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There will be a lot of debate and deliberation in the future, according to civic leaders, as the city looks for ways to cover the \$50M that has been pledged to help see the Green Line Extension through its completion.

By Josie Grove

Now that the MBTA has given its cautious goahead for the Green Line Extension, the city of Somerville is trying to figure out how to make good on Mayor Joseph Curtatone's \$50 million promise to the project.

The GLX project underwent a cost-cutting redesign, which disappointed many residents but became necessary after its estimated cost ran nearly \$1 billion over budget last year. In addition to the redesign, the administrations of Cambridge and Somerville pledged to contribute \$25 million and \$50 million respectively. The project was approved last month, but it remains to be seen if Somerville will follow through on the mayor's pledge to the state.

"I want to get you up to speed in terms of where we are with the GLX discussion," said Curtatone, addressing the Continued on page 4

Memorial Day weekend 2016

Honoring our heroes and remembering our fallen

By Charles Lane

This past Sunday, the City of Somerville honored its military veterans, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice, by once again hosting its annual Memorial Day Parade, the largest in the Boston metro region.

The 2016 parade featured 21 performing groups, including new bands and performers such as The Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps from Nashua, NH; The Freedom Trail Band (first LGBT band to perform in the parade); OUTVETS, marching in honor of LGBT Veterans; and the Blues Brothers: Next Generation performing group.

As always, the parade also included a wide range of community and school groups, the popular specialty units of the Aleppo Shriners, and representatives of local veterans, fire, and police units.

Several local officials also joined in the parade, paying tribute to those who served.



The city turned out to pay hommage to our brave defenders. More on pages 12–13. — Photo by Bob Trane

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Somerville High School Senior Class Day is coming up on Friday, June 3 at the high school in the Centennial Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m. As is traditional, the class of 50 years before is represented by about 50 class members, in this case 1966.

Celebrate East Somerville at Carnaval @ Somerstreets! Sunday, June 5 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Broadway will be closed off to cars for the celebration. Music and entertainment on three stages. Performances from A Nova Brazil, Los Nitidos, Nuz, Federator Number 1, Mariachi los Viajeros de Mexico, Banda Bahia, Banda de la Paz, El Sistema Somerville, On Stage Dance Company, Teen Empowerment and more. Craft Fair. Food and activities from Around the World Arts, Crafts, Games and more. Motion Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. from the Cross St. Senior Center. For more info visit www.somervillema.gov or www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/carnaval.

This year's Memorial Day parade was very nice and felt longer, exciting for all those that attended. A very small turnout of local politicians showed their support for our veterans. It was nice to see **the mayor**, along with **State Senator Jehlen**, and all three state representatives were marching in the parade, as well as some of our aldermen, including **Dennis Sullivan**, **Jack Connolly, Bob McWatters** and **Katjana Ballantyne**. But one who was obviously missing was the new **alderman from Ward Six**. We heard he was celebrating in front of his house on Highland Ave. We guess he couldn't be bothered to join some of his colleagues, but the strangest absentee was

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Devastating fire brings out the best in Somerville

Mark Alston-Follansbee says:

Thank you Mayor; this truly is a wonderful example of the community coming together to help people in an emergency. Sadly, it also highlights how difficult it is for many people who want to stay in Somerville to find housing they can afford. I hope we can continue to work together to ensure everyone who wants to live here can stay here. That will be heroic and we will all benefit from Somerville continuing to be the diverse community we all love.

Mark Alston-Follansbee

Somerville Homeless Coalition

steve says:

tragedy. what is this raj property owner doing for these poor families nothing? stuffing his fat wallet with the insurance money? not a thing has been done there since the fire. hell prob. sell the land and build hi cost condos.

CAP says:

Well said, Mark.

I live around the corner from the fire site. Almost every neighbor I've spoken to has expressed the same prediction; that the burned-out building that housed about 50 of our working-class and immigrant neighbors will be torn down, and replaced with luxury condos. That no one who had lived there could ever hope to afford to buy.

As the Mayor stated, the community has done it's part. Now, it's time for him and the City to do their part and use every means available to them to ensure that the property is restored as 100% affordable housing. With the previous tenants given first dibs on the units, should they wish to return to East Somerville.

Response to: Loss of faith drives this election...and our shared future

Oliver Seppo says:

If Clinton gets the nomination we are hosed. End of story.

JAR says:

Thought provoking as always Bill.
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Response to: Porchfest 2016

Freebie says:

Best one yet!!

Response to: In Memoriam - Tiffany Sedaris

Roshni says:

Thank you

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Mass ash tree removal imminent

By Amy Swain

On Wednesday, May 25, residents gathered at the Somerville Water Department to discuss possible tree removals and replacements. Public hearings are routine when considering tree removal in the city, so interested citizens – more than fifty - were ready and eager to voice opinions.

Brad Rawson, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure continued with a presentation regarding plans for general tree removal and replacement. Rawson detailed the benefits of keeping trees in urban areas saying, "Every government knows that the key to keeping trees in a city is a matter of management and planning."

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and planning"

The planning that has been done, to the dismay of many, is the plan to remove around one hundred fifty trees in Somerville. The city believes this step necessary due to the impending presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB), which is a beetle sometimes found destroying ash trees. While the beetle has not been found in Somerville yet, it has been found in Boston and surrounding cities.

The trees marked for remov-



Residents and city planners gathered to discuss the need for thinning out a number of trees in the area in order to curtail the spread of harmful insects. — Photo by Amy Swain



The emerald ash borer tree parasite.

al are weaker trees, which the bugs tend to target first. Further, more than two hundred more trees are to be treated for prevention of the pest, as a preemptive defense.

Other cases of the borer have cost cities millions of dollars in damages, loss of business, and excess costs of rushing to get rid of infested trees quickly. Arborists have examined all of roughly nine hundred trees in Somerville, and agree this is a necessary step.

Also discussed were some particular cases of removal for unrelated reasons. Residents of Howe Street and Quincy Street described cases of trees causing issues in their homes – cracking foundations and disrupting

driveways. Residents argued the necessity of these removals, and each case will be looked over and decisions should be made for both within the next few weeks.

The preventative and mass tree removal will begin in June. The city does have long term plans for tree addition, but keeping this pest out of the city is the first step.

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By Jim Clark

Paint party suddenly called off

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last week on reports that store loss prevention personnel were struggling with a suspected shoplifter who was attempting to evade capture and arrest.

Upon arrival, the officers spotted two store security employees, each holding an arm of the suspect, later identified as Michael Le, of Randolph.

Le appeared to be making slight attempts to break free, according to police reports.

The officers secured and handcuffed Le, then began routine questioning.

According to reports, Le indicated that he spoke English, and yet failed to give a response when asked to identify himself. He reportedly gave them the name of

Le Michael after a prolonged period of questioning, but a police database query could not provide a match.

It was later determined that the suspect's name was actually Michael Le.

