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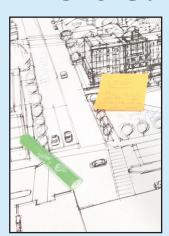


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A night of hope and awareness



Concerned Somerville residents gathered at Somerville High School last week for an opioid awareness

By Douglas Yu

Before the Ryan Harrington Foundation's first opioid awareness event began at Somerville High School on June 3, Joann Riviecio stopped by the tables of 16 local health advocate organizations, and talked to people who were struggling with heroin overdose.

Riviecio wouldn't be there if it weren't for her son, Frank Riviecio, who tragically passed away six years ago.

"There was a bad storm when I got off work. When I went home from work, Frank was sleeping. Apparently, something bothered him that day," Riviecio said. 10 years ago, Riviecio's son was injured in a motorcycle accident. After the hospital prescribed him Oxycontin for treatment, he became addicted to it, and moved on to heroin about five months before he died.

Riviecio usually checked in on her son, but she didn't that night. "One thing he told me is not to check up on him," said Continued on page 4

A mural for Trum Park Playground

By Patrick McDonagh

Self-taught muralist Crystal Burney stands at ladder's length above her next artistic endeavor: Somerville's Trum Park Playground. Burney's ladder perch is her preferred method of conceptualizing mural design on the park's empty cement canvas. The design, bright foundational colors blending behind a circular silhouette tree, will be the product of both artist and community youth over the course of three weeks. The artist's excitement is palpable as she describes a design process that attracts curious onlookers.

Burney described her creative processes of mural making. "As I am looking at the way the branches form, I will sit there standing at the very top of the ladder. From the top of the ladder I kind of paint it in my head." The maestro of paint waves a brush high above the cement, orchestrating her design as a primal sense leads her. "I feel like it is almost a 'cave man' part of my brain functioning while I am looking at it, "Burney said. "I love it, absolutely love it. It makes me feel very complete. It's calming and completeness for me." Burney and Continued on page 9



Crystal Burney's creation for Trum Park Playground is a collaborative effort involving both artists and members of the community. – Photo by Patrick McDonagh

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CAAS' Spring Party! This year it is at the Arts at the Armory on Thursday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this event free of charge. Beverages and light refreshment will be served. Contact Kate Bamberg at kbamberg@caasomerville.org. CAAS is the local Community Action Agency here in Somerville, "working to end Poverty where we live." Started back in the early 80's, they do a lot of good things here in the city. For more information go online www.caasomerville.org or call 617-623-7370.

Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be hosting his first re-election kickoff party on Monday night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue. A great guy and very busy running all over Ward 3, working hard representing his ward, just like Tom Taylor did.

The city budget is being debated and discussed this week. Very interesting, the people who have received pay raises. Even some part-timers that haven't been working in their jobs for more than a year or two. We're going over the budgets of the past 3-4 years and noticing how many got raises. Not even in the private sector do you see these kinds of raises. Go online and review for yourself, and in particular notice the title to some of these jobs your tax dollars are going towards: www.somervillema.gov or go directly to our web site: www.thesomervilletimes.com and download the budget to review. Stay tuned, we will be releasing family ties. Interesting to see how many former city elected officials now work for the city of Somerville both full time and part time. Stand by for names and salaries.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends and just friends of The Times this week: Happy Birthday to Brendan Mansfield, a nice guy who works over at Harvard but is a new Villen here in the city, from Davis Square. We wish him the best. Happy Birthday to Attorney and good guy Mike Dwyer, who has opened his new office at Assembly Row. We wish him the very best for his new office and, of course, hope he has a great birthday. Former Senator and seen

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Lyrical Somerville – May 6

Teresa says:

I love this poem. I hate that it's true. Never stop your writing. Ever. It's a great way of fighting back. Have faith in it.

Response to: Recognition celebration for Superintendent Pierantozzi

Oliver Seppo says:

Good job Fantozzi!:)

Response to: Patsy's Pastry retirement party

Oliver Seppo says:

Well done! I can see now where all those pastries ended up!:)

Response to: On the fast track to greater inequality

Pixie Pocahontas says:

Bill,

Corporations like banks are looking for ways to insulate themselves, while becoming even more globally overwhelming in size and power. Why don't our elected officials reject the president's demands for TPP? Oh, that's right, it's become a "Wall Street Government", (Inside Job).

"If the Trans-Pacific Partnership is enacted, big corporations, Wall Street, and their top executives and shareholders will make out like bandits. Who will the bandits be stealing from? The rest of us".

http://m.truthdig.com/report/item/we_learned_nothing_from_thirty_years_failed_trickle-down_economics_20150505

Response to: New England Lobster Rolls

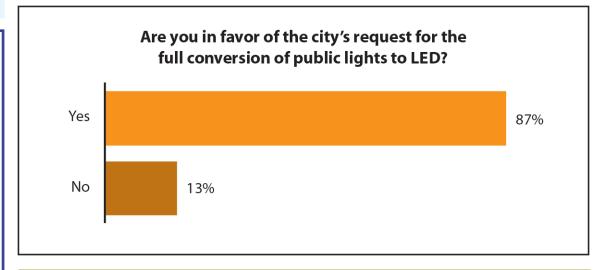
Lynne L says:

And they're delicious!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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Residents leave their marks on Winter Hill's future

By Josie Grove

Last Tuesday evening, Winter Hill residents used colorful markers and Post-its to shape their neighborhood's future.

That evening at the Somerville By Design meeting at the Healey School, the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development presented concept sketches of a possible future for Winter Hill. Residents asked questions, and provided feedback by writing and drawing directly on the sketches. This was the final step in Somerville By Design's three-part process to create a plan for the neighborhood's development.

In the fall and winter of 2014, Winter Hill residents worked with city planners to create a vision, and over the past few months, consultants have translated that vision into something ... well, visual. George Proakis, Somerville's Director of Planning, stressed that the sketches were to help residents imagine possibilities. "These are just ideas," he said. "There's no developer, there's no one building these buildings. These drawings were created by consultants, creating something to react to." The meeting Tuesday was a chance for Winter Hill residents to give their feedback. "We can use the neighborhood planning process to check in on what we did right and what we didn't," said Proakis

The ideas presented ranged from the mundane to innovative. A sketch showing new crosswalks was displayed alongside a

drawing of a new public space under Interstate 93. The residents and the city agree that Winter Hill lacks a sense of place as a neighborhood. The city proposed public art projects and a "signature event" in the vein of the Union Square farmer's market as sources of neighborhood identity.

The vision of development and infrastructure that the city presented in the sketches is very similar to its vision for other neighborhoods: a dense mix of commercial and residential development, with an emphasis on walking and cycling.

> "Some sort of grocery store would be an anchor"

Proakis was clear that creating a walkable neighborhood would require altering the neighborhood character of Winter Hill, which is dominated by single-family homes and single-story shops. "If we don't allow things to develop beyond the single story, getting the foot traffic that will develop the area will be difficult," he said.

Another key element in making Winter Hill a walkable neighborhood is a grocery store. "I've heard so many people say something about grocery, wanting to walk to a grocery store. That's what makes it your neighborhood," Proakis said. Resident Melissa Suderman agreed.



Winter Hill area residents took part in the Somerville By Design meeting last week, sharing their ideas and concerns for the future of the neighborhood's further development. — Photo by Josie Grove

"Some sort of grocery store would be an anchor."

Several residents at the meeting suggested that the empty Star Market could be redeveloped as a grocery store, but Proakis said the site is less than ideal for that purpose. "They're building bigger or they're building smaller," said Proakis of grocery store developers."No one is doing 20,000 square foot grocery stores. People are turning those into dollar sores and discount stores, and we've wanted to avoid that.

Another challenge to redevelopment as a grocery store is the location. An economic development consultant hired by the city found that an ideal location for a grocery store would be further west on Broadway. "But I don't think that's the final answer," said Proakis, "Especially if there is new investment involved. If you put 1000 people living above it, there might be an interest" in developing a grocery store on the Star Market site.

Proakis said that the closed Star Market impacts everything around it. "That site hurts or helps this area being allowed to succeed."

The mood of the residents with post-its and markers was optimistic. "The whole process and the thoughtfulness overall seems really encouraging," said Christopher Scott, a Winter Hill resident. Erika Tarlin has lived in Winter Hill for over 20 years. "Between these ideas and the T coming, it is going to be terrific," she said. She also noted that the meeting was full of newer Somerville residents. "I just wish there was more input from people who have lived here for a long time."

Proakis encouraged the liberal use of Post-its, so that his office could collect residents' opinions. "Once this is done, this gives us a blueprint for how we spend our time, how our transport team spends their time, and our economic development team spends their time," he said. "It gives us a way forward."

Mayor presents 2016 budget to aldermen

By Oliver Bok

The massive frozen mounds may have melted, but the impact of the snowiest winter on record is still being felt on Somerville's balance sheet. The February blizzards left a \$9 million deficit, forcing Mayor Joseph Curtatone to trim the 2016 budget he presented to a special session of the Board of Aldermen on June 4.

"Before the storm in February, we probably would have entertained more program improvements in the departments where it warranted," Curtatone said in a media briefing.

Despite the snow, the 2016 budget will still rise to \$211 million, a \$7 million and 3.7 percent increase from the 2015 budget. According to Curtatone, the city can afford to increase the budget because of the sound fiscal management of the last decade.

"We were prepared," Curta-

tone said. "This Board worked with us for the last decade to implement prudent, smart, practical fiscal and budgetary policies that put us in a position to meet this crisis, meet this liability and still make critical investments moving forward."

The city plans to pay \$2 million of the snow deficit from the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund, \$3 million from free cash money that the city budgeted but didn't end up spending and \$600,000 by transferring money from other parts of the budget. The city is also set to receive federal assistance from FEMA, although it's unknown how much money FEMA will give out. The city will pay off the remaining deficit over the next three years, as state law allows municipalities to run deficits coming from snow removal.

30 percent of the 2016 budget will go towards the school department, which received a 3.6 percent bump in funding from last year. The added money will fund six full-time positions, including a psychologist, an elementary teacher and a full-time English Language Learner Department Chair.

The 2016 budget also includes money for a Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative Coordinator, two full-time Program Coordinators for the Recreation department, a new building inspector and a fulltime arborist to tackle the Ash Borer infestation. Much of the rest of the budget increase will go towards fixed costs, such as pensions and healthcare. The 2016 budget will also pay for several programs and positions that were previously funded by outside grants, such as the salary of the director of Somerville Cares About Prevention.

