attention, not be distracted. I had a meeting that I could not attend because I wanted to make sure I was in the chamber."

O'Connell added that she sent an email to every GOP member Monday at 7:14 p.m. with the amendments she had left that she expected to ask for roll calls on during the remainder of the debate. "I debated on and stood for roll calls that I did not expect," she said. "A fundamental part of our job is to vote. There are people in the chamber who do not stand for roll calls. The lack of transparency in this state is stunning and does a great disservice to the people."

Assistant Minority Whip Rep. Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleboro) echoed Jones and commented, "People had meetings and many things to attend to so it may have been just the situation at the time."

APPROVE \$38 BILLION FISCAL 2016 STATE BUDGET (H 3400)

House 158-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$38 million fiscal 2016 budget that increases spending by 2.8 percent.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility and not raising taxes.

Much of the work on the budget was done behind the scenes. Here's how it worked: Individual representatives filed dozens of proposed amendments to the budget on similar subject matter, such as the amount of state aid to cities and towns, social services and public safety. The representatives were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their proposed amendments to Democratic leaders who then drafted "consolidated amendments" that included some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

MBTA RETIREMENT FUND (H 3400)

House 38-120, rejected a proposed amendment requiring the MBTA Retirement Fund to make available online the minutes of its board meetings within seven days of any meeting.

Amendment supporters said that this board has operated mostly in secrecy and that this new requirement would make the board more transparent. They noted the retirement fund receives state money and should be accountable to the taxpayers.

Amendment opponents said the amendment should be considered later, when the House takes up a transportation bill filed by Gov. Charlie Baker. They noted that that route would allow the proposed amendment to be aired at a public hearing, rather than be considered in the budget process without a public hearing.

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

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

TRIPLE DAMAGES (H 3400)

House 37-122, rejected an amendment to the budget that would have repealed a 2008 law which requires employers who are found liable of failing to pay wages to an employee in a timely fashion to pay him or her triple the amount of money owed. The 2008 law was passed in response to a 2005 court ruling that left the amount of the award to the discretion of the judge.

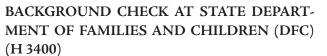
Amendment supporters said that the 2008 law goes too far and takes away all discretion from judges despite the circumstances of the case. They argued that the law should be flexible because employers who make an honest error should not be required to pay triple damages. Amendment opponents defended the 2008 law and argued that triple damages should automatically be awarded to deter employers from holding back compensation

owed to employees. (A "Yes" vote is for repealing the law and is against mandating triple damages. A "No" vote is against repeal and favors mandating triple damages.)

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

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House 159-0, approved an amendment that would require the DFC to conduct stricter background checks on all applicants to be adoptive or foster parents and all their household members age 15 or older.

Amendment supporters said a recent audit showed that 25 of the applicants' homes matched the address of registered sex offenders. They said the current system is inadequate and puts children already at risk in further risk. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (H 3400)

House 115-44, approved an amendment requiring the state to establish rules and regulations regarding the disclosure and verification of social security numbers for applicants of public or subsidized housing. The amendment also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development study and submit a report on the matter of public housing eligibility by July 1, 2016. The report would include the number of applicants and household members for state-assisted public housing who would be unable to access it if required to submit a social security number on their application,

The amendment would replace an earlier proposal to require applicants and household members over the age of 18 to provide a social security number upon application for public housing and prohibit anyone who does not supply the number from being eligible for housing.

Amendment supporters said the earlier proposal goes too far and will not solve any problems. They argued the amendment is a thoughtful and fair approach to this problem.

Amendment opponents said the earlier proposal would be simple and effective: if you don't provide a social security number, you are not eligible for public housing. They argued it is unfair to provide housing to illegal immigrants.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment. A"No" vote is against the amendment.

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

SICK TIME (H 3400)

House 45-114, rejected a proposed amendment that would delay by 90 days the implementation of the earned sick leave law approved by voters in a referendum last November. The law is scheduled to go into effect on July 1.

Amendment supporters said an initial draft of the regulations was released just a few days ago. They argued that by the time the final regulations are adopted, it will be close to July 1 and businesses will have only a short time to figure out how best to implement the law.

Amendment opponents said the Legislature should not thwart or change a law approved by voters in 2014. They said that an implementation delay would prevent employees from beginning to accrue their sick time hours. (A "Yes" vote is for the delay. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

Rep. Christine Barber No

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Here are three more laws that were approved by the 2014 Legislature and went into effect last month.

TAX EXEMPTIONS OFFERED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES (H 4553) - Requires all cities and towns to submit to the state a list of all the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals in that community. The state would then compile a complete list of what each city and town offers. Prior to this law, the state only tracked these tax exemptions and deferrals if they were reimbursed by the state.

Supporters say this will ensure that there is oversight and tracking of all these programs regardless whether their costs are reimbursed by the state.

TOWN MEETINGS (S 2121) - Allows town moderators, after consultation with local public safety officials and selectmen, to recess and continue a town meeting at a future time, date and place because of a weather-related or public safety emergency. It also repeals a law that required the moderator to be present at the physical location of the town meeting in order to declare the recess. Supporters cite the example of the town of Georgetown, which wanted to postpone its town meeting during a hurricane but could only legally do so if the moderator actually braved the hurricane and went to the location of the meeting. They said this is unnecessary and dangerous.