The store's loss prevention personnel briefed the police officers on the incident, telling them that Le reportedly entered the store with a male companion and pro-

ceeded to fill a shopping carriage with several containers of house paint and pushed it outside towards the parking lot, past the point of purchase area without paying for the merchandise.

The security staff then intercepted and held Le, but his accomplice reportedly got away.

The store staffers reportedly told police that Le continued to struggle in an attempt to break free until the officers arrived.

The officers were reportedly told that Le had been suspected of stealing from the store on previous occasions but had not been apprehended until the occurrence of this incident.

The total value of the items taken out of the store was reported at \$805.38.

Le was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

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Arrests:

Lisa Fucci, of 13 Cottage Ave., May 24, 11:52 a.m., arrested at Central St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Michael Le, of 40 Stacy St., Randolph, May 24, 3:58 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Linsley Seide, of 19 Walnut Place, Revere, May 25, 1:38

p.m., arrested at Garfield Ave. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and on warrant charges of resisting arrest, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Kenneth Strickland, of 23 Mountain View Dr., Clinton, May 26, 10:56 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on multiple warrant charges of larceny over \$250.

Rashid Alnuamani, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, May 27, 4:43 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Heinsky Anacreon, of 50C Memorial Rd., May 27, 10:45 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on charges of drug violation near a school, distribution of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate

drug law

Victor Gonzalez, of 86 Gilman St., May 27, 10:45 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Charles Gondola, of 101 Highland Ave., May 27, 10:45 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Mark Whittaker, of 820 Mass Ave., Cambridge, May 29, 3:13 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of possession of a class

C drug, drug possession to dis-

tribute, distribution of a class C

drug, and resisting arrest.

Antwon Trihn, of 10 Edwin St., Dorchester, May 29, 6:12 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

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Green Line Extension funding: A big issue for the city

Board of Aldermen last Thursday.

"The Federal Transportation Administration signaled last week officially that the redesign is a go." This federal approval was critical because nearly half the project is funded by an FTA grant. The new budget for the project will be ready in August. Project procurement will be followed by a design-build bidding process, a different strategy than the last bidding process used for the Green Line. The MBTA believes the new process will more effectively keep the project under budget. Curtatone anticipates that the GLX will resume construction by fall 2017.

To keep up that ambitious schedule, city funding must be approved by end of this August. Curtatone said the Board of Aldermen would have his plan for how the city will come up with the \$50 million by the end of this month.

"I'm sure you'll scrutinize that in a very stringent manner, hold public hearings," said Curtatone. "Whatever approval the board gives, you'll look at it very carefully before you give that." The mayor said he hopes to spread the \$50 million impact over time and avoid cuts to other city initiatives, but did not yet have specifics for the Board. A concrete plan will come by the end of June, and Curtatone hopes the Board of Aldermen will approve it by September.

"I apologize for the strain the time constraint will put on all of us with the Green Line, but with the changing federal administration, the presidency, we stand to lose in terms of federal funding," said Curtatone. Regardless of political party, he said, the Green Line Extension might not be a priority for the next president or transportation secretary. "Time is not on our side."

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang had another proposal to fund Somerville's potential \$50 million commitment to the Green Line: a fee on real estate

transactions, known as a transfer fee. Niedergang claimed a 1% transfer fee, for example \$5,000 collected from a \$500,000 sale, would raise as much as \$8 million per year. To get that extra revenue, the city would have to submit a Home Rule Petition to the Commonwealth legislature. The legislature would vote to approve the petition, and then the issue could return to the city.

Alderman Matt McLaughlin supports the transfer fee that takes advantage of developers "cashing out" of Somerville, while Alderman Heuston is concerned it would threaten people selling their only property.

Alderman Lance Davis was more cautious about using the transfer fee for the Green Line. "I think that there are a number of funding options that are still on the table," he said. "I would hope that we can emphasize the important need to use this money [from the transfer fee] to specifically address our housing crisis here first and foremost.



Mayor Curtatone addressed the Board of Alderman last week, updating the members on where GLX funding efforts currently stand.

But Curtatone thinks the process of imposing a transfer fee will be too slow to make a difference for the Green Line. "I think we may have missed the legislative timeline," he said. "It just won't happen fast enough."

The home rule petition to charge a real estate transfer fee will still be discussed by the Legislative matters committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Between the transfer fee, Green Line funding, and a handful of other property tax-related issues slated for discussion this fall, Alderman White is preparing for battle in the city government. "It seems like we're really going to be heading for a maelstrom this fall with all of these issues. So maybe we had better put on our flak jackets and helmets and be ready."

Grenade found at Somerville gas station

By Jim Clark

Somerville Police and Fire units, along with State Police units responded to the Gulf station at 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on Tuesday afternoon after a hand grenade was found on the premises.

According to reports, the station's day manager spotted the grenade sitting in a trash bin while he was in the process of emptying the receptacle.

Responding authorities immediately evacuated the station while they investigated the incident, with the aid of a bomb-sniffing dog.

It was determined that the grenade was genuine, but that the blasting device necessary to set it off was not in place.

Video surveillance footage will be examined in order to help determine who may have placed the device in the trash bin.



— Photos by Fiore Sciucco, Gulf Gas Station (above) and Bobbie Toner (below)





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Medical marijuana dispensary on its way?



By Josie Grove

Somerville's Union Square could soon be the site of a cannabis dispensary.

A 2012 ballot question opened the gates for medical marijuana, but the city imposed a temporary moratorium on dispensaries and other medical marijuana treatment facilities until the city could figure out how to address this new type of business in its zoning laws.

Back in February, the Board of Aldermen approved zoning changes that would allow dispensaries to set up shop in certain commercial and industrial areas of the city. Now, in response to those changes and the Commonwealth's call for dispensary proposals, a nonprofit healthcare corporation, Mayflower Medicinals, has applied to open up a dispensary in Union Square.

The Union Square dispensary is one of three proposed by Mayflower Medicinals, with other branches anticipated in Gloucester and the Allston neighborhood of Boston, and a cultivation facility in Holliston.

If the phrase 'cannabis dispensary' brings to mind a patchouli-scented, beanbag-strewn basement, think again, says chief operating officer Jaime Lewis. "Mayflower Medicinals is a patient-first nonprofit healthcare organization that is dedicated to providing the highest quality of medical cannabis products in a safe, secure, and professionally managed environment," she wrote in an email.

And if 'medical marijuana' conjures images of dirty bong water and smelly smoke, Mayflower Medicinals plans to offer many alternatives. The dispensary will "cultivate and produce a wide variety of maximally therapeutic marijuana products including flower-extracted and infused items like capsules, topicals, tinctures, edibles, and oils", Lewis wrote, detailing the many ways patients could use cannabis.

Lewis is a veteran in the cannabis business, having run an established dispensary in Colorado. She is also a strong cannabis advocate: she is a cofounder of the Cannabis Business Alliance and chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the National Cannabis Industry Association.