On the revenue side of the led-

ger, property taxes will increase by a total of 5.6 percent, leading Board of Aldermen President William White to note that a decade of successive 5 or 6 percent increases could increase property taxes by 60 percent.

"A lot of the landlords pass on the rent increases, and a lot of folks who are paying rent now, with incomes not really going up, if their rent increases over the course a decade, that could be a hit to them," White said. "So I think as we discuss the budget we really have to keep in mind the effect we have not only on the homeowners but a lot of the renters as well."

Curtatone emphasized the importance of finding additional revenue sources to supplement the property tax. He expressed hope that the meals tax and the hotel/motel excise tax could provide more revenue in the future as more eateries and hotels open up in Somerville.

66 percent of the city's budget comes from taxation and 23 percent from state aid. Curtatone noted that between 2002 and 2014, state aid decreased by 44 percent, forcing cities across the Commonwealth to rely more heavily on taxes.

Curtatone also said that the city plans to receive \$539,000 as Payment in Lieu of Taxes from Partners Healthcare, currently constructing new administrative offices in Assembly Row. As a non-profit, Partners is exempt from paying property taxes. Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti stated that she felt the mayor had not consulted the Board of Aldermen on the agreement with Partners. Curtatone responded by saying that negotiating with Partners was an executive function.

By Jim Clark

Snoozing pizza patron wakes up grumpy

Police officers were dispatched to Mike's Pizza in Davis Square last week on reports that a female who appeared to be intoxicated was asleep at one of their customer tables.

Upon arrival, officers were directed to the woman in question, later identified as Marsha Cargill, by restaurant employees.

Cargill was reportedly found by officers to be asleep, with her feet up on a table.

When police asked he to wake up and leave the restaurant, Cargill reportedly jumped up and asked the officers what they wanted.

She was once again asked to gather her belongings and vacate the premises. When asked to show her I.D. she reportedly said, "No, don't do this to me."

According to reports, Cargill

eventually began making her way towards the restaurant's main doors, but before she got outside turned around and headed back towards the restroom.

Police stopped Cargill and advised her that she needed to find another place that would allow her to use a restroom.

Cargill reportedly ignored the officers and attempted to brush past them towards the restroom.

When stooped by the officers, she reportedly began yelling at the officers and some of the restaurant's patrons.

Cargill reportedly stormed out, leaving her bags in the restaurant, and continued yelling as she weaved her way across the street, causing some vehicles to stop short, police said.

After getting across the street to use the restroom at Starbucks,

Cargill once again returned to Mike's, continuing her tirade against police and patron's of the restaurant, according to reports.

After several exchanges with police, who were only asking her to leave the restaurant, Cargill was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct. She reportedly became more agitated and louder as she was led away for booking.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Marsha Cargill, of 338 Somerville Ave., June 1, 2:21 p.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Erin Russell, of 2 Mt. Vernon St., June 3, 9:29 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and armed assault to rob.

Dominica Smith, of 123 Northhampton St., Roxbury, June 3, 12:16 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation and on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Edwin Vasquez, of 58 Mt. Vernon St., June 3, 5:25 p.m., arrested at 52 Broadway on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and disorderly conduct.

Stephen Layhe, of 47 Nichols, Everett, June 4, 5:02 p.m., arrested at 62 Bonair St. on

charges of drug violation near a school, drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and distribution of a class D drug.

Phillip Brooks, of 130 Bellingham Ave., Revere, June 5, 5:30 a.m., arrested at 20 Gorham St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Jovani Hernandez, of 30 Summer St., June 6, 2:53 a.m., arrested at 366 Somerville Ave. on a charge of possession of a

class B drug.

Anthony Grieci, of 110 Ocean Ave., Revere, June 6, 1:29 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on multiple warrant charges shoplifting by asportation.

Kenneth Malone, of 4 Clippership Ln., East Boston, June 6, 6:21 p.m., arrested at 7 Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Angel Rivera, of 364 Quincy, Dorchester, June 6, 9:27 p.m., arrested at 448 Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

A juvenile, June 7, 7:16 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Shonda Coleman, of 210 Columbia St., Cambridge, June 7, 7:16 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

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Riviecio. "The next morning, I made breakfast and I went into his room, hoping to come up with a solution to his problems. It was too late. He was found dead in bed."

Somerville Overcoming Addiction, a community action group that Riviecio is part of, was formed last year by local citizens and advocates in order to battle with the latest rash of overdoes-caused deaths.

Patty Contente, Clinical Youth Specialist for the city's Health and Human Services Department, told The Somerville Times that the city witnessed a spike in heroin overdose deaths in 2014. "We know where it stems from: prescription misuse," she said.

Like Ryan Harrington and Frank Riviecio, they both developed their addiction by taking Oxycontin, a narcotic pain reliever that treats moderate to severe pain. According to drugs. com, Oxycontin may be habit-forming, even at regular doses. When Oxycontin becomes too expensive, these young addicts switch to cheaper alternatives, such as heroin.

The late Ryan Harrington's mother, Cathy Harrington, gave a heart-rending speech in front

of more than 300 local residents at the awareness night. She shared how her family struggled before Harrington passed away, and her sweet memories about what a caring young man Harrington once was.

"None of the kids want to be the way they are. Most of them are good kids," Mrs. Harington said. "I want the community to know that there are resources out there available to you. Families do not need to be ashamed if their loved ones have addiction. They were just so many people affected by it."

Boston recently closed down Long Island shelter, where Harrington used to stay. Mrs. Harrington said the government needed to provide more resources to the addicts.

In July of last year, all Somerville Police cruisers were equipped with Narcan, a prescription medication to counteract heroin overdose. Opiate overdose is one of the leading causes of accidental deaths in Massachusetts, especially in Middlesex County.

Narcan, however, is an emergency medical response, Contente said. "It does not treat someone's addiction. It provides

them with another opportunity to consider recovering. We need to have Narcan, but it's not the tool for recovering," she said.

So far this year, there have been six fatal overdoses in Somerville, according to Police Chief David Fallon. Eastern Massachusetts has the highest emergency room visits in the entire country, and Middlesex County alone had 1,620 deaths between 2000 and 2014. "From a police perspective, one is too many," Fallon said.

Currently,the Somerville Police Department is working on a core initiative, Community Outreach and Harm Reduction Program, in hopes of ending the opioid crisis. The program is made up of a geo division coordinator, a crisis intervention trainer, an opioid addiction specialist, a victims witness advocate, and members of a domestic violence unit.

"We're going to work collaboratively with all our organizations throughout the city to get crisis intervention training," Fallon said.

Dave Harrington, Ryan Harrington's father, said in tears, "Tonight we shed light on a number of people who don't think that prescription drugs are



Cathy Harrington (left), Ryan Harrington's mother, helped to established the foundation to raise awareness of opioid addiction issues. - Photo by Douglas Yu

a problem. Addiction not only affects the addicts, it tears families apart, and it hurts relationships."

The Foundation was formed a year after the death of Ryan Harrington by heroin overdose in 2011. "What we wanted to do is to give something back to the city, turn something tragic into something positive," Mrs. Harington said. In the past three years, the foundation collected \$45,000 from the annual Ryan Harrington Corn Toss Tour-

nament and contributed the money to youth development in Somerville.

The Night of Hope and Awareness event, sponsored by the Ryan Harrington Foundation, also included a presentation on Narcan training by Cambridge Needle Exchange and former Boston Celtic, Chris Herren of The Herren Project.

"It's time to start removing the stigma of addiction and having more dialog," Mrs. Harrington

Aldermen say 'no' to **Tufts gift account**

By Josie Grove

The discussion around a minor vote at the May 28 Board of Aldermen meeting raised a series of perennial frustrations for the Board of Aldermen.

At issue was whether to establish an account to automatically accept an annual gift from Tufts, or put accepting the gift to a vote every year. "It was a little bit odd I think that we had a long discussion to establish an account," said Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang. Ward 1 Alderman Matther McLaughlin explained that the Board would never refuse the gift, but, "Having to accept the money would provide an opportunity to discuss Tufts' role in our community." All nine aldermen at the meeting voted against creating an account.

Tufts has an agreement to make payments to the City of Somerville instead of paying taxes. This arrangement, called a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PI-LOT), is common between municipalities and large non-profit institutions, like universities and hospitals. Under the latest agreement, established in 2013, Tufts gives Somerville \$1.375 million over five years, or \$275,000 each year. Kim Thurler, Tufts' Director of Public Relations, explained that "In accordance with the mayor's request, we divide that into two payments, \$75,000 each June and the balance of \$200,000 in December."

The City of Boston also has a PILOT agreement with Tufts. According to City of Boston data, Tufts paid \$425,000 to Boston in 2014, in lieu of \$4.9 million in taxes. Aldermen Niedergang and McLaughlin both expressed disappointment that Somerville gets much less from



The Board of Aldermen rejected a plan to allow direct PILOT payments by Tufts.

Tufts, even though the university's main campus is in Somerville. "A number of aldermen, including myself, feel that Tufts doesn't do enough for the city," said Niedergang.

The comparatively low PI-LOT was just the beginning of the aldermen's concerns. "In and of itself it wasn't a big issue but it's a symbolic issue," Niedergang said. "There's issues around Tufts. Recently, there's this issue with the janitors being fired, which a lot of aldermen were not happy about."

Tufts University Director of Public Relations Kim Thurler defended the university in a statement "Tufts values its relationship with the City of Somerville and is proud to contribute to the city and the community in many ways, including job creation, partnerships with Somerville schools, purchases of local goods and services, and grants to local non-profits."

So what does this have to do with setting up an account to automatically accept a gift? "By voting against establishing an account, any time Tufts makes a donation to Somerville, the board of aldermen has an opportunity to discuss it," said Niedergang. Alderman-at-large Dennis Sullivan agreed. "I think Tufts could be a better neighbor. I think a no vote makes sense, it give us a forum to talk about those issues."

McLaughlin also voted against creating the account. "We were basically told we have no control over that money. I'd like an opportunity to comment every year on how this money should be spent."