STERILIZE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (H 4384) - Gives local cities and towns the ability to opt into a law requiring that schools inform parents of children who are using a borrowed wind instrument that, while the instrument has been sanitized, parents have the option to also have it sterilized to eradicate all microbial life within the instrument. The school would arrange to have the instrument sterilized but the parent would be required to pay the cost. The law would only take effect in cities or towns that choose to adopt it. Wind instruments include the flute, piccolo, clarinet, oboe, trumpet and trombone.

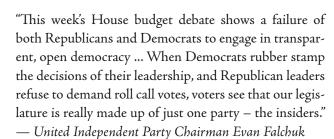
The measure has been proposed for several years but never made it through the entire legislative process until last year. In past years, some versions of the bill were stricter and would have required all schools that opt into the law to sterilize each wind instrument and also pay

Supporters of the tougher version pointed to studies showing that bacteria that cause strep and staph infections can thrive for months inside the instrument.

Supporters of the local option version that was eventually adopted argued that it is a reasonable compromise and asserted that there is no proof anyone has ever contracted an infection from a musical instrument.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The House of Representatives' budget demonstrates that through fiscal prudence and thoughtful investments we can achieve sustainable economic growth and set the standard for aiding citizens facing adversity." — House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop).



"When it's less safe to send your daughter to college than to keep her home with you and have her work at McDonald's, you know we have a lot of work to do." — Rep. Tricia Farley Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) on the problem of sexual violence on college campuses.

"It's time to end the dash to stash offshore cash and let creativity flourish in the market place, not in the tax code to use offshore tax havens to avoid paying their share of corporate taxes." — Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury) speaking in favor of his amendment to close corporate loopholes that allow corporations earning profits in Massachusetts to use offshore tax havens to avoid paying their state corporate taxes.

"We cannot thank the Blue Star Mothers of Massachusetts enough for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families to protect our safety and freedom." — Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announcing plans to designate May as Blue Star Mothers of Massachusetts month.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of April 27-May 1, the House met for a total of 31 hours and 18 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 17 minutes.

Mon . April 27	House 10:05 a.m. to 8:35 p.m.
	Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:29 p.m.
Tues. April 28	House 10:02 a.m. to 8:56 p.m.
	No Senate session
Wed. April 29	House 10:04 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
	No Senate session
Thurs. April 30	House 11:02 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
	Senate 1:02 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Fri. May 1	No House session
	No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Supporting Nepal and our community after the earthquake



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Thousands have died in a massive earthquake that has ravaged Nepal, thousands are injured, and the death toll will likely climb even higher. This is a humanitarian crisis that requires a massive response. The coming months are critical. Supplies are needed and could quickly run out, and getting supplies to affected areas across the mountainous country is difficult with widespread damage to roads and bridges. Hospitals are tending to the injured while services and utilities, already challenged in Asia's second-poorest country, are disrupted and unreliable. Almost a million-and-a-half people are in need of food assistance and many require temporary shelter. Last week, we held a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the earthquake's victims and to support Somerville's Nepali community. Our community will continue to step up to support our friends, neighbors, and Nepali community here and in their native country.

The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative has compiled a list of aid groups that send more than 80 percent of their donations to direct aid, if you choose to support relief efforts in that way:

- + AmeriCares: Stocks emergency medicine and relief supplies for delivery in times of crisis. An AmeriCares team brought medicine and supplies to Nepal, and is treating those injured in the earthquake.
- · Direct Relief: This agency has an emergency response team in and around Kathmandu and is coordinating with the UN and other organizations to provide

medical supplies and assistance.

- Handicap International: This agency was already working in Nepal and is providing post-trauma rehabilitation, care for the injured, and medical equipment includes wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and splints.
- Save the Children: Active in Nepal since 1976, this agency has setup a Nepal Earthquake Children's Relief Fund. Save the Children is providing hygiene kits, shelter and kitchen sets for families.
- + Seva Foundation: Active in Nepal for three decades, Seva has a network of clinics and partner hospitals throughout Nepal and is providing assistance in coordination with other organizations.
- · Unicef: Working to provide assistance including clean water and shelter, Unicef has been providing tents, hygiene kits, water purification tablets and shelter, in addition to psychological support for children living in temporary camps and shelters.

While we can reach out and support those affected overseas, we should also support those here in our community-members of the Nepali community and especially children, both those directly affected by the tragedy and others who may hear news about the earthquake and have questions or are worried and anxious. The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative also has advice on helping children through this crisis, such as remembering that young children are more likely to show their feelings rather than say what they are feeling outright. Adults can take care to keep the news off when young children are nearby, and remind children that they are safe, they are not alone in feeling confused and sad, and that people from around the world are working to help in Nepal. Children should be offered to share their thoughts and feelings in any way that they are

comfortable, and also offered

the opportunity to take action by donating money or supplies to help.