A meeting on May 18 at Brass Union provided an opportunity for neighbors to engage with Mayflower Medicinals staff, and Lewis claims a largely positive response, including ten letters of support from residents. Lewis hopes the dispensary will open in 2017, but first, Mayflower Medicinals must pass city and state permitting and review processes.

The city formed a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility Advisory Committee under the umbrella of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. The committee includes representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Planning Department, and the Somerville Police.

After the Advisory Committee ranks the applications, they are given to the mayor who can choose to provide a letter of support or a letter of non-opposition to applicants. Only after applicants get a letter from the mayor can they apply for a permit to set up a dispensary—an application that comes with a \$1,350 fee on top of over \$80,000 in state fees and a state-level application process.

The Advisory Committee began its review process on May 20.



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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Warren's Almond Flour Blueberry Pancakes

By now I'm sure most of you have heard of the Paleo lifestyle. No dairy, no legumes, no grains, no processed sugars, no gluten, no soybean, peanut, corn or canola oils. Only eating fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season. Limited raw nuts and seeds, grass fed beef, organic chicken and other organic meats without added nitrates. Basically, no processed foods and added sugar, which is not such a bad thing!

Packed full of protein, these delicious pancakes will surely be part of your breakfast rotation.

2 cups Almond flour (labeled as almond meal)

2 Tbl. Coconut flour

1/4 tsp. Nutmeg, freshly ground

1/2 tsp. Cinnamon

1/2 tsp. Sea salt or kosher salt

1 cup Bananas, mashed (about 2 medium sized)

1/2 tsp. Lemon zest

4 Eggs, lightly beaten, (large)

1/4 cup Sparkling water (lemon works well), or regular water 1 cup Fresh blueberries Coconut oil (3 tsp.)*
Fresh mixed berries for garnish

I like to use an electric skillet to make the pancakes since it's easier to regulate the temperature. If using the electric skillet, set the temperature to 300 degrees. If using a non-stick frying pan, make sure not to use a high heat, since the coconut oil will burn easily. With each batch, use 1 teaspoon of coconut oil to grease the pan and distribute evenly.

In a medium sized bowl, add the almond meal, coconut flour, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt. Mix well, using a fork, making sure there are no lumps. In a separate bowl, mash the bananas, add the eggs, lemon zest and sparkling water and blend well. Combine the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, making sure all the ingredients are well blended without lumps.

Scoop the batter into a 1/4 cup measuring unit, pour the batter onto the heated surface of the frying pan or electric skillet. With a spoon, spread



the pancake batter evenly to about a 4 inch diameter. Place some loose blueberries onto the pancake and repeat, making sure not overcrowd the pan. Flip the pancakes once they are lightly browned, about 4-5 min. Serve with fresh berries.

Serves 4, (3 pancakes per person). Gluten Free and dairy free.

For more information on and where to get the ingredients, please go to www.bobsredmill.com

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9 Sellon Place	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	69	\$525,000	\$500,000				
2 Bartlett St U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 0h bath Front to Back Split	97	\$547,500	\$525,000				
23 Oak Street	6 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Cape	9	\$699,000	\$704,000				
88 Ossipee Road	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	16	\$1,175,000	\$1,250,000				
27 Dickinson Street	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	252	\$1,424,900	\$1,390,000				
32 Gorham St	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Victorian	14	\$1,495,000	\$1,518,000				

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price			
14 Sherman Court U:14	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	13	\$708,000	\$705,000			
197 Washington Street U:310	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	16	\$735,000	\$735,000			
197 Washington Street U:401	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	19	\$745,000	\$750,000			
143 Jaques St U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Loft	78	\$749,000	\$749,000			
14 Columbus Ave U:1	8 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	48	\$795,000	\$831,000			
1188 Broadway U:402	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	22	\$795,000	\$830,000			
51 Ossipee Rd U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	15	\$1,074,900	\$1,050,000			
17 Village Street U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	8	\$1,150,000	\$1,363,000			

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:									
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price					
16 Lincoln Street	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	75	\$925,000	\$925,000					
20 George St	4 unit, 16 total room, 7 total bedroom 4 Family	50	\$949,900	\$900,000					
126-128 Josephine Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	167	\$999,000	\$990,000					
333 Alewife Brook Pkwy	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	29	\$1,000,000	\$1,033,000					
13 Dartmouth St	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	152	\$1,050,000	\$915,000					
59 Webster Avenue	3 unit, 17 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,175,000	\$1,200,000					
33 Cherry St	2 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 2 Family	18	\$1,300,000	\$1,430,000					

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Happy 103rd!



Mary (Walker) Ireland celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 25 at the Little Sisters of the Poor. "Mary has lived to this wonderful age because of the loving and wonderful care given by all the Sisters, Nurses and CNA's," said Margaret Walker, Mary's daughter. "God Bless them all."

'Residual Form' at Nave Annex

Residual Form is an exploration of the art experience. As process becomes more and more a part of the artwork, how much of the artist's hand do we need to see? How do we define our experience when we must redefine the art object? In this exhibition the questions of the Process Art Movement are being asked by both emerging and established artists.

Encompassed in *Residual Form* are artworks that question the traditional methods of art viewing through content, creation, or optical illusion. How have contemporary artists embraced or rejected the breakthroughs of artists such as Marcel Duchamp, Jackson Pollack, Bruce Nauman, or even more contemporary work from artists like James Turrell or the duo of Peter Fischli and David Weiss? This includes objects that are remnants of process redefined as art – two dimensional, three dimensional, intangible. Can the mold be as valuable as the casting? The film as valuable as the printed photograph? How do artists reimagine their process as fine art? Can light, sound, or movement replace an object? Residual Form addresses the contemporary intersection of form and process.

Opening reception is Thursday, June 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Exhibition dates: June 2 – 26.

Artist Talk: Saturday, June 4, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Hear the artists speak about their motivations and processes.

Closing reception is Sunday, June 26, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Nave Gallery Appey 53 Chester St. Somerville, M.

Curated by Liz Helfer with guest juror Holly Kelly.

Location: Nave Gallery Annex, 53 Chester St, Somerville, MA Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Mountains Beyond Mountains (detail) by Ben Foley; 2016; Tempered and crystal glass, steel, light.

SomerStreets: Carnaval returns for 7th year

By Louise Carpenter

SomerStreets will kick off the 2016 season Sunday, June 5, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine.

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.

On June 5, enjoy the best of the East Broadway Business District and the East Somerville community including food, music, and culture from around the world. Programming will extend along East Broadway from McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave. The festival kicks off with a Motion Parade at 2:00 p.m. beginning at the Cross St. Senior Center, 165 Broadway.