One of the primary responsibilities of the Board of Aldermen is the city budget, and distributing the money that the city collects. But the mayor's office, not the Board of Aldermen, gets to decide how to spend gifts. "These funds are outside the official process by which aldermen approve city expenditures," said Niedergang. "The mayor's right legally," he said, but he thinks that the Board should have more oversight. Even though voting to accept a gift is largely a formality, the aldermen did not want to give up the power to accept gifts. "Anytime we get a gift, the city can do what we want with the money," said McLaughlin. "We only have control over accepting it, and we were basically asked for us to that up as well."

"It was an example of us giving up control over the budget for the purpose of efficiency, which I do not think we need," continued McLaughlin. "From their perspective, it's easier to utilize the money, but from my perspective, it was kind of cutting us out of the process."

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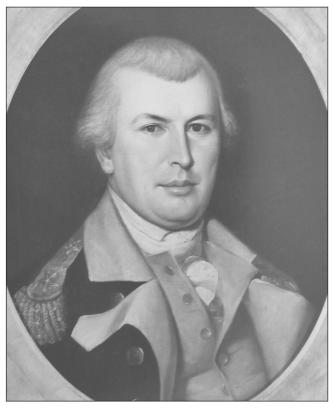


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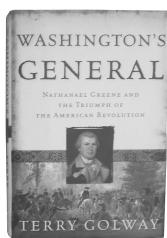
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

After the battle of April 19, 1775, which began in Lexington and ended in what is now Somerville, the budding country needed leaders. Out of the thirty-five American generals who served in the Revolutionary War, Rhode Island's 33 year-old Nathanael Greene was the youngest. He was born in 1742, exactly one hundred years before Somerville's birth in 1842.



He and his superior, General George Washington, were the only two generals to hold command for the entire length of the eight-year Revolutionary War. Their close relationship began at Prospect Hill where Washington promoted Greene to command that area. Prospect, meaning "wide view," became the most prominent of the many fortifications surrounding Boston during its year-long siege. Washington's headquarters were in Cambridge. Greene's headquarters were located in a house that is now Saint Anthony's Church and schoolyard at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Properzi Way. Greene Street, located off Summer Street, was named in his honor.

During that first year of the Revolution, strong family friendships began. At that time, many wives of officers and soldiers developed a common bond. Martha Washington, Catherine Greene, and their husbands became lifelong friends. The wives were treated to visits to Prospect Hill to experience its panoram-



ic view of Boston. General Greene became Washington's most trusted associate. He was later given command of all of the American forces fighting in the South. In this position, he would be in charge of the entire Continental Army if Washington fell in battle.

Nathanael idolized General Washington. The Washingtons had no children and were deeply moved and honored when the Greenes named their first son, George Washington Greene, and their first daughter, Martha Washington Greene.

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OBITUARY

Frank J. Scimone – 'The Mayor of Teele Square'

By Ross E. Blouin

Frank Scimone passed away on June 1 and the City of Somerville lost one of its most ardent supporters. Frank would have turned 90 years old in September. The man who was known as "The Mayor of Teele Square" had many friends in Somerville and his kindness, generosity, and good advice will be remembered here for many years to come.

Frank founded the Scimone Insurance Agency and The Somerset Realty Company in 1951, near Teele Sq. and eventually purchased a business block in Teele Square and was active there for many years retiring in 1992. Frank distinguished himself as President of the Somerville Kiwanis, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce and the Somerville Development Board. Frank was a very active member

of the Somerville Kiwanis for 45 years serving that organization until his death. Frank sat on the Board of Directors of the Somerset Savings Bank for 20 years and was Clerk of the Board for 15 years. Frank also served on the Michael Capuano Home First Charitable Corporation and the Somerville Council on Aging. Frank was a retired life member of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

Frank Scimone was a mentor to many young business people in Somerville. His advice was always wise and many times prophetic. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him and loved him. Frank leaves his beloved wife, Elena and his son, Frank A. Scimone.

A funeral service was held on Friday, June 5 from the Doherty Funeral Home with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Medford.



Frank J. Scimone.

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Historical Fact

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gave land in Sarvannah to the Greenes. This was in appreciation of the General's efforts during the conflict. After Greene's death, his wife, Catharine, continued to run the farm. Eli Whitney, who was credited with the invention of the cotton gin, worked for her. Although he received the laurels, she played a big part in its design. He paid her royalties on his patent because

she had provided him with ideas for the gin, financial help and a workshop to tinker in. It is important to note that during that time, women were not allowed to establish patents; hence, she received no official recognition.

General Nathanael Greene died of sunstroke in 1786, at the early age of 44, and is honored with a statues in Savannah and Washington D.C.

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'Good Times Come To The East End Grille'

East Somerville is having a renaissance. While the construction is humming at Assembly Square there are rumblings reverberating on lower Broadway and a new revitalized neighborhood is starting to take shape. One of the standouts is THE EAST END GRILLE. The new restaurant that has replaced a once notorious bar room is the brainchild of two brothers who come from a Lebanese family that was famous for hospitality. Some of you might remember the AVEROF RESTAU-RANT in Porter Square Cambridge, which was created by the Bandar brothers, Raymond and John, featuring belly dancing, shish kabob, and good times. They were later joined by brothers Edward and Edmond. Now we have Michael and Steven Bandar, sons of Edmond, along with Oana Bandar (wife of Michael) and Simeia Bandar (wife of Steven), who have taken the torch and placed it in East Somerville. They have done a fantastic job with the renovations. THE EAST END GRILL is a big airy room divided by natural brick arches with lots of exposed bricks. The front windows open onto the sidewalk for that summertime café feeling. The left side is all bar with a stainless open kitchen at the end. Big crowds can be easily accommodated; there are plenty of tables and booths. The gastro pub scene is booming in Somerville and we have plenty to choose from. My biggest complaint is the noise level. You can't hear a conversation at your own table in some of these restaurants because the noise level is so high. Not so at THE EAST END GRILLE. There is plenty of noise and action but the acoustics are just right. You can actually talk to your table companions. There are also big screen televisions so you will be able to catch all the current sports events.

The menu is an eclectic assortment of good choices. I liked the menu. It was compact; you were not bombarded with the same old finger food. You could tell that a lot of thought had gone into each choice. There is an array of starters. PEI mussels, fried calamari, 3 types of sliders, fried pickles, deep fried brie and "Oh Canada"... poutine. All of these are well executed and I have to give my compliments on the frying. Well done, indeed. There are also soups and salads. The prices are reasonable: \$6 to \$10 for starters and \$7 to \$8 for

salads.

The main menu is also brief, well thought out and reasonably priced: \$10 to \$19. The pasta choices were very nicely done: Wild Mushroom Tortelloni at \$14 and 3 types of mushrooms in a white wine cream sauce and Seafood Pappardelle at \$19 with mussels, calamari and shrimp in a red cream sauce. The Baked Cod was expertly handled with lemon, white wine, seasoned asparagus served with scented jasmine rice. We were delighted. Cod can be a flavorless fish if not prepared properly. The grilled steak tips at \$17 will more than satisfy the traditional gastro pub enthusiasts. I do think that the BBQ'd pulled pork could use a bit more flavor. I am a BBQ maniac so I would suggest a bit more char and a bit more zest in the sauce. The Pulled Pork Sandwich was good but it would be great with the above additions. We also tried the Specials: Fried Shrimp and Fish and Chips. Again, I have to give kudos for the frying and the quality of the fish, shrimp and French Fries. They were

The sandwich selection did not disappoint. Six choices, all good and all reasonably priced. Our hamburger expert tells us he was very satisfied with his char grilled cheeseburger. Everyone liked the French Fries.

The service was fine and friendly and the beer and bar selections are superb. You can have top-of-the-line cocktails and craft brews. I could not resist the 16 oz. can of Pabst Beer. Believe it or not, one of the finest American Lagers made and reasonably priced. Our table mate, himself a brew master, tried some of the different seasonal drafts and declared them excellent. Again, the amount of thought and planning was apparent.

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Magpie magic at Puppet Palooza

By Amy Swain

As part of the third annual Somerville Puppet Palooza, Magpie Puppets appeared at Connexion on Monday, June 1.

Maggie Whalen is the founder and director of Magpie and has been performing puppet shows since 1969. Maggie performed several interactive children's songs before the main event, Eeyore's Birthday, a story based on A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh stories.

The beloved children's story depicted the importance of friendship, and encouraged the audience to appreciate what they had in family and friends regarding their own birthday joy.

Another thing the show did was to celebrate diversity. In this performance, the character of Chris Robin was adapted into an African-American girl. Winnie the Pooh was also portrayed as female. Both are described as such in the event's program.

In a correspondence with Maggie Whalen, she recalls her start as a puppeteer. She had modeled her original Christopher Robin after her own son,

a blond boy. "I was soon tired of seeing nothing but blond, male, Caucasian characters in his picture books or when I took my son to see puppet shows. And, of course, girls never had the active roles."

This is not the only way Maggie quashes prejudice through entertainment. Of her show The Emperor's New Clothes, she reveals, "We wanted to show a multi-racial society but chose to make unreal skin tones, such as blue and lavender, since the Emperor in our version was clearly the villain and we didn't want his character to be associated with a particular race."

Magpie Puppets promotes fun and entertainment first and foremost. However, this show's inherent message of equality is important for people of all ages.

More information on Magpie Puppets can be found at www. magpiepuppets.com.

The Puppet Palooza series continues June 9 with Earthworm Pie Theater, and June 16 with Puppet Showplace Theater. Full descriptions, times, and locations can be found at www. somervilleartscouncil.org.



Maggie Whalen's Magpie puppets entertained at Puppet Palooza on June 1.

- Photo by Amy Swain

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I witnessed two different sporting events last Saturday: my daughter playing softball at Foss Park, where the ground was so dry and dusty, and the wind so strong, that waves of dust would roll across the park and everyone had to face away from it to not get dirt in their eyes. We came home with dust in our eyes, ears, and mouths. We are still chewing grit.

The other event was my son's soccer game in Waltham, a facility often used as an example of a state-of-the-art complex - acres of artificial turf fields, a snack bar and rest rooms, and ample parking. This was a hot day for May, around 80 degrees, but nothing compared to where summer temps can reach. The field was so hot that the refs called extra water breaks and the younger siblings spectating, who love to run barefoot, were unable to remove their shoes because the plastic was so hot. The ten-year olds playing soccer kept asking their coach to sit down because their feet were too hot. Waves of heat were rising above the field.