Adults should remember to take care of themselves, too. Take a break from the news, eat and drink water. Get enough rest while staying active. Take care of yourself emotionally and socially, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Reach out to people. Trauma can impact people differently with a wide range of reactions, all of them normal. The Somerville Trauma Response Network is available at 857-221-0942 and can provide immediate support and connect you with services for children and adults.

I am thankful for all who turned out for last week's vigil to support those in our community who need it most, and for the support I know we will continue to provide. This is what Somerville does: We come together and we support one another. Let us keep Nepal in our hearts and minds as the country recovers from this tragedy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor.

I was thrilled to read about the US Supreme Court's March 25, 2015 decision on *Young vs. UPS*, in which the Supreme Court ruled that UPS should have made reasonable, temporary accommodations for Young while she was pregnant on the job. This is especially relevant here in Massachusetts, as over *half* of women in the workforce are pregnant or new mothers.

Contaminated MBTA building at Avon & School to be auctioned

The dilapidated MBTA building at the corner of Avon and School Streets will be sold at auction on May 21. The opening bid will be \$487,000 according to Alderman Bob McWatters. The owner of the abutting gas station, Adam Dash, is supposedly the most likely buyer. Presumably the property would be developed as luxury condos.

My younger brother and myself, our

family would not have survived finan-

cially or otherwise. For over 25 years, my

mother has worked in retail, the physical-

ly demanding positions of which require

that employees stand for long periods of

time and often ask that they lift heavy ob-

jects. Were it not for the accommodations

that her employers made, like allowing

her to use the restroom more frequently

The building was originally a power converting station that provided 600 VDC for the #85 streetcar route. It still contains massive, deteriorated early 20th-century electrical transformers, and is therefore almost certainly heavily con-

20 pounds, my mothers' health and safety would have been put at risk. Studies have shown that physically demanding work can lead to premature birth and low birth

and ensuring that she lift no more than

Our legislators must pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, H. 1769, which would require employers to make small and reasonable accommodations for

taminated with PCB (polychlorinated PCD director Michael Glavin told Albiphenyl). PCB is an extremely toxic and persistent pollutant, similar to dioxin, and remediating it is notoriously difficult and expensive.

Numerous residents have expressed interest in a park at this location, including ex-Mayor Dorothy Gay, who lives directly across the street from it. However OS-

pregnant workers and new mothers. Doing so benefits everyone—not only mothers and children, but also employers and taxpayers via reduced turnover, increased employee satisfaction, and reduced unemployment. This Mother's Day, let's celebrate the many contributions that mothers make in our world, not penalize them. Sincerely, Elizabeth Coley

derman McWatters that the city has no interest in taking the property for a park, due to the prohibitive cost of remediating the contamination. Why a condo developer would knowingly undertake this cost is still unclear.

Somerville Development Watch http://somervilledevelopmentwatch.org/

Stone Zoo for Everybody!

Isn't it great sign of Spring to see the many cars and SUVs of zoo-goers and picnickers in the parking lots of Stone Zoo and DCR's Greenwood Park, just across the street? How wonderful that they can so conveniently benefit from all that the Zoo and the Park offer. But, what about families who don't drive? How can they get there and back? The answer is, "By Bus" -- IF, that is, IF they are up to walking

about 1KM from the nearest stop. That's more than one-half mile. This distance and its impracticalities and hazards may be why "How to Get There" directions to Stone Zoo and Greenwood Park do not include "Take the T".

MassDOT kindly responded to inquiries as to why Bus 132 (Orange Line to Redstone/Stoneham) does not stop at the Zoo and the Park. Part of that answer is "Safety": There are no suitable street corners nearby, nor any present way

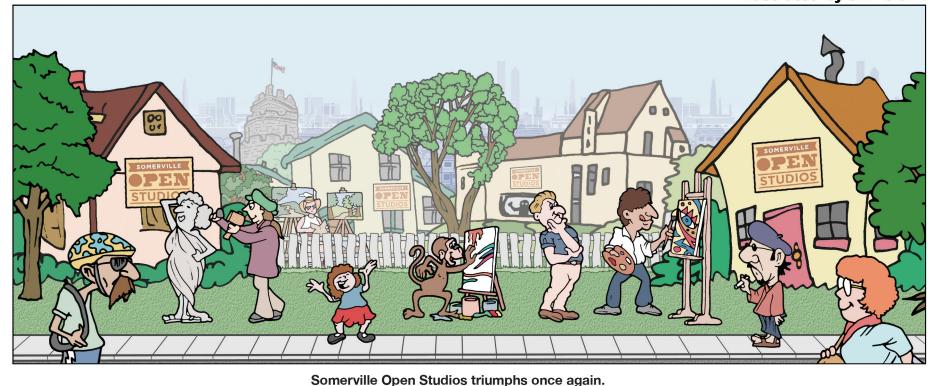
for a bus to turn into and out from the Zoo (southbound) and the Park (northbound) to safely let passengers off and on. The other part of the answer is that providing proper bus stops at the Zoo and the Park would require cooperative effort by MassDOT, Stone Zoo, DCR, and the City of Stoneham.