Keep your feet moving with a variety of interactive activities including stilting and parkour. Watch Esh Circus Arts fly through the air on their trapeze rig. Play soccer and preschool games with the Somerville Recreation Department. Hop aboard the Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus for craft and wild engineering projects with Parts & Crafts

Check out music throughout the day on three stages! Acts include Grupo Los Nitidos, A Nova Brazil, Federator Number 1, Mariachis lost Viajeros de Mexico, Banda Bahia, Nuz Band, Loma Larga Banda de la Paz, and DJ Fadayz. Listen to a concert from our very string players freom El Sistema, dancers from On Stage Dance Company and youth performances from Teen Empowerment.

SomerStreets: Carnaval is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council and East Somerville Main Streets.

In order to ensure public safety



SomerStreets: Carnaval hits the road this Sunday, rain or shine, with lively festivities sure to delight participants of all ages.

at the event, several road closures and parking bans will be in effect between McGrath Highway and Lombardi Way:

- Closed to all vehicular traffic from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- No parking on either side of the street from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Residents who live on the west side of Broadway will be detoured onto Broadway at Pennsylvania Ave.; Residents who live on the east side of Broadway will be detoured onto Pearl St.

MBTA buses will be rerouted from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. For full detour information, visit www. mbta.com.

SomerStreets is an annual series that takes place one Sunday per month in the months of June through October. The 2016 events schedule is as follows:

- + Sun, June 5: Carnaval @ SomerStreets. East Broadway (McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave.)
- + Sun., Aug. 21: Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets. Holland St. (Davis Sq. to Teele Sq.)
- Sun., Sept. 18: Seize the
 Summer @ SomerStreets.
 Highland Ave. (School St. to
 Lowell St.)
- Sun., Oct. 23: Monster MashedUp @ SomerStreets. Somerville Ave. (Union Sq. to Lowell St.)

All SomerStreets events run from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain

or shine.

For more information about road closures contact 311 (617-666-3311). For information on how to participate in any of the SomerStreets events, contact Nina Eichner, Special Events Manager, at (617) 625-6600 ext. 2998 or NEichner@somervillema.gov.

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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 23-27.

PUBLIC RECORDS (H 4333)

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker legislation designed to ensure that the state and local municipalities comply in a timely way with requests for public records. The measure would also reduce costs to people making the requests.

> The legislation requires each state agency and municipality to appoint at least one public records access officer to serve as the point of contact for all public records requests; limits to \$25 per hour the fees municipalities and state agencies can charge for time spent responding to requests; allows municipalities to request additional time for compliance and the right to charge higher fees to cover reasonable costs; enables courts to award attorneys' fees when government agencies wrongly deny access to public records; and requires agencies and municipalities to make documents available in electronic form.

> Supporters said this is the first update to the state's public records laws in 40 years and noted that it would make state and local government more transparent. They argued it is not acceptable for the members of the news media or for ordinary citizens to face unreasonable delays and high costs to gain access to information that is supposed to be public. They argued that the bill balances access to public records with protection for local municipalities from unreasonable procedures and unfunded mandates.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$39.5 BILLION FISCAL 2017 BUDGET (S 7)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a \$39.5 billion fiscal 2017 budget.

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

All but one of the Senate roll calls are on the Senate debate on the budget. Most of the more than 1,110 amendments filed never came to a roll call vote and were simply approved or rejected on voice votes without debate.

The Senate also approved 193 amendments and reject- Amendment supporters said the public should have the ed 246 amendments on two quick voice votes without a roll call. Those amendments were "bundled" into two packages and approved or rejected all at once. Senate President Stan Rosenberg led the approval and rejection of the bundled amendments with a simple: "All those in favor say 'aye,' those opposed say 'no.' The amendments are approved (or rejected.) Senators don't actually vote yes or no and in fact don't say a word. The outcome was determined earlier behind closed doors.

The House has approved a different version of the budget. A House-Senate conference committee will hammer out a compromise version.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

TRIPLE DAMAGES (S 7)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would allow judges not to impose triple damages in wage violations cases. Current law requires the judge to order triple damages.

Amendment supporters said mandating triple damages without exceptions takes away all discretion from judges despite the circumstances of the case. They argued that the law should be flexible because employers who make an honest error should not be required to pay triple damages.

Amendment opponents said that triple damages should automatically be awarded in order to discourage employers from holding back wages. They said this will send a message to other employers who are thinking about cheating their workers.

(A "Yes" vote is for giving a judge discretion. A "No" vote is against discretion and favors the automatic triple damages.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

EXEMPT FARMERS' MARKETS FROM PROP-ERTY TAXES (S 7)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment that would exempt from the local property tax the land on which farmers' markets are held.

Amendment supporters said these markets are good for the state's agriculture industry and the economy and the land should not be taxed.

Amendment opponents said this is a solution in search of a problem. They argued that this tax exemption would apply to only a handful of landowners because most farmers' markets are leasing the land and don't own it.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

THAT RAISE TAXES AND FEES (S 7)

Senate 6-32, rejected an amendment that would require the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees to host six joint public hearings in different parts of the state before the Legislature acts on any bill that raises taxes or fees.

opportunity to weigh in on tax hikes that will come out of their pockets.

Amendment opponents said it is impractical for the Ways and Means Committees to hold six hearings on the hundreds of tax-related bills that are filed each year. They noted that these bills are often the subject of public hearings in front of other committees before they ever reach Ways and Means.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring the hearings. A "No" vote is against requiring them.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

USE SURPLUS FOR LOCAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS (S 7)

Senate 6-32, rejected an amendment that would require one-half of any surplus state tax revenue left on June 30, 2016, to be distributed to cities and towns as unrestricted additional local aid. The amendment would cap the

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amount at \$50 million.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure that the Legislature does not squander any budget surplus. They argued that struggling cities and towns deserve this surplus money.

Amendment opponents said it is fiscally irresponsible to guarantee surplus revenue to cities and towns before replenishing the state's Rainy Day Fund. They noted that the existing budget already includes an increase in local aid and cautioned that the amendment could damage the state's bond rating and increase borrowing costs.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring that up to \$50 million go to local aid. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

LIMIT PAY RAISE FOR PENSION FUND DI-RECTOR (S7)

Senate 8-30, rejected an amendment allowing the executive director of the state's Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) fund to receive a pay hike only if the fund is in "positive financial condition" and the raise is unanimously approved by the board of directors. The executive director invests and manages the pension reserve assets of the Massachusetts State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems.

Amendment supporters said the director should not get a raise if the fund has lost value under his or her watch.

Amendment opponents said that a few years ago retirement systems across the nation lost an average of 30 percent of their value, but PRIT only lost 24 percent. They noted that it would be reasonable to give a small raise for losing less than many other states.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

PROHIBIT DIFFERENT RATES BASED ON GENDER (S 7)

Senate 32-6, approved an amendment prohibiting all insurance companies from charging different rates for disability insurance on the basis of gender. Current law prohibits insurance companies from charging different rates on the basis of race or religion.