These two events, occurring on the same day, left me angry. Anyone with a lawn knows that basic care is required to maintain the grass - at a minimum, watering, reseeding, some sort of fertilizer (ideally organic), and aeration. Yet, in the middle of one of the driest Mays on record, Somerville did not even water their grass fields. To think that grass will survive under this neglect is completely misguided. But people hold up our brown grass and dirt swaths of fields as examples of the typical grass field, and the reason artificial turf is the right choice for Somerville. This does not make sense. Who is responsible for the care of our fields? Why have they not been trained to do their job? Why aren't we holding the State accountable for the care of the State fields? If I were a cynic, I might believe that the City is sabotaging the existing grass fields to make a case for turf.

At least on Lincoln Park, there is a

sprinkler system. Some people remember when it used to work. If our fields were well-maintained, we would not be having the debate that is dividing residents into pro-grass and pro-artificial turf camps. A well-maintained grass field is so much less expensive than a synthetic field. And the environmental benefits (cooling the local air rather than heating it), not only helps with larger global warming issues but locally with individuals' air conditioning costs.

Why is no one outraged about the lack of maintenance on our fields? Is this money in the budget and not used? Do we need to add it to the budget? Can we hire someone skilled in gardening and grass maintenance to take care of our precious green space? Somerville cannot afford to give up any green space that we have. We need more than we can possibly acquire, so replacing green space with plastic carpet just doesn't add up.

— Renée Scott

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER (S 3 -Somerville:



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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from debate on the \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 state budget. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Amendment #55)

Senate 13-25, rejected an amendment that would repeal a law authorizing \$1 billion in state borrowing to fund a 1.3 million square-foot expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The expansion was approved by the Legislature and signed by former Gov. Deval Patrick in July 2014 but was put on hold by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Amendment supporters said the state is facing up to a \$1.8 billion deficit this year. They argued that stopping this dubious expansion will save up to \$100 million that could be used to increase local aid to cities and towns.

Amendment opponents said the expansion was approved after years of discussion, debate and hearings and should not be repealed by a budget amendment that does not even have a public hearing.

(A "Yes" vote is for repealing the expansion. A "No" vote is for the expansion.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

\$700,000 TO PROMOTE FLIGHTS OVERSEAS (S 3 - Amendment #184)

Senate 30-7, approved an amendment providing \$700,000 to Massport to "encourage tourism and travel to Boston from Israel, the Middle East and Asia." According to Massport, El Al Airlines starts nonstop service between Logan International Airport and Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport on June 28.

Amendment supporters said this opens up new international commercial and economic opportunities for Massachusetts and the region. They argued the \$700,000 was part of the agreement between Massport and El Al for instituting nonstop flights.

Amendment opponents said subsidizing foreign travel is costly and unnecessary. They argued that market forces can decide where there is a need for additional flights.

(A Yes" vote is for the \$700,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES (S 3 - Amendment #584)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment requiring the state to review and analyze all unfunded local mandates and deliver a report on the cost and economic impact of those mandates on cities and towns.

Amendment supporters said many cities and towns are struggling to fund and implement various state mandates. They argued the amendment would finally take a thorough look at the cost of these mandates to cities and towns.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

HEALTH CONNECTOR AND OPEN MEET-ING LAW (S 3 - Amendment #709)

Senate 16-23, rejected an amendment that would make the state's Health Connector website subject to the open meeting law and public records requests. It would also require the governor's office to annually review and evaluate the return on investments made by the Connector. Another provision would require that board votes, meeting minutes, financial records, contracts and staff salaries be published on the Connector's website.

Amendment supporters said the site has been a disaster that has cost hundreds of millions of dollars. They argued the amendment will increase transparency and keep the Health Connector accountable.

Amendment opponents said requiring detailed information on the website might violate privacy rights.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN SHADOWS (H 715) - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit the construction of any new building that would cast a shadow in Boston on the Charles River Esplanade, Christopher Columbus Park, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square Park, Magazine Beach Park or the Back Bay Fens.

Supporters say some new construction would cast shadows on many Boston parks and interfere with enjoyment by people of scarce open space while benefiting a few wealthy property owners and developers.

Some opponents say the proposal is another example of government interference on issues that are often silly. Others note that perhaps there could be a compromise that protects parks but also is not harmful to developers.

FIREFIGHTERS/POLICE OFFICERS AND SMOKING (H 3284) - The Public Service Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would amend the current law providing for the automatic firing of any firefighter or police officer hired after 1988 who is caught smoking. The bill would give the individual the option to keep his or her job if he or she enters a smoking cessation program.

REVENUE COMMITTEE HEARING - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on several bills last week including:

TAX PLASTIC BAGS (S 1501) - Imposes a tax on shoppers who choose "plastic over paper." The measure imposes an initial two-cent per bag tax on each plastic bag and then increases the tax over a six-year period to 15 cents per bag. The revenue would be split evenly between the stores and the state with all the funds being used to promote recycling.

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

Opponents said that this is another example of unnecessary government intrusion and is simply another unwarranted tax. They argued that this decision should be left up to the stores and consumers.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME ENERGY AU-DIT (S 1462) - Gives companies a corporate tax

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continued ahead to overcome the structural and financial challeng-

deduction if they provide employees with a home energy audit as a benefit. The deduction would be capped at one-half of the cost of the audit.

TAX BREAK FOR FUEL EFFICIENT CARS (S 1505) - Provides an income tax credit of up to 50 percent of the cost of the purchase of an alternative fuel vehicle. Also allows cities and towns to reserve some public parking spaces to be used only by reduced emissions vehicles.

TAX CREDIT FOR RECYCLING OYSTER SHELLS (S 1553) - Provides a tax credit of one dollar per five gallon bucket of oysters for taxpayers and corporations that recycle oyster shells. The Massachusetts Oyster Project's website explains that oyster shells provide a scaffold for young oysters to settle on and grow. And since an oyster shell accumulates and builds up into hard sponge-like reefs, they also provide habitat for other marine animals including fish, shrimp, crab, eels, starfish and mussels. The reefs also protect against erosion and protect shorelines as their lumpy shape helps reduce wave energy.

EARTH DAY TAX EXEMPTION (H 2623) - Exempts from the sales tax all Energy Star products as well as hybrid and electric motor vehicles purchased on Earth Day.

\$82.7 MILLION FOR MBTA - Gov. Baker announced an MBTA Winter Resiliency Plan that would invest \$82.7 over the next five years in improving the T's operation in the winter. The package includes snow removal equipment, infrastructure upgrades and operation enhancements to improve the reliability of service during harsh weather. The proposal is in response to the disastrous problems that crippled the T this past winter.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"This is not a cure-all and there remains significant work

es we face at the T. Our legislation, we believe, addresses many of those concerns to set the T on the right track, pun intended, toward efficiency and dependability." -Gov. Baker on his \$82.5 million plan to prepare the MBTA for the 2015 winter.

"(NFL President) Roger Goodell may have a hearing date. We got a trophy!" - Rep. Dan Cullinane's (D-Dorchester) tweet following a Statehouse gathering at which legislators had a chance to hold the Patriots' Lombardo Trophy.

"By instituting paid parental leave in the Treasurer's Office, we are creating a culture that treats families with the dignity and respect they deserve. These are critical steps to building a more committed and more productive workforce, and I hope government agencies and private employers across the state will consider doing the same." — State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announcing a new policy providing up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave for about 175 eligible employees in the Treasurer's Office.

"Income inequality has been a decades-long problem resulting in stagnant wages, income insecurity and a shrinking middle class. As a Legislature we need to adopt policies and programs that help all residents share in the prosperity of a growing economy." — Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst).

"To ensure our communities have a clear pathway to the jobs and utility bill benefits of solar, we should remove all barriers to clean energy, expanding shared solar projects and apprenticeship programs while working with employers to hire a local, diverse workforce." — Darlene Lombos, Executive Director of Community Labor United.

"We are proud that the League of Women Voters has been able to provide young people across Massachusetts with a platform to share their concerns as well as their solutions. It is inspiring to see the range and quality of the students' work." - Anne Borg, Co-President the League of Women Voters Massachusetts, on the three winners of the League's "There Oughta Be a Law" student video contest.

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 June 2-6, the House met for a total of four hours and 12 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 27 minutes.

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Mon. June 1 Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

Tues. June 2 No House session No Senate session

Wed. June 3 House 11:00 a.m. to 2:52 p.m. No Senate session

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Thurs. June 4

Fri. June 5 No House session No Senate session

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A mural for Trum Park Playground CONT. FROM PG 1

the Somerville Arts Council aim to involve the community in the artwork's creation.

The mural is publicly available to paint again on June 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. As a grade school art teacher Burney's familiarity with teaching young children is evident while describing proper brush technique. Community members arrive at the park with children eager to learn and paint. Burney dabs on bright green or blue to designate an area's color, children brush in the remaining space. The artist eases the nerves of parents, familiar with their children's potential for creative disasters. "Get as close as you can to the edge; if you go over I outlined it, so I can just trace over the black outline." She says, and reassures, "If you go outside the lines guys, it is okay." Burney's affinity for art stems from a chaotic childhood prone to artistic disaster.

Fondly, she describes her family at work in her art-centric household. "This sounds so mean, my mom is a nut; everything she has done has been self-taught too

but she's... a really super messy artist." Burney pauses to laugh and imagine the scene. "We all joke around with her when she starts to paint that it is like shrapnel when she's done. You will find paint all over the ceiling, on the walls, on her, everywhere; it's all over the place."

Throughout Burney's initial career projection of a poet-English teacher, love for art stayed consistent as interest in writing waned. She returned from the Aran Islands of Ireland to pursue her continued passion in visual art; at one time teaching grade school art in nine separate

Immediately after graduating Umass Boston, Burney brought her creative writing degree to the Yeats Society in Ireland. She met Seamus Heaney and others of her literary heroes, published 40 poems, but soon shut the door on any more writing. Burney explains her reasoning for the abrupt change. "Poetry was therapeutic for me. I came back and felt like it was time to focus on art. With literature, my words are the words you understand and you know; I might say the wrong words and they may mean something totally different than what I wanted to say."