We've all seen the sign to drivers, "T -The Alternate Route". We drivers, who get ourselves and our families to Stone Zoo and Greenwood Park so easily, should keep in mind families for whom the T is not the "alternative" way to get somewhere and back, but the only way. For their sake, stops on Bus 132 should be established at the Zoo and the Park; and, cooperation to do so should be encouraged and rewarded. For our sake, we drivers and our families will benefit by being with people who so value Nature and Recreation that they will even "Take the T" to get there! Paul Lang

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



One thing can be said for sure about our beloved city: there is no want for creative energy and enterprise. Just look at the 100+ artists who participated in this weekend's Somerville Open Studios (SOS) event. Artisans and crafters of seemingly limitless disciplines and choice of media work and thrive right here among us humble, regular types

who wouldn't know a palette knife from a chainsaw.

That's the nicest part of it. Events like SOS give all of us an opportunity to peek in and observe how these creative types work and live. Whether one is knowledgeable or a newbie, there always seems to be a welcoming spirit that prevails throughout the course of the event.

It's not just about being a voyeur or casual observer either. There are also plenty of opportunities to "get one's hands dirty" while dabbling in a particular medium for the first time while taking part in an instructional demonstration.

And, of course, there is also the possibly of making a keen purchase and adding to one treasure trove of original artwork.

All in all, SOS represents the city at its best in many ways. Sharp, creative minds opening up and reaching out to the community at large, while the people who make up that community reciprocate in kind, sharing their sense of appreciation for what these artists manage to accomplish.

Now, that's a work of art in itself.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Another old Somerville family business is now gone from its location at Medford Street and Partridge Avenue, the old Piro Printing shop. Marc Piro has joined up with another printing associate in Charlestown. So even though the family homestead is gone, the shop has moved to Charlestown. If you know Marc, he has the same number. Call him for all your printing needs at 617-620-7629. We wish Marc and then entire Piro family nothing but the best. They were a powerhouse going back decades here in the city. How many remember that the grandfather was the printing teacher at Northeastern Junior High?

It was very sad to see all those people lined up to get that last pie, cookie, and special cake at Patsy's last week. We couldn't find a parking space near the place since Friday. Sal says he'll be back. We do know they keep looking for a new place in the meantime, but nothing yet.

Happy Birthday this week to former Alderman Walter Pero, who we hope is enjoying retirement. We wish him a good birthday and many more. Also this week, Aida Sousa-Braga from the Ville is celebrating. We wish her all the best for her birthday. Happy Birthday to Anita Erin, who is also celebrating this week. Happy birthday too to Brian Whalley. We wish him the very best. Also, happy birthday to Anthony Frazer, who grew up here in the Ville, we wish him a good day this week. And local guy Leo Saltman is also celebrating his birthday this week as well. Finally, happy birthday to Nancy Wollenburg. We wish her the very best and many more.

We heard the name of a third player in the Ward 6 Alderman race. A gentleman by the name of Lance Davis is jumping in. He looks to have the support of some of the progressives. This is going to be interesting seeing how the progressives split three ways in Ward 6, with Robin Ackerman having some support and Charlie Chisholm also having progressive support. What's interesting is that the Board of Alderman moved the primary day from a Tuesday to Thursday because of a Jewish holiday. So in Wards 4 and 6, so far the only places to have a primary, it's going to prove harder to get out the votes on a day that the voters are not used to voting on.

The current zoning bill will not be acted upon by the Board of Alderman. It looks like they are just going to let it

lie and pick and choose what they like and maybe bring it back for a vote in a year or so.

Register for the May 16 Bike Safety Day, hosted by the Somerville Kiwanis Club, and a chance to win a new bike and other great prizes. Registration is limited to the first 150 students. Applications must be returned to the child's teacher. To be held at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St. on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all bikes must be in working order. The day will include free bike inspection, helmets and reflectors, bike safety pamphlets and information, fun bicycle obstacle courses, and free refreshments. Additional special events include face painting, music, and more. Contact David Blumsack with questions at (617) 776-7645.

Saturday, May 9, 12:30-5:00 p.m., the Center for Teen Empowerment hosts the Ninth Annual Youth Peace Conference at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. The Conference will feature a stage presentation using the arts that addresses the root causes of issues that youth are currently facing. Through youth-led performances that will include skits, music, spoken word,

rap and speeches, the Youth Peace Conference will explore how youth, adults, police, politicians, and community organizations can work together for a more peaceful community.

Join the celebration of the unveiling of *A World of Culture and Learning*, a mosaic mural created by West Somerville Neighborhood School students in grades 3-8. The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. at the front entrance to the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Kelven Polite and Aya El Hassan, freshmen at Somerville High School, will be spending their next three summers attending Harvard as part of a group of 30 high-achieving high school freshmen from Somerville, Boston and Cambridge accepted to Harvard's Crimson Summer Academy. The 30 Crimson Scholars will spend the next three summers attending classes, participating in projects, field trips and cultural events, and attending lectures presented by faculty members at Harvard. Crimson Scholars receive full financial support for room, board, and tuition, along with an annual summer stipend. Visit www. crimsonsummer.harvard.edu/index. html to learn more about the Harvard Crimson Summer Academy.