Amendment supporters said it is time to wipe out current law that violates civil rights and gender equality by allowing some disability insurance companies to discriminate against women by charging them higher premiums and/or paying out lower benefits. They noted that women are charged an average of 23 percent more than men to purchase disability insurance.

Amendment opponents said that this is not an equal rights issue but simply a consumer one based on the fact that women generally live longer than men. Some called this a national issue that should be addressed at the federal level.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment prohibiting all insurance companies from charging different rates on the basis of gender. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BAN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS (S 7)

Senate 29-9, approved an amendment that would ban the use of single-use carryout plastic bags in any retail store with more than 3,000 square feet of space or with three Massachusetts locations owned by the same entity. Under the legislation, any bags supplied by the store would have to be reusable or made of recycled paper and sold for at least 10 cents each.

Supporters said these bags litter our streets and waterways and often kill marine animals who ingest them. They argued that more than 350 billion plastic bags are used every year in the United States and only about five percent are recycled.

Opponents said this is another unnecessary "tax" that forces consumers to buy their bags. They argued that public education has already resulted in widespread use of reusable bags without the state imposing a ban on plastic bags. They noted these plastic bags are often reused by consumers for cleaning up after their pets and to line wastebaskets.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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off under these conditions.

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE - The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development has approved a proposal that would allow workers in Massachusetts to take paid leave to recover from a serious illness or injury, to care for a seriously ill or injured family member, or to care for a new child. The proposal prohibits employer retaliation against workers who take time

Under the proposal, employees would be eligible for up to 12 weeks to care for a family member or new child, and up to 26 weeks for an employee's own serious illness or injury. Benefits would be funded through employer and employee premium contributions to a new Family and Employment Security Trust Fund or to private insurance plans.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM (H 3045) - The Health Care Financing Committee has recommended passage of a bill that would create the Yellow Dot Program to assist first responders at the scene of a car accident. The voluntary program would allow participants to affix a decal with a yellow dot to the rear window on the driver's side of the vehicle. The dot would alert first responders to look in the glove compartment and locate a yellow dot folder, compiled by the participant, that includes his or her medical information.

BAN "JUNK FOOD" IN VENDING MACHINES (H 3988) - The Health Care Financing Committee has recommended passage of a bill requiring vending machines in state-owned buildings to only serve food and beverage items that comply with the nutritional standards established by the state commissioner of Public Health.

INFORMATION ABOUT BREAST RECON-STRUCTION SURGERY (H 3699) - The Health Care Finance Committee has recommended passage of a bill requiring all facilities that provide mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy to provide specific information to the patient in writing prior to the patient giving consent to the procedure. The information would include the advantages and disadvantages of various reconstructive options and the coverage of these surgeries under private and state-funded health insurance.

UMASS SAYS NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL IN-VESTMENTS - The University of Massachusetts announced it will become the first major public university to divest its endowment from direct holdings in fossil fuels. The decision was made by the university's Umass Foundation, a non-profit corporation that oversees the university's estimated \$770 million endowment.

"This action is consistent with the principals that have guided our university since its Land Grant inception and reflects our commitment to take on the environmental challenges that confront us all," said Umass President Marty Meehan. "Important societal change often begins on college campuses and it often begins with students."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Due to a string of recent injuries, fires and explosions associated with hoverboards nationwide, the MBTA conducted an assessment of the devices and determined that they are a safety risk. As a result, they are banned from MBTA property." — From An MBTA press release.

"Paid family and medical leave would allow workers to take time to take care of their health or the health of a loved one without fear of losing their job or the risk of financial ruin, and ensure that all parents can take time off to nurture and bond with their new children." — Deb Fastino, Executive Director of the Coalition for Social Justice on legislation that would allow workers to take paid leave to recover from a serious illness or injury, to care for a seriously ill or injured family member, or to care for a new child.

"This amendment really boils down to a simple question and that is: When determining what insurance premiums are paid, should two people who are the same age, have the same occupation, both of whom are non-smokers, the only difference is one is a man and the other is a woman, should those two people pay the same or different premiums for their insurance?" — Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) on an amendment prohibiting all insurance companies from charging different rates for disability insurance on the basis of gender.

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

During the week of May 23-27, the House met for a total of ten hours and 3 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 35 hours and 11 minutes.

Mon. May 23	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 10:04 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.
Tues. May 24	No House session Senate 9:59 a.m. to 9:58 p.m.
Wed. May 25	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:48 p.m. Senate 10:01 a.m. to 8:12 p.m.
Thurs. May 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. Senate 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 p.m.
Fri. May 27	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Without new zoning, our open space goals are at risk



By Joseph A. Curtatone

One of the biggest challenges Somerville set for itself in the SomerVision community planning process was the creation of 125 new acres of open space. It's a vitally important goal. In a densely populated city, people need places where they can gather, play and relax. Open spaces give us patches of sanity in a hectic world. Playgrounds give kids place to climb and run. Public plazas provide the platform for community events. Amidst the concrete and asphalt, we need bursts of green, places where trees and flowers bloom. They are essential to our quality of life. Yet we are are dealing with some extremely constrained geography.

This is where the overhaul of Somerville's zoning code becomes critical. I've written

about how our zoning must be overhauled to bolster our residential neighborhoods and to ensure our artist and maker communities thrive in the future. Zoning also holds the key to a part of our strategy to get those 125 acres of open space squeezed into our densely populated city. It's as simple as this: if we don't pass new zoning, many of those 125 acres will never materialize. I keep stressing this point: zoning is how we make our community values official. It's how we transform the things we say we want to do into the things we actually do.

It's also imperative that we update our zoning in 2016 because we want new regulations in place before we see a wave of construction in Union Square, Boynton Yards, the Inner Belt and Brickbottom. We want growth that's in line with our community vision, not haphazard development that falls short of the goals we've set for our city. We are running short on time.

The good news is we've been able to create roughly 30 acres of new open and public space since 2010. We reclaimed six acres

of land along the Mystic River with Baxter Park. The Community Path extension from Cedar to Lowell gave us another 1.5 acres, and we'll gain even more as the Community Path stretches further along the Green Line extension. Smaller projects like Chuckie Harris Park, Symphony Park, Zero New Washington and North Street Veterans Park also add up. That's the Somerville way, being smart and realizing the opportunity to turn forgotten lots into neighborhood jewels.

Yet we need a whole lot more of that, and that's where zoning comes into play. The biggest gains will come from new requirements around the creation of new civic spaces. New developments in our transformative districts will be required to set aside portions of their site for the creation of one of 12 types of civic spaces. Some of these are parks, public commons, public squares, plazas, recreational fields, playgrounds, landmarks and community gardens. We propose that 15% of new development sites be set aside for these civic spaces that give us quality of life. Combined with features like widened public sidewalks that can accommodate passive uses, this will help bring us toward our goal.