Misinterpretation of her written work was off-putting to further pursuit of the medium. Burney stopped writing and continued painting. Poetry, she felt, was the antithesis of her chaotic childhood. Burney melds her mother's chaotic art with the allure of poetries pa-

"When I studied I wasn't initially going to do poetry, but because it is so succinct, I felt it might get all of the stuff out that I needed to get out. It did." Teaching youth to paint may not be the most succinct creative outlet, but Burney has learned to work with chaos. Watching her mother paint helped develop an order-driven style; the order she was seeking in poetry that now defines her art. "I guess what I did was I learned how to perfect what I saw going on around me," she explained. "If I saw what she [Burney's mother] was doing



and it seemed very messy to me, it almost helped me to see some sort of vision in what she was doing. I could understand that her work looks really good to me but it made me crave the ability to make things clean, crisp, and more visually appealing."

Approved and commissioned by the Somerville City Arts Council, Artist Crystal René Burney is excited by youth participation and the potential for future projects around the city. Gray Sky Designs is her current designer alias. When asked, Burney said she is a happy person. "My Son's middle name is Gray. I just like the color grey. Gray Sky Designs is what I go under now."

On Saturday, June 13, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., join community members and local artists in creation of the Trum Park mural that is anything but gray.

COMMENTARY

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Progress on LGBT rights – and more work to do



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The rainbow flag is flying proudly in front of City Hall and Somerville High School, raised by members of the high school's Gay-Straight Alliance, school and city officials. In June we celebrate LGBT Pride Month, and we have much to be proud of. The cause of equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer members of our communities continues to spread. Only 26 years after Andrew Sullivan's vanguard essay in The New Republic arguing the "conservative case" for same-sex marriage was derided across political lines, we now await a Supreme Court decision that could secure that hard-fought right later this month. Securing the freedom to marry, however, would not be the end of the drive for LGBT equality. As we celebrate LGBT Pride Month, we must also remember that around the country, children, their parents, our co-workers and more can face discrimination because of their sexual orientation. Pride Month should also be a time when we recommit to work to ensure that no one in our country is treated like a second-class citizen.

In Massachusetts, we are proud to be first in many historical events, and we are proud to be the first state in the U.S.—and at the time sixth jurisdiction in the world—to secure marriage as a fundamental right for all our citizens. Since that historic ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, we have seen a wave of rulings, votes and laws in favor of rights for our gay and lesbian family members, friends and neighbors. Last year, 19 states made marriage equality the law of the land, almost doubling the number of states where gays and lesbians can marry the person they love and have, according to the Human Rights Campaign, the more than 1,000 rights, benefits and protections that come with a legally recognized marriage. Last month, Ireland voted two-to-one in favor of same-sex marriage—the first country in the world to adopt marriage equality by popular national vote. And this month, a bill was introduced in the Australian Parliament that would make same-sex marriage legal there, too.

How did the drive for marriage equality accelerate so quickly? It's simple: When we remove discrimination and allow gays and lesbians to equally participate in our institutions, like marriage, more people come out. More straight people discover they know someone who is gay. And if you've never known someone who is gay before and then meet them, you recognize your shared humanity. Harvey Milk knew this 37 years ago, when he implored gays and lesbians, "You must come out... come out only to the people you know, and who know you. Not to anyone else. But once and for all, break down the myths, destroy the lies and distortions. For your sake. For their sake." The homophobic myths wilt when we meet and know someone who is gay. It becomes impossible to believe that the government should treat them as anything other than a citizen with the same rights and inherent dignity as anyone else.

The increasing profile of transgender people in our communities and society is import-

ant for the same reason. Time Magazine put actress Laverne Cox on its cover last year. This week, transgender woman Deva Ozenen ran for a seat in Turkey's parliament. ABC Family is running a series this summer called "Becoming Us," documenting the lives of two teenagers whose fathers are transitioning to women. And Caitlyn Jenner's transition has put a public face on the transgender community. As a much smaller group, at only an estimated half of one percent of the U.S. population, it is not as common for people to know someone who is transgender as it is to know someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual. And that unfortunately makes it harder to break down the discrimination that they face, even for what should be simple paperwork. As of today, 72 percent of LGBT people live in states that create burdensome obstacles for transgender people seeking to change a gender marker on a birth certificate, according to the Movement Advancement Project.

Gays, lesbians and bisexuals and their families still face discrimination too. Even if the Supreme Court rules in favor

of freedom to marry, according to the Movement Advancement Project, 52 percent of LGBT people would be at risk of being fired from their jobs, kicked out of their homes or denied access to doctor's offices and restaurants. Fifty-seven percent live in states where children are not protected from discrimination in school, and 86 percent in states where their child is not protected from discrimination in school for having LGBT parents.

From medical decisions and workplace policies, to adoption and parenting laws, we still have a lot of work to do to secure full inclusion of LGBT people. Last year, our Board of Aldermen added gender identity and expression to the City's human rights policy, protecting transgender people from discrimination in public places and businesses, and I am glad our aldermen have again led on equality. We must continue to spread that message and not let our advocacy wane as more barriers to discrimination fall. We must let the next generation know that we will pass on to them a society that is better and more inclusive for all. As Harvey Milk said: You gotta give them hope.

St. Anthony's first century of serving immigrants



By William C. Shelton

Saint Anthony Church will conduct a series of events to commemorate its hundredth anniversary, beginning with a noon bilingual mass and a luncheon celebrating the Feast of St. Anthony this coming Sunday. A Brazilian festival takes place the following Saturday evening, June 20th. And Cardinal Sean O'Malley will celebrate a centennial mass on September 6th.

Saint Anthony's history parallels the episodic story of immigrants who came to America—and Somerville—in search of opportunity, and who helped build a powerful economy, diverse society, and global political power.

From the time of the American Revolution to 1861 a small but steady stream of Italians came to the U.S., recruited for their specialized skills. Though they constituted a tiny minority, 7,000 fought in the Civil War.

For a variety of reasons Italian unification, which occurred in the same year that the American Civil War began, resulted in extensive, intensive, and long-lasting economic hardship. Multitudes of impoverished Italians immigrated to the Americas.

Their most common initial destinations were Brazil and Argentina. But those who arrived in Brazil discovered that promises of "free land" were misleading. The land on offer was rarely adequate to support subsistence agriculture. It was scraps of barely arable soil around the borders of giant coffee *latifundios* whose workers were treated little better than slaves.

Meanwhile the Civil War had killed or wounded over a half million Americans. Their absence from the labor force created demand for immigrant labor, and the U.S. became a preferred destination for Italian immigrants.

Italy's economic distress continued for decades and extended as far north as Milan, where in the 1880s Giovanni Battista Scalabrini beheld masses of dispossessed workers huddled around that city's train station, awaiting transportation to the port of Genoa.

The sight moved him deeply and stayed with him when he returned to nearby Piacenza, where he served as Bishop. With the backing of Pope Leo XIII, in 1887 he founded the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo "to ensure as far as possible the moral, civil, and economic welfare" of immigrants to the Americas.

The following summer seven Missionaries left for Brazil, and three for New York. The order would eventually produce America's first saint, Sister Francesca Cabrini. But before

that, the Scalabrinians would come to Somerville.

Boston's North End had been home to Puritans in the 17th Century and Yankee entrepreneurs in the 18th Century. As the 19th Century wore on, affluent North Enders moved to Beacon Hill, or across the river to Charlestown. By the late 1840s, living conditions were the worst in the city, coinciding with the arrival of destitute refugees from Ireland's Potato Famine.

Over two generations, they prospered and moved out, to be replaced by Eastern European Jews and Italians. In 1888 a group of Italian immigrants constituted themselves as the Saint Mark Society and bought the building that had been the Seaman's Bethel. The Scalabrini fathers opened a church there in 1890, and Archbishop O'Connell named it Sacred Heart.

Somerville's ethnic succession was similar to the North End's, although somewhat later. Only a few Italians were living here when Sacred Heart opened, but the city's burgeoning industries drew a flood of Italian immigrants after the turn of the Century.

In 1914 Nazareno Properzi, a 24-year-old priest who only two moths earlier had been ordained in Italy was sent by Sacred Heart to examine these immigrants circumstances. Walking up and down Somerville Avenue knocking on doors, he found many eager to hear sermons and give confession in their own language.

The following year he rented an Elm Street storefront. Youthful volunteers cleaned it and installed its only furnishing—an improvised altar, a crucifix, four candles, and a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Fifty people attended the first mass.

Two months later they moved to a Somerville Avenue store-front, where a sale of homemade aprons paid for a few furnishings. The congregation grew rapidly. The Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Get ready, Somerville. It's SomerStreets season again.



Whatever one's feelings may be regarding the relative merits of the city's @Somer-Streets events, one thing is clear: a good number of people end up having a really great time for themselves.

For many, the best is the first. That, of course, is embodied in the *SomerStreet:* Carnaval event that brings out the reveler in everyone who gets involved.

Whether one gets swept up by the hoola-hooping, stilting, parkour or relay races, there is surely something for anyone and everyone to enjoy.

This year's edition of the event did not disappoint those in attendance. In addition to the aforementioned activities, entertainment was provided by Samba Viva with Grupo Camarote, Opposite People, Grupo Los Nitidos, Bloco AfroBrazil, Mariachi los Viajeros de Mexico, and The Gravel Project.

Some bemoan the many street closures that take place throughout the year for similar events, road races, etc. There are valid points of view on both ends of the issue. It only seems reasonable, though, to partake in the festivities as long as they

are there for the partaking. A little giving in can feel good, in comparison to not participating at all.

For those who enjoy these types of events, this opening edition of @Somer-Streets serves as a fun and festive introduction to the series and a joyous reminder that the warm summery months will soon be upon us.

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all over here in the Ville, is Anthony Galluccio, celebrating his birthday this week and we wish him the best as well. A great guy and former Chairperson of the Somerville License Board is having his birthday this week, Raymond Trant of the famous Trant family here in Somerville. A great guy. Suzanne Bremer, well known around the city as well, is celebrating this week. We certainly wish her the very best on her birthday. A good friend and awesome lady, Beth Chamberlain, who is in the dog raising business, we wish her the very best on this her birthday as well. To all others both here in the Ville and fans of our paper celebrating this week, we salute you.

On Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Women's Networking Breakfast and a fast-paced discussion of its future. Featuring special guest Kelly Thompson Clark, President/CEO of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce along with Somerville Chamber Chair Rebecca Schrumm of Schrumm Financial. Discussion leaders will include: Lindsay Venza, East Boston Savings Bank; Lindsay Smythe, Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County; and Lily Belle Berezin of Federal Realty Invest-

ment Trust. 8:00 a.m. check in and networking. For reservations email to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

We heard that State Representative Christine Barber, who represents Wards 4 and 7 here in Somerville, as well as South Medford and the Hillside, has moved from Thurston Street in Ward 4 to Packard Avenue in Ward 7.