Somerville Open Studios 2015: An inside look at the arts of the city





































Photos by Claudia Ferro





SPORTS

Third Annual Rush Hour Race on its way

By Tom Bannister

What is the fastest way to get from a job in Downtown Boston to home in one of the many residential neighborhoods of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge and Somerville? The Boston Cyclists Union and the Somerville Bicycle Committee seek to answer this question with a race between a motorist, a cyclist, an MBTA rider, and a Hubway rider from Downtown Boston to Union Square in Somerville with the Third Annual Rush Hour Race next Tuesday, May 12.

The race will occur during the evening rush hour and can serve as a study for how transportation is changing in the city. Bicycling as a transportation option has doubled in Boston since 2008, and Somerville has one of the

highest levels of bike commuting in the country. The results of this race could also change one day when a new Green Line Station and bike path are installed in Union Square in 2017.

All racers are required to follow all the rules of the road.

"The Somerville Bike Committee's Rush Hour Race is a lot like that old fable about the tortoise and the hare," said Pete Stidman, executive director of the Boston Cyclists Union. "It's a great way to remind people that it's not always the fastest vehicle that wins the race. And don't forget about the spectators! Just like any other great spectator sport, it's a great reason to hang out with friends and drink a beer—responsibly of course."

If you want to ride along with a contestant then let the race



So, which shall it be? Bike? Car? T? The challenge has been issued as the Third Annual Rush Hour Race takes to the streets next week to put them all to the test.

Ms. Cam's 110

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. Which U.S. President officially proclaimed Mother's Day?
- 2. What is the name of the woman whose work was being recognized in establishing Mother's Day?
- 3. What did England call Mother's Day??
- 4. What flower symbolizes Mother's Day?
- 5. What is the most popular month in which to have a baby?
- 6. How long did Elvis
 Presley sleep in the same
 bed with his mother?

- 7. What are the odds of a mother delivering twins?
- 8. What television mom drove a flowered bus?
- 9. In what year was the first Mother's Day celebrated in the U.S.?
- 10. Who was the mother whose life was depicted in *Mommy Dearest?*
- 11. In France, what is Mother's Day referred to as?
- 12. What is the first name of President Barack Obama's mother?

Answers on page 20

organizers know (contact info below).

The race itinerary is as follows:

- 5:30 p.m. Spectators assemble at Brass Union Bar, 70 Union Square in Union Square, Somerville
- + 5:30 p.m. Racers Assemble at One Beacon St. Plaza (corner of Beacon and Somerset Streets), Boston
- + 6:00 p.m. Race begins
- + 6:20-7:00 p.m. Racers cross

finish line at Brass Union in Union Square

• 7 p.m.-ish Award ceremony by Pete Stidman, Executive Director Boston Cyclists Union, Ken Carlson, Secretary Somerville Bicycle Committee.

An associated festival will concurrently take place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. celebrating alternative transportation in Union Square with multiple bicycle and transportation as-

sociations, vendors, food, music, and fun activities.

Sponsors of the event include Bike Safe Boston, Brass Union, Howard Stern Hudson, Hubway, Hub Bicycles, Montague, Pretty Things, Whole Foods, and Zipcar.

For more information: www.bostoncyclistsunion.org, www.somervillebikes.org, #RushHour-Race, https://www.facebook.com/events/885921878113669.

City honors Robert Schofield



The Somerville Board of Alderman issued a citation to Robert Schofield at their latest regular meeting on April 23 for his winning the Joao Rodrigues Distinguished Service Award presented by the MA Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association. Born and raised in Somerville (SHS Class of 1985), the citation states that he has re-invigorated youth baseball and softball in Somerville, serving more than 200 youth with the Somerville Youth Softball and Somerville Babe Ruth programs in the last three years. The mayor and the membership of the Board extended their gratitude and offered their best wishes for continuing success in this endeavor.

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19th Annual Mystic River **Herring Run and Paddle**



By Rebecca Danvers

Join the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) for the 19th Annual Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle on Sunday, May 17.

The event includes a 5K road race (run/ walk) on the USATF certified course along the beautiful Mystic River and a 3, 9, or 12 mile canoe or kayak race through Somerville, Medford and Arlington to the Mystic Lakes.

Participants may compete in the 5K race and 12 mile paddle race and be eligible for the Iron Herring Award for the top male and female with the fastest overall time. Teams of participants are encouraged, and many wonderful prizes have been donated by local establishments.

Music, children's activities, and educational exhibits by local advocacy groups add to the festivities as well as food generously provided by Whole Foods Market of Medford and Dave's Fresh Pasta of Somerville. At 11:15AM Bike to the Sea will lead an hour-long bicycle tour along existing paths on both sides of the Mystic River through Somerville and Medford.

EVENT DETAILS: Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle When: Sunday, May 17, 2015 Location: DCR's Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, 32 Shore Drive, Somerville, M.