We have also proposed requirements to ensure more residents have outdoor access. New residential properties would have to provide a balcony, deck, roof deck, patio, porch or yard for each new unit or a shared space like a roof deck for larger buildings. Even these small private spaces can greatly increase a person's access to sunlight, fresh air and peace of mind. At the same time, we are also looking to inspire more owners to replace paved areas and put in greenscapes. The key is expanding our existing pervious area ordinance to neighborhood stores, mixeduse buildings and commercial buildings. A pervious surface absorbs water - like a lawn or a garden - rather than causing stormwater to run off into our sewers. An expanded ordinance would encourage more landscaping throughout the city and it would be more environmentally friendly.

One of the great things about open and public space is that our

residents are passionate about it. We all recognize how much we need this. The zoning will move us toward our 125-acre goal. The important thing to remember is it won't be all one thing. We can't just build playgrounds or parks. And we also have to make this work inside of something that looks like Somerville. We want to enhance our neighborhoods and dynamic public squares and provide space for outdoor activities. And we want this to be woven throughout the community rather than concentrated in one spot.

More spacious suburbs have the area to sprawl. Somerville has to be a lot more surgical. We have to plan in greater detail and make sure developers recognize that cookie-cutter designs won't fit here. Also, people come here to get away from suburban sprawl. We need originality to get the mix of jobs, housing and open space we desire. Our zoning will lay out the playing field on which that takes place. So let's make it happen. We can create 125 acres of the most diverse and engaging open space to be found anywhere.

Localized report card shows improvements throughout Mystic River Watershed

By Tom Bannister

On Tuesday, May 31, EPA Regional Administrator, Curt Spalding in coordination with the Mystic River Watershed Association, U.S. Representative Michael Capuano, Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority announced the localized grades for the Mystic River Watershed. The grades are specified for each segment of the watershed, totaling 14 separate stretches of river and tributaries.

The grades are based on bacterial contamination found in analyzed samples that were collected by MyRWA volunteers over the past year at fifteen monitoring sites throughout the entire watershed, as well as data collected at numerous locations by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). From 2006 to 2013, an overall grade was used to track water quali-

ty progress in the Mystic River Watershed. Beginning in 2014, the amount of data collected each year supports an improved and more sophisticated grading system, where a grade can be assigned, using similar criteria as in the past, to each major segment or tributary in the Mystic River watershed.

For the second year in a row, analysis of the data shows that water quality in the main stem of the Mystic River, including the Upper and Lower Mystic Lakes, is quite good on a regular basis. On the other hand, water quality in many of the urban tributary streams in the Mystic River watershed is poor. Water quality in the main stem of the river from the Mystic Lakes, through Medford Square, and on to Boston Harbor, meets water quality standards nearly all of the time, especially in dry weather.

However, water quality in many of the tributary streams

feeding the Mystic often do not meet water quality standards. Water quality is frequently poor due to bacterial contamination in tributary streams such as Winn's Brook, Little River, Mill Brook, the Malden River, the Island End River, and Mill Creek, even in dry weather. Investigations to date indicate the main causes of high bacteria counts in these water bodies to be illicit sewer discharges to storm drain systems and uncontrolled urban stormwater runoff that contains pet and animal waste.

A three-year rolling average was again used to calculate the grade for each segment. A grade for each year is calculated and the current year's grade is averaged with the prior two years to produce the "rolling" three-year average. Such a system allows for a more complete and accurate assessment of recent water quality and is designed to better address climate variability from year to year, while allowing

for real data trends to be more easily discerned.

"We have a lot of ongoing work to improve water quality in the Mystic and its tributaries, and this report card serves as motivation to continue that work. EPA and our partners are committed to improving water quality for residents of the Mystic Watershed, and while we have seen improvements, we still have a lot of work to do," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England office. "This year we have seen water quality improvements in 10 of the 14 segments of the River, and four of those have had grade improvements. The most significant grade improvement this year is Belle Isle Inlet, which improved from a C to a B in 2015, meeting state water quality standards 77.8% percent of days in 2015 compared to 63.9% in 2014."

"The grade demonstrates the recreational value of the Mys-

tic River and Lakes. These are great places for canoeing and kayaking and we can safely enjoy swimming in the Upper Mystic Lake," said EkOngKar Singh Khalsa, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. "The grade also underlines where there is room for improvement."

"The Mystic River Watershed is a valuable natural resource accessible to many Greater Boston communities and its water quality is important, not only for recreational use but for the wildlife found in and around its waters. I am encouraged that we are moving in the right direction along key areas of the Watershed. I thank the Mystic River Watershed Association and the EPA for their commitment to improving water quality standards in the areas where it is still very much needed and protecting this local treasure," stated U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Sad to see some of our old firends go.



Think of it as pruning the rose bushes, or - perhaps more aptly - weeding the garden.

The powers-that-be have pretty much determined that a systematic removal of certain trees throughout the city is necessary for the overall health and well being of the rest of the "forest."

An unwelcome invader, agrilus planipennis, commonly known as the emerald ash borer, has been showing its nasty little boring parts in our general vicinity, and it's got our resident arborists jumpy.

The effect these critters can have on a regional tree population is not to be taken lightly. They primarily infest and can cause significant damage to ash trees, but have also been known to feast on a wide variety of arboreal prey.

In urban areas such as ours, trees are of-

ten removed once an infestation is found to reduce borer population densities and the likelihood of further spread. Urban ash are typically replaced with non-ash species such as maple, oak, or linden to limit food sources for the bugs.

No matter how you slice it, urgent action seems to be needed right away to curtail the spread of this infestation.

of its character, as mere brick and mortar alone can never be. Thinning out the weaklings and bringing in replacements over time is the way proper environmental management is done.

We should be grateful that we have the knowhow and the will to see these matters through properly. Then we can all walk with ease through our lovely urban The greenery in our city is a vital part jungle, free from fear of ... those borers!

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the Alderman from Ward One, who was nowhere to be found. We hear he was rumored to be up in Maine, cruising around in some boat. Isn't he the chairman of the Veterans Committee?

******* Last week we told you that the special Advisory Committee set up by the mayor is going to make a recommendation to the mayor and in turn to the Board of Alderman to raise salaries. The mayor will submit his budget for fiscal 2017 next Thursday evening before the board, so if you're interested to see where your tax dollars are going, that might be a good place to start. Mayor Joe's salary will go to \$180K a year and we hear that the Board of Alderman will be getting a new salary of \$40K with the President receiving additional \$2K. The committee is going to recommend salary increases to various department heads and non-union people. Let's see, the city has to come up with \$50M for the GLX, and it also wants to build a new high school - yes, 80% will be funded by the state, but 20% by the taxpayers. The city also wants to do over the library, City Hall and along with now being the largest employer in the City of Somerville, give out substantial raises to the elected officials.

What do you think? Show your support

for or against at the Board of Alderman hearing on the budget. We wonder if, like in the past, it's all for show, because no one has cut any spending in the past 14 years.