We've been looking over some of the candidates' websites (those that have them) and found candidate Ward 6 Charles Chisholm's site of particular interest. A very interesting group of people and range of experience. Check it out at www.charlesjchishom.com. Every week we are going to mention a candidate's website and give our opinion. Charlie has a full resume and pictures going back many years here in

We understand the mayor is in China, so according to the city charter the President of the Board of Alderman sits as mayor if something goes wrong or is needed until he returns. Normally, you'd think Omar Boukili, the aide to the mayor would be in charge. Isn't he always in charge even when the mayor is around? In the old days here in the city some past

the Ville. We think it's interesting.

Presidents of the Board of Aldermen would jump at the chance to run in and sit at the mayors desk ordering Pizza or Chinese Food.

Congratulations to Attorney Michael T. Dwyer a lifelong resident and a former Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney and in the private practice now for many years, has opened his new office at 5 Middlesex Avenue Suite 400. His telephone number is 617-625-5200. He can also be reached online at his website www. mikedwyerlaw.com. We wish him the very best in his new office and much success in his practice.

Join Groundwork Somerville for their Cleaning & Greening event at Draw 7 Park on June 14th. Did you know there is still snow in Somerville? Draw 7 Park served as a snow depository over the winter and STILL contains large snow piles from this winter's record-breaking storm. While the snow will eventually melt, the large amount of trash and debris left behind will not. Luckily, Groundwork Somerville is here to help by continuing their Cleaning & Greening program. This new community-based volunteer program consists of monthly projects to improve public spaces around the city of

Somerville. Thus far, their Cleaning & Greening projects have included: Earth Day Cleaning & Greening at Kennedy School and Somerville Library West; Comcast Cares cleanup at multiple locations around Somerville; South Street Farm Cleaning & Greening. The next project for their Cleaning & Greening program will be held on June 14 from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Draw 7 Park in Somerville. Groundwork Somerville will be working to gather 50+ volunteers to get the park back into shape. In July, they will be back for a mid-summer clean up at South Street Farm and in August, they will be tackling Davis Square. With the help of individual and business based partnerships, Groundwork Somerville's Cleaning & Greening program will bring our community together to make the city sparkle. Contact: Devin Powers devin@groundworksomerville.org. Phone: 508-628-9988.

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is back this year on Saturday, June 20. Get ready for a free all-day outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park. The Somerville High School Jazz Ensemble will kick off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going with sounds ranging from American Jazz to Delta Blues. There will be non-stop music from 12 - 6 p.m.

SomerStreets: Carnaval 2015

SomerStreet: Carnaval returned for its 6th year of shaking up East Somerville on Sunday, kicking off the 2015 season.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally-renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity.

Through SomerStreets, the city and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

Thos past Sunday, attendees enjoyed the best of the East Broadway Business District and the East Somerville community including food, music, and culture from around the world.

Programming extended along East Broadway from the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave. The festival kicked off with a Motion Parade at noon beginning at the Cross St. Senior Center.

A variety of interactive activities were offered including hola hooping, stilting, parkour and relay races. The Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus was there for giant bubbles & gadget making.

Musical acts included Samba Viva with Grupo Camarote, Opposite People, Grupo Los Nitidos, Bloco AfroBrazil, Mariachi los Viajeros de Mexico, and The Gravel Project.

The community performance area featured Onstage Dance Company, El Sistema Somerville, and Pete 'Afro D' Shungu. Tunes were spun by local DJ Soto.































Photos by Claudia Ferro







SPORTS

Somerville Pop Warner Banquet

Somerville Pop Warner players, cheerleaders, and their families gathered at Foss Park last Thursday evening for a banquet that included good food and the awarding of trophies.





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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What famous order was popularized in stories about the battle of Bunker Hill?
- 2. Who was the American artist known for his painting The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker Hill?
- 3. How tall is The Bunker Hill Monument?
- 4. What was the make of the first car with an air conditioner?
- 5. What was the name of Frosty the Snowman's
- 6. Frank N Furter appears in what film?

- 7. Where would you spend stotinki?
- 8. Approximately how many stars are in the Milky Way galaxy?
- 9. Which U.S. President went to the same London university as Mick Jagger?
- 10. What name is given to magic used with evil intent?
- 11. Which show tells the tale of Dolly Gallagher Levi?
- 12. On which special day did Charlie Chaplin die i

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Eversource Walk for Kids



Team Down Syndrome has been walking in the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital for years. This 50-person Walk team actually originated in Somerville. The team's goal this year to raise \$21,000. The team captain is Angela Lombardo. Her son Isaiah Lombardo is 19 and has been a patient at Boston Children's since birth and organizing the team was her way or giving back. The 13th Annual Fundraising Walk will take place at DCR's Baxter Park, Assembly Row in Somerville on June 14. Last year's Walk had over 5,200 walkers and raised over \$1.6 million to support the hospital. The goal this year is \$1.8 million. Boston Children's Hospital is encouraging all who are interested in spending the day at Assembly Row and walking for the hospital to register for the 2- and 7-mile walks online at www.bostonchildrens.org/walk. Supporters can also make donations at www. bostonchildrens.org/walk.



Lincoln Tech graduate makes Dean's List



Somerville resident Samantha Pino recently graduated from Lincoln Tech, along with making the Dean's list. While Pino is still serving an internship as a dental assistant, she was given the option of graduating in June or December. She opted for the June graduation. Congratulations, Samantha!

— Photo by Claudia Ferro

SqueezeBox Slam sounds off this Saturday, June 13



SqueezeBox Slam is a celebration of accordions, button boxes and other free reed instruments. For the 5th year in a row, accordionists of all skill levels and musical genres are invited to stroll around the neighborhoods of Somerville, sharing their melodious sounds, and like pied pipers from an alternative fairy tale, beckon all to come and follow them as they head to Davis Square for a concert of some of New England's finest squeezebox players.

So dust off your grandfather's squeezebox that's been sitting in the attic and join us for an afternoon of pumping the bellows! Accordion themed art and crafts will be for sale. Curated by Michael McLaughlin.

From 12-3 p.m. accordionists will stroll around Somerville, ultimately congregating in Davis Sq. Local accordionists bring your boxes, band together or find your own corner and play. There are no rules! This is accordion anarchy. At 3 p.m., head to Davis Sq. where Lady Kielbasia will get the concert rolling with a group play along, "The Big Squeeze." Featured bands for the concert include Ralph Tufo and the Squeezebox Stompers, Sonny Barbato, Balkan Fields and Jinta-la-Mvata.

For more information visit: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/squeezebox. For questions or interviews contact: Michael McLaughlin strizimusic@gmail.com.



What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week in Somerville Neighborhood News, we feature a special Somerville event: Community Vault, a retrospective screening of local videos. As many know, Somerville Neighborhood News is a project under the umbrella of SCATV, and this community service news production would not be here today if it weren't for the long-lasting support of community media. SCATV and the Community Vault Program Selection Committee would like to invite you and your friends to an afternoon of curated videos from the past few decades. It is time to find your movie-viewing goggles and mark your calendars for an afternoon adventure into the Community Vault. Our program will showcase some of the best of archive and contemporary videos produced by community TV stations and local filmmakers. We have unearthed footage from retro dance parties of the 1980's to short fiction films from the 2000's. Everyone is welcome to attend! Note: There are some adult themes and language but no nudity or violence. Get your tickets online in advance at communityvault.tv and save money!



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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

318 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2013-91-R1-5/2015) Applicant and Owner, Beacon Street Partners, LLC, seek a revision, SZO sec 5.3.8, to Case ZBA 2013-91 to modify portions of the building and provide 3 at grade parking spaces and a Variance for 4 additional parking spaces. The original approval was for a Special Permit with Site Review to established 7 residential units per SZO §7.11.1.c, a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for modification of parking design standards and a Variance §9.13 for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 2.

13 Roberts St: (Case #ZBA 2015-04) Applicant and Owner, Oak Hill Park, LLC - Fred Starikov, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure by adding an approx 1800 sf addition and to not provide 1 of the required parking spaces. RB zone. Ward 5.

15 Wesley Park: (Case #ZBA 2015-15) Applicant and Owner, Joseph David Tarkoff and Jocelyn Segal Tarkoff, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family to add window wells for the basement. RB zone. Ward 3.

23-25 Ashland St: (Case #ZBA 2015-24) Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Christopher Brand, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by modifying a rear addition and adding dormers. RB zone. Ward 5.

140 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-28) Applicant and Owners, Brian and Katia Green, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to enclose a rear porch, construct a rear deck, and make window and door alterations in a narrow sideyard. RA Zone. Ward 6.

31-33 Century St: (Case #ZBA 2015-29) Applicant and Owner, Ella Goren, seeks a Special Permit to enclose the rear decks, build front porches, and make window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 4.

19 Boston St: (Case #ZBA 2015-30) Applicant and Owner, Danuza Aquino, seeks a Special Permit to establish an office within a primary residence of a psychotherapist and therapeutic massage specialist under SZO sec 7.11.4.f and a Special Permit to not provide parking, RA zone, Ward 3.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at 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

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant; Herb Chambers Somerville Corp, to demolish the c. 1924 Garage at 161 Linwood Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@ somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB # 15-105

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

Construction Services for Union Square Utility and Roadway Improvements

The IFB will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor. City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until June 24,

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing for all interested parties on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria of the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street,

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. Information on the Community Preservation Act is available at www.somervillema.gov/ cpa. Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearings or by submitting written comments through 5 p.m. on Monday, July 20th by email to emonea@ somervillema.gov or by mail to Emily Monea, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair 6/10/15 & 6/17/15 The Somerville Times

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Somerville, MA 02145.