Schedule of Events:

- 8:00AM Registration and bib pick-up
- + 9:00AM 5K run/walk begins
- + 11:00AM 12 mile paddling race begins
- 11:15AM 9 mile paddling race begins; Bike to the Sea bicycle tour departs
- 11:30AM 3 mile paddling race begins Parking on Shore Drive is limited. Please park at the Somerville District Court located at 175 Fellsway W, Somer-

ville. A free shuttle bus will be provided from 7:30am to 2pm

Boat Classes: Single Kayak, Single Racing Kayak, Double Kayak, Tandem Canoe (must meet 16% rule), Tandem Racing Canoe, Solo Canoe, Stand-Up and Prone Paddleboard. Additional classes may be created based on registrations.

Boat Rental: Charles River Canoe & Kavak will deliver the boat or board to the race for you. Call Mark at 617-965-5110 or see http://www.paddleboston.com/rentals/herring.php reserve a boat.

Register: Online at www.MysticRiver.org or day of the race at 8AM. Registration price is \$25 for the 5K or paddle and \$35 for both before May 17th. Day of race registration is \$30 and \$40 respectively.

Join us as we highlight both the treasures of the Mystic River and the challenges facing the Mystic River Watershed.

This event is generously sponsored by: Assembly Row (Title Sponsor), Boating in Boston, Charles River Canoe and Kayak, Exelon Corporation, ExxonMobil Pipeline, Preotle, Land and Associates, Rockland Trust, Wynn Resorts, Community Credit Union, Dennis K. Burke, Inc., Distrigas of Massachusetts, The Marvelous Jane Reindhardt, J D'Amico, Lumiere, Mystic River Engineering, Our Outhouses, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Sunrun Inc., UCANE, Whole Foods Market of Medford, Boston Line and Service Co., Inc., Boston Sand & Gravel Co., Cambridge Savings Bank, Copley Wolff Design Group, Inc., Law Office of Michael A. Fager, MTI Adventurewear, P.T. Kelley Inc., Saltmarsh Insurance Agency, The Flatley Company, Winchester Savings Bank, and Sports Authority Assembly Square. All race proceeds benefit the Mystic River Watershed Association.

Sunsetters 2015 auditions

Talented, energetic, musical teens ages 12-18 are invited to audition for Somerville Sunsetters 2015. Auditions will be held Thursday, May 7th, 5-7pm in the City Cable Studio located beneath the Somerville High School Library. Please arrive prepared with a song to sing. iPod hook-up and a CD player will be provided. This is a paid position that requires a strong commitment. The group meets four times a week in May and June for required 2-hour rehearsals, and performs 45-minute shows four nights a week throughout the summer until August 12th. For more information, contact Jimmy Del Ponte at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2616 or via email at jimmydel@rcn.com.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Here are some headlines from the most recent Somerville Neighborhood Newscast:

Almost 100 Tufts students, janitors, union members and supporters marched from Davis Square to the university on April 30, and some were dressed at cockroaches and rats. Why?



Another news headline is on heroin use in Somerville. The number of heroin and opioid overdoses and arrests continues to rise in Somerville. What's behind this epidemic and how is the Somerville Police Department handling it? Watch the first part of a special report on Somerville Neighborhood News #39.



Find out these stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News. You can watch Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Channel 3 or online at http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

620 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-69) Applicant, 620 Broadway LLC and Owner, Somerville Citgo Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish an 11 unit building, a Special Permit for relief from parking dimensional standards, shared parking, and reduction of required parking for a specific use, and a Variance for rear yard setback and parking. NB Zone. Ward 5.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 5/6/15 & 5/13/15.

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Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance on **Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Tony Lafuente, Chairman of the Committee, for public input on #198905, a request by CPC-T Holdings LLC requesting that the Board discontinue Cross Street East from Pennsylvania Avenue to Mystic Avenue, and abandon and relocate the City's rights to access the CPC property.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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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

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

Older American's Month Celebration – Thursday, May 7 – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Join us as we celebrate Older American's Month at the Winter Hill Yacht Club. Limited seating and transportation – please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot!

Afternoon at the Movies – Monday, May 11 - 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This month we will be showing "Selma" starring David Oyelowo, Tom Wilkinson, Giovanni Ribisi & Cuba Gooding. This movie is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 8 minutes. Please sign up with Josephine at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Foxwoods Casino – Tuesday, May 19 – Check in time of 7:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 7:15 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center – With an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. \$25. fee includes transportation, \$10. bonus slot and \$10. buffet. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Conversations about Dementia – Wednesday, June 24 – Noon – 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This is the 3rd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" –This workshop offers tips on difficult topics, the importance of going to the doctor for a diagnosis or follow-up, concerns about driving and much more – Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. To register please contact our social worker, Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 ext.

2300 – Please note that this workshop is intended for caregivers only and is NOT appropriate for persons with dementia to attend.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The trip to Fiore's scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 is SOLD OUT.

The celebration for Older American's Month scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at the Winter Hill Yacht Club is SOLD OUT.