Our condolences and sympathy to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Smith, who grew up here in East Somerville on Pearl Street. He passed away from a heart attack on Tuesday. As soon as we get any information on his wake we will post it on our website. He was a good person, and well-liked by many, especially the old crowd down by Prescott and Flor-

There will be a rummage sale at Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave, Somerville (out back), on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Household items, house decor, furniture, toys, etc.

****** Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be having a fundraiser on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ever-popular Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue, Union Square. No one packs them in like Bob does. Last time hardly anyone could move around. He's very popular on his own, doesn't need anyone especially property owners and developers and whatever to throw him a sellout time. He's popular because he is truly a constituent Alderman and reaches out to all the residents of Ward 3, not just the special interest of a few. He's got support from all sides, and yes, he's a great

Speaking of Ward 3, it seems like the new School Committee Member Lee Erica Palmer has not been very popular with some of her peers on the board. We hear she has a tendency to have an aggrandizing personality with her peers. Here's something we learned just last week: she not only hosted an event, but is working hard supporting the candidacy of Michael Connelly of Cambridge, who is running against State Representative Tim Toomey. In our opinion, Representative Toomey has been very good for the district here in Somerville and in Cambridge over the years. He's not like other state representatives that we have. By the way, didn't Ms. Palmer use to be campaign manager and close confident of State Representative Denise Provost as well? Maybe Denise is against Tim too?

******* Last Tuesday, May 31 at the High

School library, the City Democratic Ward and City committee sponsored a debate between Senator Pat Jehlen and her Democratic challenger, Leland Cheung, who is a Cambridge City Councilor. About 80 or so attended and at one point it looked like Mr. Cheung had more supporters holding signs. The debate lasted just over an hour and was pretty boring except for the question on Charter Schools. Senator Jehlen is in favor limiting them, while Councilor Cheung presented a good argument on for them. Although he wouldn't commit to an exact yes or no vote, he mentioned that it was more important to talk about the education factor. On most of the questions both candidates basically agreed with each other, but Cheung expounded on most of the questions. In other business, the committee voted to endorse both Rep. Denise Provost and Rep. Christine Barber for re-election in November. They stopped short of endorsing incumbent Rep. Tim Toomey, who does have a Democratic challenger for a later date. *******

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to another good guy who is Continued on page 11 well known in the

Memorial Day weekend 2016

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SPORTS

Register for the Just One Run

In memory of Sean P. Curtis

By Rebecca Danvers

The Ryan Harrington Foundation is holding a 5k Walk/ Run to raise funds to help individuals and families impacted by addiction.

The "JUST ONE" 5k Walk/ Run will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12 at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse located at 32 Shore Drive in Somerville. Same day registration ends at 9:45 a.m. A kids fun run will take place at 9:30 a.m.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation strives to keep its mission simple as it addresses the complex issue of substance abuse. Whether hosting an education forum on addiction or supplying MBTA passes to women living in Somer-

ville-based recovery homes, our thought is always the same: If we can help JUST ONE individual find and maintain their recovery, we have succeeded. Everything starts with one.

The proceeds raised from the Just One Run will be used to fund treatment options, recovery supports, and prevention efforts in support of those whose lives have been affected by the disease of the addiction.

This will be an all-inclusive fun community event. There will be entertainment and activities for children as well as resources and information for all. If you would like to participate in the race, you can go to http://www.lightboxreg.com/just-one-run. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate you can do so via

Paypal through the foundation website: www.ryanharrington-foundation.org

This event is being held in honor of Somerville resident Sean P. Curtis, who recently lost his battle with addiction.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation is community based 501c3 charitable foundation set up by the family of Ryan Zachary Harrington with the purpose of strengthening community through the financial support of youth organizations, charitable efforts to help those in need (such as food and clothing drives), and material support for young men and women struggling with substance abuse disorder. To learn more visit: www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org.



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- mixture, hodgepodge
- 1. Who directed the movie Heaven Can Wait?
- 2. In what decade did the contraceptive pill go on general sale in America?
- 3. Where do the basket-ball team the Kings come form?
- 4. Ansel Adams worked in which field?
- 5. Spiro Agnew was Vice President to which U.S. President?
- 6. What is Brigitte Bardot's real name?

- 7. How many songs by the Bee Gees were in the film Saturday Night Fever?
- 8. The olive branch was often a symbol of what?
- 9. Which comedienne starred in the first U.S. TV show filmed before a live audience?
- 10. Who created Bugs Bunny?
- 11. If you suffer from cynanthropy what do you think you are?
- 12. What is a hemodialyzer?

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Flavor Lounge: A Global Pop-up Dining Series

Saturday, June 4 12:00 PM - Saturday, June 25 2:00 PM

The Somerville Arts Council is teaming up with PA's Lounge to offer you yet another reason to hit Union Square each Saturday in June.

Each Saturday, a Nibble culinary entrepreneur will be cooking up homemade dishes that they've been developing in our Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program. Featuring cuisine from Venezuela, the Philippines, Colombia, and Somalia, come feat upon: Empanadas, Shawarma, Arepas, and refreshing beverages to name a few. Vegetarian options will be available as well! PA's lounge is only a stone's throw away from the Union Square Farmers Market, so pack up the rhubarb and purple potatoes and join us for food you won't find anywhere else. And support our entrepreneurs as they develop their business models and test menus! Opens at 12pm until 2 or food sells out. Four Saturdays. Four Flavors. See you there!

What: A 4-part culinary pop-up series featuring the talents of our Nibble Entrepreneurship Program.

When: Saturdays in June, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. or until food runs out.

Where: PA's Lounge, 345 Somerville Ave.

Why: Enjoy multicultural flavors as our Nibble Entrepreneurs present their one-of-a-kind offerings.

Prices vary: Between \$10-\$15 for full meal.

Cooking Lineup: Check out the full menus on our Nibble Blog: http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/nibble/flavor-lounge-in-union-square.

June 4th: Las Carolinas of "Carolicious" present: "Arepada" a build your own Venezuelan Arepa Plate.

June 11th: Kulinarya owner and Nibble cooking class instructor Ellie Tiglao serves up a Filipino BBQ plate.

June 18th: Monica Sepulveda, Empanada chef at our Ignite and Open Kitchen events, brings a variety of Colombian empanadas with her homemade aji sauce for another Colombian flavor explosion.

June 25th: An all around culinary beast, Nimco Mahamud-Hassan puts together a homemade Somali Shawarma with creamy cilantro and garlic sauce.



What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Somerville's immigrant population leaves behind home, family and friends to work for a better life. For many, American citizenship brings a sense of pride and security.



The Welcome Project has begun a citizenship class to guide residents along what can be a long path to a Citizenship Ceremony. Learning history and geography are just a part of the process.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Tune in on Cable Channel 3 to watch Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on SCATV.