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday June 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Fat Hen, LLC d/b/a La Brasa, for an Alteration of Premises for service of alcoholic beverages in the outdoor seating area at 124 Broadway, Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday June 15, 2015 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Tenoch Mexican, for a Wine and Malt Restaurant License, an Alteration of Premises and an Entertainment by Performers and Devices at 382 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek **Administrative Assistant**

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on <u>Thursday, June 25, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. at the <u>Visiting Nurse Association</u>, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA

Assembly Row Block 5 (400-499) (Case #PB 2014-34-R1-5/2015) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A #PB2014-34 under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to increase the number of residential units to 117, retail space to approx. 22,000 sf, parking spaces to approx. 216, and increase height of tower and rear massing. The original permit was for final level approval of "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 20,000 sf retail/restaurant space, 104 residential units, 155 hotel units and approx. 181 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. The Applicant and Owner also received waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7, submission of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, and from regulations of forthcoming zoning amendments as permitted by §16.10.2 of the SZO. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

328 Broadway: (Case #PB 2015-04) Applicant, Jeffrey Aaron Rowe, and Owner, John Holmes, seek a Special Permit with Site Review, to establish an eating and drinking establishment and a Special Permit for alterations to the building including signage. CCD 55. Ward 4.

Assembly Row Block 9 (Case #PB 2015-07) Applicant, Street Retail, Inc., and Owners, FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, Street Retail, Inc, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC Assembly Row B8, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review—A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a temporary parking lot with approx 72 spaces to serve retail/restaurant Assembly Row. The Applicant and Owner also seek waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for submission of elevations, floor plan, shadow analysis, traffic/parking analysis, LEED worksheet and conceptual 3D model under §5.3.2.10. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 6/10/15 & 6/17/15.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFR # 15-106

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

Construction Materials (Traffic Signal Mast Arms, and other related equipment) for Union Square Utility and Roadway Improvements

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Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until June 24, 2015 at 11:30 a m

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

Date of Publication: June 10, 2015

Responsible Entities

City of Somerville

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development 93 Highland Avenue, 3rd floor Somerville, MA 02143 Tel: 617-625-6600, x. 2585

These notices shall satisfy two separate, but related, procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Somerville (The City), acting by and through the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD).

On or about June 27, 2015 The City will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Boston Office, for the release of HOME Investments Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, 32 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., as amended, to undertake Phase 1 of a project known as the Mystic Water Works located at 485-487 Mystic Valley Parkway, Somerville, MA., for the purpose of creating up to 25, 1-bedroom units for low-income seniors and non-elderly disabled through acquisition and adaptive re-use of the historic Mystic Pumping Station. Total development cost for Phase 1, including acquisition, remediation, construction, soft costs, utility related and other site work, and development fees, is estimated at \$9,474,997, of which The City's share is estimated at \$500,000. Phase 2 is the acquisition and new construction of a four-story building with up to 35, 1-bedroom units for low-income seniors and non-elderly disabled. Funds for Phase 2 are not included in this RROF.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Housing Programs, 2nd floor, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 and may be examined and/or copied Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The City at the address given above. All comments received by the end of the business day on June 25, 2015 will be considered by The City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to HUD/Boston that Joseph A. Curtatone, in his capacity as Mayor and Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD/Boston's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows The City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/Boston will accept objections to its release of funds and The City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officers of the The City; (b) the The City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/Boston.; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to: HUD/Office of Community Planning & Development, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Boston (617-994-8200) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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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 **Monday**, **June 22**, **2015**, **at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman Alderman Tony Lafuente, for public input on the proposed FY 2016 budget.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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2015 candidates update

By Donald Norton

Ward 6 candidate for alderman, Charles J. Chisholm, is pictured here at the Election Department turning in his nominations papers. He submitted about 9 sheets today and already had 97 signatures. All he needed was 100 plus 20.

Candidate Chisholm should be certified to be on the ballot this week. Also, Ward 6 candidate Lance Davis is already certified according to the Election Department as of 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The mayor is certified and has his signatures. His potential opponent, Philip Michael Mitza of Autumn Street, has not been certified yet but he does have two more weeks to get that done.

All the candidates for alderman are as of today certified except for Sean Fitzgerald, but we hear he has many filled out sheets already has just not turned them in yet.

So far only Alderman Maryann Heuston of Ward 2 and Alderman Bob McWatters of Ward 3 are the only two current incumbents that are certified. Again, that is as of Tuesday, June 9 at 1p.m.

In the School Committees races, only candidate Lee Erica Palmer, who is seeking Ward 3 seat being vacated, and Andre Green, a Ward 4



candidate, have been certified to be on the ballot.

There is still time to take out papers and run for office here in the city. You have until June 22 to go and get the necessary paper work and until June 24 to turn them in to be certified.

Again. for Mayor you will only need 250 plus 50 registered voters to be on the ballot, Alderman At Large 150 plus 30 to be certified and Ward Alderman only 100 plus

20 and school board from each ward 100 plus 20.

In case you wanted to know, the aldermen receive about \$23K per year compensation. This is supposed to be part time and that includes many committee meetings, community meetings and the two official meetings monthly.

If you are considering running, contact the Election Department at 617-623-6600 or go online at www. somervillema.gov, the city's website.

St. Anthony's first century of serving immigrants CONT. FROM PG 10

next year they bought property at Somerville Avenue and Vine Street, since renamed "Properzi Way." Two years later, they celebrated their first mass in the lower church, joined by singers from Boston's Handel and Hayden Society.

The Romanesque-style upper church that we see today was completed in 1925, and its 600-seat capacity could not accommodate attendees at its dedication.

All who knew Father Properzi describe him as modest, dedicated, and compassionate, with a compelling vision, scholarly mind, and effective administrative skills. His superiors recognized this and in 1934 made him the Saclabrinians' Provincial Superior for the U.S. His reach and effectiveness extended internationally when he organized massive relief programs for homeless and destitute European survivors of World War II.

After the war he refocused on his own parish with characteristic vigor, while filling a variety of local and national posts, both secular and clerical. Following his death in 1960, he was replaced by a succession of dedicated pastors who continued his work.

Meanwhile Somerville was changing. The closure of factories and the lure of suburbs worked together to produce a net population decrease of 36,000 between 1950 and 1970. Many of St. Anthony's parishioners left the city, although they and their offspring often continued to think of the church as their spiritual home and still return for special occasions.

Somerville's plummeting rents made the city attractive to a variety of immigrant groups. Brazilians came, initially fleeing a military dictatorship, and after 1985 seeking the same economic opportunity sought by the Irish, Italians, and Portuguese who preceded them. In Somerville they found landlords and potential employers who spoke their own language.

In early 1989, a St. Anthony's priest affectionately knows as "Father Bob" began saying Mass in Portuguese. Brazilians flocked to the church for the same reason that Italians had—to worship in their own language.

Today St. Anthony's Parish Administrator is Ademir Guerini, and his biography recapitulates Scalabrinian history. A descendant of Italian immigrants to Brazil, after being ordained there he was sent to Venezuela to minister to Brazilians who had gone their to work in the oil boom. After assignments in Bogota and Washington D.C., he came to Somerville five years ago.

Father Ademir is a people's priest who has an easy smile, kind word, and warm sense of humor for all whom he encounters. Among St. Anthony's many roles is to help immigrants assimilate to American culture while preserving their own identity. The church is creating a cultural and assistance center and conducting English classes. Father Guerini hopes to help maintain the integrity of immigrant families, who he tells me are often closer here than they were in Brazil.

He says that it's important for each generation, acting on its faith and values, to leave something of the generations to come. The Italians built St. Anthony's and left it to the Brazilians. As St. Anthony's second century begins, the Brazilians are refurbishing the school hall, installing new lighting in the sanctuary, establishing new programs, and recreating community.

Somerville was once exceptional among American towns for its strong fabric of community, woven by intertwining networks of extended families, neighborhoods, churches, unions, fraternal organizations, youth sports leagues, political clubs, and civic organizations.

Most of those networks have unraveled, but the churches remain. So St. Anthony's centennial is something that we can all celebrate.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday June 10 **East Branch Library**

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

Central Library Night of the Mics

Marco Jean-Baptiste| 857-237-4206 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

Thursday June 11

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

East Branch Library

Lego Club Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday June 12

Central Library

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

Saturday June 13

Central Library

Wild Tales: The Monster in the Liza Kitchell-617-628-6685 2 p.m.-4 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|June 14

Central Library

Carrie Russell, author of Drowning 3 - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday June 15

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday June 16

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday June 17

Libraries Closed- Bunker Hill Day

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday June 10

Johnny D's

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room

Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

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

Arts at the Armory

Youth Art Arise: Stop Motion Origami Animation 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine

Teen Open Mic Night 7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 11

Johnny D's

Chick Singer Night

TBT Late Night "Throwback Thursday" Party hosted by Dysko!

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Meghan Chiampa's Fake Going Away Party featuring

Psychic Dog, Ben Knight, Band Without Hands \$5 cover

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room

Scattershot 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

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

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory Folk New England Presents

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Friday June 12

Johnny D's

Amy Black Album Release and Farewell Boston Show! (Songwriter / Soul / Country / Blues) **Booty Vortex** 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky & The Titanium Hipsters |6

Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

Fightin Fridays 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

DI McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

4th Annual Hyper-Local Craft Brew-6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Cambridge Symphony Chamber **Players**

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Saturday June 13 Johnny D's

lazz Brunch

Amy Black Album Release and Farewell Boston Show! WUMB Member Concert (Tickets Available to Public As Well)

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Liz Frame & The Kickers (Americana) Plus Luddy Mussy

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room **Spitting Vinnies**

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Ioshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casev's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Rick, Dave, & Friends

10:30 a.m. | Café 4th Annual Hyper-Local Craft Brew-

3 p.m.-10 p.m.| Performance Hall Janet's Planet - Concerts for Human-

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Comedysportz Boston 7 p.m.

Shit-faced Shakespeare 11 pm|255 Elm Street

Sunday June 14 Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Deborah McDonnell Band|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

Back Room

Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country &

Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Arts at the Armory

Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Café Revels FRINGE: Sam Amidon and

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

Davis Square Theatre Tascam Presents: The Boston Battle of

the Bands 4 p.m.-11:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday June 15 Iohnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Pres-

ents: One Microphone (Stand-Up) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room

Science by the Pint 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday June 16

Johnny D's

The Stooges Brass Band (Funk, Hip Hop, Brass & All the Things That Make You Get Down!) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Hashtag Hoedown Tuesday!|7 p.m.