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

LGBT EVENTS:

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

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, May 11 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. More details to follow. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, June 15 – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. At approximately 5:30 we will be having a dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of yet to be determined movie. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)
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 6

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbread

Ristorante Fiore

Thursday | May 7

All Centers Closed

Celebration

Older American's Month

At the Winter Hill Yacht Club

Friday|May 8

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

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday | May 11 8:30 Fit-4-Life Walking & Talk

8:30 Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group (H)

10:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday | May 12

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Joint Meeting of the Men's Group and the Veteran's Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday | May 13

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Joint Meeting of the Men's Group and the Veteran's Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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12:45 Bingo (RJ)

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

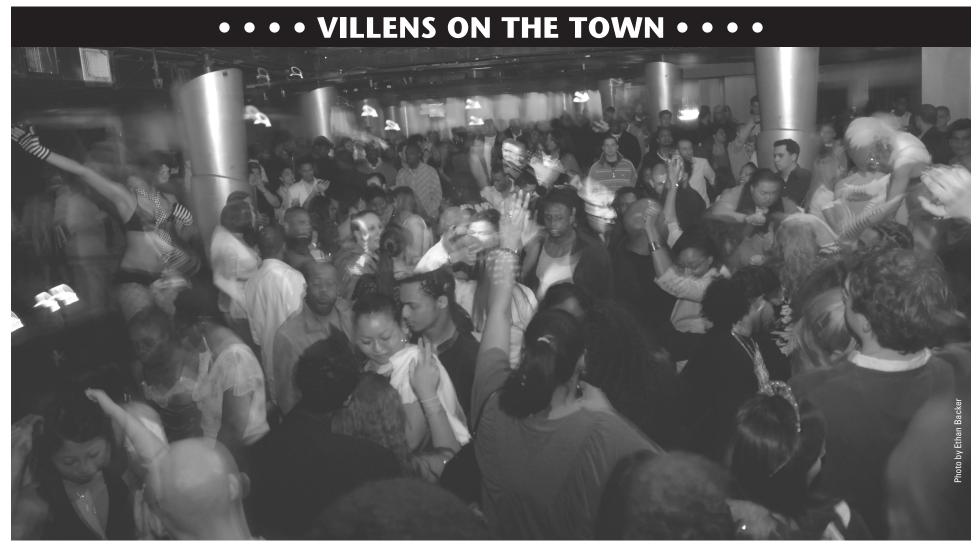


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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | May 6

East Branch Library

Preschool: Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

Central Library

Heroes and Villains Unite! Art Workshop Marco Jean-Baptiste-857-237-4206 3:15 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

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

Thursday May 7

Central Library

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

West Branch Library

Lego Club-Annamarie Almeida 617-623-5000 x2977 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library

Lego Club Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Friday | May 8

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

Central Library

Laughter Club at the Somerville Library Walter Ness-617-628-5558 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library

Anti-Prom

Avenue

Eduardo Barrera-8577566222 3-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday | May 12

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

Wednesday | May 13

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

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday May 6

Johnny D's

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

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

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Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

Reel Paddling Film Festival World

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

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

Davis Square Theatre

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The Ways and Means Committee 7p.m.|Café The Armory Presents: A Sound-

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Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare

Danielle Miraglia "Glory Junkies" CD Release Party

9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday | May 9

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The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m.|Café **David Johnston** 1 p.m.|Cafe Open Mic to Benefit the Willoughby Street Neighborway

1 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare 7 pm|255 Elm Street

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Sunday May 10

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

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Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory

Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 11

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Wild Memory Nation (Storyteller Cafe) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

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Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Avel617-440-

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Johnny D's

The Amy Douglas Happy Hour Tuesday Private Event - Bar & Kitchen

open to public 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Post Cards to my Future Self 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | May 13

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Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Life Drawing 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Darlingside 7 p.m.|Performance Hall

Teen Open Mic Night 6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | May 6

Central Library

Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs 617-623-5000 x2914

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday | May 7

Central Library

I Am Neither of the West Nor the East: What Islamic Spirituality Can Offer the Secular West Kevin O'Kelly-6176235000 x2961

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Friday | May 8

Central Library

Laughter Club at the Somerville Library Walter Ness-617-628-5558

12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland

Saturday | May 9

Central Library

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

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

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

Bagel Bards

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

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Book Sale Setup

James Fox

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James Fox 9 a.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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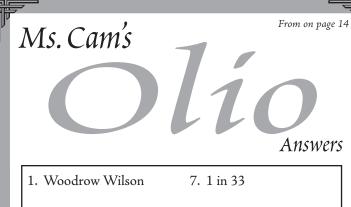
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- 4. White Carnation
- 5. August
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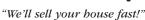
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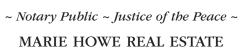
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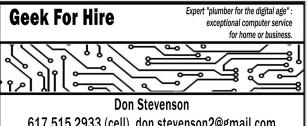
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7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
7:30am	Life Matters	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group:
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:30am	Art at SCATV	11:00pm	Art as Protest	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, N	lav 8	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Creative Somerville	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
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10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Struggle
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
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7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	1:00pm	Art as Protest
9:00am	Cancer Explained! TV show	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
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12:30pm:	Patriots' Day Ceremonies
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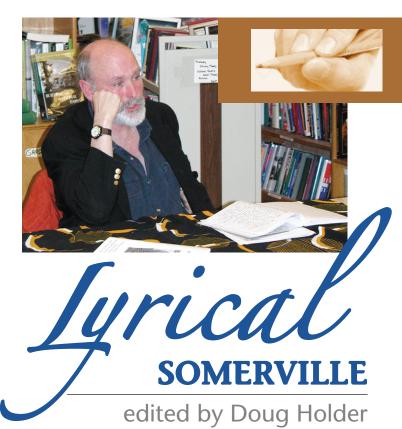
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The poet David Lombino looks beyond the happy horse (well you know what I mean), to what he sees as a rotten underbelly to this new vision of Somerville that is taking place under our noses. There is always two sides of the coin – and you have got to look carefully at both. Lombino writes The Times:

"I am a Somerville native and artist, and I absolutely love my city. Except for a few years I've spent in New York and a couple of months in Bali, I've lived my entire life in Somerville. My experience overseas opened my eyes to the inequality imposed on native societies as richer, Western societies invest in their idyllic land. Through my art, I want to expose this dilemma as it exists in our own land, my native Somerville and Greater Boston area as the area becomes gentrified. This is the land that raised me, and I want to contribute to my community through my art and help the discussion evolve.

This poem is inspired by the riots in Baltimore after the funeral of Freddie Gray. The riots to me represent a catharsis on not just racial prejudices but economic inequality, and is something I feel in our safe Somerville is quietly going on and requires redress before our community is forever cleaved away by unconscious capitalists."

City of Changes

My city keeps changing Without me--

I don't feel a community, I see new businesses, mostly restaurants, Catering to wealthy crowds;

I see our land being sold off to developers, Who don't live near our city;

I see a people more white, More educated, More status-quo and inauthentic, Accidental imperialists As they raise the rents against The old, poor, and native;

And I don't recognize them, As the people from my memories, When I thought my city was the whole world, And nothing would ever change—

Right now Baltimore is burning in a riot;

Here we face a different kind of fire, And it looks like progress, But only if you have money.

– David Lombino

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A Newton, Mass. Writing and Publishing Center for the Diehard Somervillian



Somerville offers many opportunities for writers and other creative types. There are a plethora of writing groups and organizations where the aspiring poet and writer can hone their skills and network. But just beyond our borders, I found yet another place, the Newton Writing and Publishing Center. This nascent Center, has many writers on its board that I have worked with and know, such as Somerville's Timothy Gager, a stalwart of the literary community. Robin Stratton, whose poetry has appeared in the Lyrical Somerville column in The Somerville Times, is the founder of the said organization, and is a force of nature in the local writing community. In addition to publishing my new lyrical memoir Portrait of an Artist as a Young Poseur, through her affiliated Big Table Publishing press, the center will be awarding me their first Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award, with a ceremony this August.

The Newton Writing and Publishing Center will be hosting a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 9 from 1:00 - 4:00. According to Robin Stratton, director and long-time writing coach in the Boston area, "We'll be giving workshops and putting on special literary events, but we're so much more than that. Our affiliation with Big Table Publishing Company and Boston Literary Magazine gives

writers the opportunity to explore our publishing options, too." Stratton says she came up with the idea for the center when she had trouble finding venues to promote her clients. "For a while I was booking open mic gigs at the new Whole Foods in Wellesley, and I kept thinking there has to be a better place." She shrugs. "But there just wasn't. So some of my colleagues, Timothy Gager, Christopher Reilley, and Michael C. Keith (all well known in the local writing community) and I decided to start one." Writers and poets are welcome to contact the center to set up their own readings and book launches free of charge. "And they get to keep 100% of the profits of book sales," Stratton adds. "That's very important to us. We're all writers, we're all trying to sell our books, and we designed the center to be what we'd want-a place that wouldn't charge us for the use of their space and wouldn't take a percentage of sales."

So how can they do this for free? By offering a variety of membership levels for those who wish to support the center, ranging from "The John Steinbeck" (\$600 a year for free admission to all their workshops, free merchandise, and a year's subscription to Boston Literary Magazine) to "The Jack Kerouac" (\$120 a year for 25% discount on all workshops).

Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital

Boston Children's Hospital and Eversource's fundraising walk, the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, will be held at DCR's Baxter Park at Assembly Row, Somerville on June 14. This is the 13th year that Boston Children's Hospital has hosted the walk. The walk was previously held at DCR's Hatch Shell, which is currently under renovation. Last year's event had over 5,200 walkers and raised more than \$1.6 million to support important programs at the hospital. The goal for this year's walk is to raise \$1.8 million. Walkers can register for the 2- and 7-mile walks online at www.bostonchildrens.org/walk. Registration is \$25 for adults; \$5 for children 12 and under. Each adult walker is expected to raise at least \$200. Supporters can also make donations at www.bostonchildrens.org/walk. Since its launch in 2003, walkers have raised over \$14 million for the hospital. For more information, visit www.bostonchildrens.org/ walk or call 866-303-WALK.

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