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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

hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Imagination Installation

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Green Line Extension project - Gilman Square & Lowell Street Station Design Public Meeting 6 p.m|Performance Hall

First and Last Word Poetry Series

7 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave Wednesday|June 17

Johnny D's

Men Without Hats PLUS Party Bois / Telelectrix

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-The Burren

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Comedv@10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Arts at the Armory

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine

7 p.m.|Performance Hall

Youth Art Arise: Stop Motion Origami Animation

PigPen Theatre Co. with You Won't

AniMAtic Boston 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday June 10

Central Library

Night of the Mics Marco Jean-Baptiste | 857-237-4206 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Thursday June 11

Avenue

Central Library Become an International Host Family: Information Session Maggie Blackman-617-388-2625 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Learn English at the Library!

West Branch Library

40 College Avenue

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Saturday June 13

Holland St Sunday June 14

Bagel Bards

Central Library Carrie Russell, author of Drowning

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

Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

ment. **Third Life Studio** Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Monday June 15 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

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

Tuesday June 16 **Central Library**

Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

115 Broadway

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

Wednesday June 17

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

Libraries Closed- Bunker Hill Day

HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 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.

Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series – Started Monday, May 18 -at our Holland Street Center. An educational program that brings a series of low-cost, themed lectures to you each month. A nominal fee of \$20. will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5. If you do attend the 3 lectures in the same subject area you will receive a "Foundations of Knowledge Subject Matter" Certificate. Attend all lectures and receive a "Foundation of Knowledge Humanities Aficionado" Certificate. Series themes include, but not limited to: Art & Art History, The Many Voices of Music and American Literature. Please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more details and to sign up for these wonderful lectures.

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

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

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

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.

Summer Fun Fridays – Museum and Cultural outings on the following Fridays – July 17 – The Anderson Auto Museum / July 24th – The Fruitlands Museum / July 31st Institute of Comtemporary Art / August 14th – John F. Kennedy Library and Museum / August 28th – The Griffin Museum of Photography. All trips depart from our Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. Trip prices will vary depending upon mode of transportation. Lunch is always on your own and at your own expense. Space is extremely limited so please call Janine Lotti at 617-6256600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Caregiver & Respite Services – Tuesday, July 21 – 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center - This is the last in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" - This will explain the nuances of caregiver and respite care services presented by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services. Guest speaker Colleen Morrissey - to register for this event please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo - Wednesday, September 23 – for a fee of \$81. You will also enjoy lunch with a choice of Baked Chicken or Baked Scrod. Please contact Connie for additional information or to reserve your spot at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The BBQ at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, June 18 is SOLD OUT.

The Mohegan/Foxwoods trip scheduled for Thursday & Friday, June 25 & 26 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Luciano's with entertainment by the Drifters scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 is SOLD OUT.

Friendly Caller Program

Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to - or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

Council on Aging FLEA MARKET - Where:167 Holland Street. When: Saturday, June 20, rain or shine. Why: To support, sustain, and expand Somerville Council on Aging programming. How: Purchase a table for \$20 to sell your own goods. Spaces will be provided. Come ready to buy your next treasure from one of the vendors. For more info call Marie Linscott at (617) 625-7261.

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

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

Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. June 29 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

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The trip to Luciano's with entertainment by the Drifters scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd is SOLD OUT.

Please note that all our centers will be closed on Wednesday, June 17th for Bunker Hill Day.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, June 8th – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. We will be joined by the students of the GSA from Somerville High School with a yet to be determined lunch menu. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night - Monday, June 15th

- 5:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. In honor of Gay Pride Month at approximately 5:00 we will have a showing of The Great Pink Scare followed by a determined dinner with a little time to socialize by a showing of If These Walls Could Talk 2. Th happens the 3rd Monday of every month exclu Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

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 June 10

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Fiore's Trip

Thursday June 11

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Friday June 12

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday June 15

8:30 Walking/Talking Group (H) 9:30 Veterans Group (H) 9:30 Stargazing lecture (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 5:30 LGBT Pride Celebration 2015

Tuesday June 16

9:30 Reminiscing with Jimmy (H) 10:00 Nutrition Fair (H)

6:00 Caregivers

No Programming at our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center

Wednesday June 17

All Centers Closed



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Fax: 617-492-8534

Mayor Curtatone part of China delegation

Mayor Curtatone is part of a Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation delegation that is traveling to China from June 7-18. The trip, which is fully paid for by the Ash Center where Mayor Curtatone is a Senior Fellow, represents an outstanding opportunity for the city. In addition to sharing information on city programs and initiatives, the mayor will be working to open up op-

portunities for the city ranging from student academic exchanges to support for the vity's green tech and sustainability goals as he meets with government, business and academic leaders. The trip is organized by Edward Cunningham, Director of the HKS Ash Center's China Program and the HKS Asia Energy and Sustainability Initiative, and joining Prof. Cunningham and Mayor Curtatone on the trip is Ash

Center Director and Daewoo Professor of International Affairs Anthony Saich.

Mayor Curtatone was invited on the trip as a Senior Fellow with the Ash Center and to share Somerville's best practices as a model for in local government innovation and economic development with students, business leaders and government officials in Hong Kong and China. Mayor Curtatone is presenting to groups at Hong Kong University and,

in Bejing, Tsinghua University's School of Public Policy and Management about how the city has worked with HKS and implemented data-driven performance management to improve services, livability and sustainability in the city. He will also present to executives of China Southern Power Grid Company in Guangzhou about Somerville's lessons of innovation and how the City is working with green technology, from bringing Green-

town Labs to Somerville to the new Green Tech Program that the city has launched. Lastly, Mayor Curtatone will speak at the Hong Kong Club to Hong Kong business people and government officials about Somerville's rise as an innovation hub and the work the city is doing to attract businesses.

During Mayor Curtatone's trip, he is contact throughout the day with city staff and continues to be involved in the day-to-day operations of the city.

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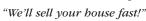
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The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech	9:00am	Art as Protest	1:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday a SCATV Production	6:00pm	Wednesday, June 10		
Bay State Biking Ne	10:00am	MAPS Health Connector	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	6:30pm		6:30am	
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The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech	12:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	Life Matters	7:30am	
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Drone

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Neatly. Remember to gas up the car. The hellfire left its blackened scar. The house gone. His tools must have melted. Those boys too. But who can be faulted?

Everything narrowed down to his seed. And given the horror, all agreed. Another child hidden behind the truck, Panicked, paralyzed by the havoc,

The explosion, the god-awful strike. Yet targeted well, so businesslike. The new pilot fiddles the controls. I've ordered drinks in one of hell's holes.

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8. 100 Billion

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9. John F. Kennedy

4. Packard

10. Black Magic

5. Chilly

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville writer Lan Samantha **Chang to become Iowa Writers** Workshop director

The summer is a time to look back at my archives and pull up some interesting interviews I have conducted over the years. Lan Samantha Chang is the head of the Iowa Writers Workshop, but before that she taught at Harvard and lived in Somerville. Here is an interview I conducted with her in the offices of The Somerville Times when we were based in Davis Square.

I remember leafing through the "other" paper, The New York Times, when I came across a story that reported a Somerville writer by the name of Lan Samantha Chang was appointed to head the noted Iowa Writers Workshop, at the University of Iowa. Chang, 40, is a resident of Davis Square, a lecturer at Harvard University, as well as a well-regarded short-story writer and novelist. Her own work often deals with the Chinese immigrant experience, and the problems assimilation into American soci-

Chang, who first took writing courses at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education and later attended the workshop in Iowa, will be replacing Frank Conroy as director. The Iowa Writers Workshop is probably the most prestigious in the country, and has trained writers like: T.C. Boyle, Jane Smiley and others of that pedigree. I spoke with Ms. Chang in the offices of The Somerville Times in the heart of Davis Square.

Doug Holder: Were you surprised that you were selected to be director?

Lan Samantha Chang: I certainly did not go into the process expecting to get the job. There were so many qualified people. The finalists were all quite good. I did know going into it that I care enormously about the program; having been a fairly recent graduate.

DH: Is 40 a young age to head this workshop? LSC: I think it is. I'm not sure who was the youngest. I know 40 is relatively young. I think Frank Conroy began when he was fifty.

DH: How do you find the Somerville writing community?

LSC: A lot of writers live in Somerville. It is very rich. Elizabeth McCracken lived here for years and years. At this moment James Wood and Claire Messud live in Somerville. There is a sense community here. There is a sense of laissez-faire that every writer needs in order to feel productive. In Somerville I don't get the feeling that I am being bugged. I can walk down the streets of Davis Square and nobody will bother me. In that way it is like a big city. I have many friends who live around here, so I feel at home. I live right down the street from a bowling alley and for some reason it is a real pleasure to know that many people go there on a regular basis.

My sister visited last summer and we stopped in the Square for ice cream. There was a festival going on. Tons of people were in Davis Square; they were relaxed and having a good time. Everyone seemed alert, smart and happy. My sister said, "I can see why you want to live here." It's similar to Iowa City. It's a relaxed, literary community.

DH: You were the managing editor of the Yale Daily News. I know that Hemingway, Crane, and others started out as journalists. Do you think this



Lan Samantha Chang.

is valuable experience for a budding writer?

LSC: One great thing about being a journalist is that it makes you aware that much of the struggle of writing is sitting down and producing words. That can be comforting and enlightening to a beginning writer.

DH: There was a documentary out recently titled The Stone Reader that concerned an Iowa Writers Workshop graduate, who wrote a great first book, had a breakdown, and disappeared. How hard is it to be a writer? How hard is it to be a writer in America?

LSC: You know what I thought the movie revealed? It is the amount of heart it takes to write a really serious book, and how it can drain a person. I don't think people realize this. I think people think writers sit around and words flow out of them in some sort of inspired process.

DH: It is felt by some people that in Europe the government supports the artists to a greater extent than the States. What's your take on this?

LSC: Government could do a lot more. The govarts in our society.

DH: Detractors of writing programs often say it produces technically proficient, but uninspired writers. How do you answer that?

LSC: Going for my MFA was the best thing I ever did. I came into Iowa and I was immersed into this rich and inspired literary culture. I learned enormous amounts about writing and reading. I had wonderful peers, many of whom are still my readers. I was given time - seemingly endless time, in which to think and dream about what I wanted to do. It was really great.

It's easy to criticize any sincere endeavor. Writers give up their lives for two years to devote them-

DH: Any favorite Somerville writers.

TSC: Steve Almond. I think he is great actually. I saw him read at the New England Art Institute. Poet Peter Richards, and D.A. Powell, are others who I admire.

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