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East Somerville community, Russell "Rusty" Smith. Many more my friend! Happy birthday to Board of Alderman President Bill White, who's a great guy. We're happy to have him represent us on the BOA. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to Dan Rogovich, another good guy, originally from East Somerville. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to a great guy, realtor and local guy with a well known name, Michael Albano. We certainly hope Mike has a great day for himself. The floor man himself, well known Larry Fidalgo, celebrates his birthday this week as well. We wish him many more. Happy birthday to former Somerville guy, Frank LoBuono, who currently resides in FLA. Another nice guy enjoying retirement. Happy birthday to yet another East Somerville guy who has made well, Brian Peddle, who lives up in NH. We hope he has a great day. Good guy and former City Councilor over in Medford who has retired, Paul Camuso, a fantastic guy and family man. We hope he has a great day as well. To a good guy over in Cambridge who keeps up with historical stuff, especially Masonic history, Keith MacKinnon. We wish him a happy birthday. Also this week - but who partied earlier two weeks ago - Mary Hart officially celebrates this week. We wish her always the best. To all the others we missed this week, happy birthday and many more.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

The Somerville Times is in the process of putting out some more boxes, approximately eight more in strategic places to make it more assessable. There will be some new boxes at Assembly Square as well. A list of boxes will be out with a map showing where you can get the paper, even outside the boxes. If you would like to see the paper at some location near you, call us at 617-666-4010.

Happy Anniversary to Paul and Lauren McGlashing, celebrating two years of marriage. Paul is the popular barber at Alibrandi Barber Shop on Holland Street. Stop in and get your hair cut and wish him a happy anniversary. He's nice guy as well. For all your gossip needs, its Alibrandi Barber Shop to go to and get a get a few laughs.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

One of the brothers who owned Patsy's Pastry Shop in East Somerville was seen recently and asked about coming back and opening up sometime in the future. They are hopeful, but can't be sure. It's been one year now since they closed and nothing has been done to the property by the developer. The lawyer for the developer was insistent on them moving out last year. See? They could have been giving us another year of fine pastry. ******

With all the hype on donut shops, if you haven't been to Demets Donuts on Mystic Avenue in Medford, you need to get a real cup of coffee along with the best donuts you've tasted in a long time. Also try the real - we mean real - egg

and cheese sandwich, healthier and better tasting. We say it would be nice to have one here in Somerville, but honestly, Mystic Avenue isn't the other side of the state either. Go over and give them a try. We highly recommend it.

With about 50K registered voters - and many of them Democrats here in the city - it appears some of the wards can't fill the vacant seats on various committees since the progressives have taken over. Not to long ago, all the wards had their seats filled, and years ago some of the ward committees would have to have their meetings in larger places. Ward 4 used to fill the Winter Hill School cafeteria. Now the progressives and socialist democrats have managed to toss out and ignore moderate democrats. Maybe it's true, a lot of moderate democrats have dropped the D beside their names and changed to either Republican or - better yet - Independent. Remember, there are about 6K new registered voters here in the city since January – that's right, only

As a reminder, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has called for a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to be held on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall for presentation of the FY17 municipal budget, along with any and all financial matters.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 1st Floor, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-55** 76 School Street. Applicant Summer Living, LLC, and Owner MBTA co/ Laura Kaplan of MA Realty Group, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding living and office space to an MBTA Storage Building and for parking relief. Zone RA, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-50 19 Clarendon Avenue. Applicant Hudson Santana, and Owner 19 Clarendon Avenue LLC, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by increasing the FAR. Zone RA, Ward 7.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-41 32 Marshall Street. Applicant Ramana Lagemann and Owner Eleanor McGashing, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to add a second principal structure to the lot. Zone RB, Ward 4.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-06 434 McGrath HighwayApplicant Zipcar, Inc. and Owner MBP Realty Trust, Melissa Piantidosi, Trustee, seek a Special Permit to convert one nonconforming use to another, by leasing space for a car share program. Zone CCD 45, Ward 3.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-52** 25 Gilman Terrace. Applicant and Owner Douglas Bosley, seeks a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear deck and small addition. Zone RB, Ward 1.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-47** 9 Monmouth Street. Applicants and Owners, John and Karen Gledhill, seek a variance regarding the required setback for a spa. Zone RB, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-56 352 Highland Avenue. Applicant New Market Properties General Contracting, LLC and Owner Highland Avenue Holdings, LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add 4 residential units and a commercial space, and a Variance for parking. Zone NB. Ward 6.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-63** 40 Adrian Street. Applicants and Owners Timothy Pinkney and Hayat Prentice, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear addition. Zone RB, Ward 2.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-59 66 Church Street. Applicant and Owner Serafin Lima seeks a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear deck. Zone RB, Ward 2.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-25 21 Cherry Street. Applicant and Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah and Lacourt Foundation, LLC, respectively, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming 6-unit structure on an undersized lot. The applicant also seeks parking relief under SZO §9.1.3. RB Zone. Ward 5.

 $\underline{\textbf{Dates of Public Hearing}} : \textbf{Zoning Board of Appeals} - \textbf{June 8, 2016}$

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites e-bids from General Contractors for the Repairs to Fire Alarm Systems & Emergency Lighting Systems at the Corbett Apartments Development for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Nangle Engineering Inc.

The Project consists of: The replacement of the obsolete fire alarm control panels & compatible fire alarm devices at two buildings; and the replacement of the emergency battery units and remote emergency lighting heads.

The work is estimated to cost \$161,500.00 includes alternates.

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) in the category of Electrical. General Bidders must submit with its bid a Certificate of Eligibility and signed Prime/General Bidder Update Statement.

This project is being electronically bid. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. You must submit your bid electronically at www.projectdog.com. Obtain all documents online via job #812835 Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online as well as in the instructions to bidders. You may also call Projectdog, Inc. at 978-499-9014 for assistance in submitting your e-bid package (M - F 9AM - 5PM).

General E-Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Thursday, June 16, 2016 and publicly opened, online forthwith.

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

Bid forms and contract documents will be available on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016** at <u>www.projectdog.com</u> via job #812835 or can be picked up at Projectdog, Inc. 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA (978-499-9014).

There is a plan deposit of \$25.00 per set (maximum of 2 set) payable to Projectdog, Inc.

Refundable deposits must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded upon return of all documentation in good condition within ten (10) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the awarding authority.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$75.00 for next day delivery, payable to the Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SD0), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders**.

The site will be available for inspection at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Please meet at Corbett Apartments, 32 Jaques Street, Somerville,

The Contract Documents may be seen by electronic media at: Projectdog, Inc. <u>www.projectdog.com</u>; Joseph Merritt & Co. <u>www.merrittgraphics.com</u>; and CMD (formerly Reed Construction Data) <u>www.cmdgroup.com/Home</u>

Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director

June 1, 2016



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, June 9, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

2 Union Square (Case #PB 2016-07) Applicant, Johnathan Davila on behalf of Partners Urgent Care, and Owner, Union 2 Associates, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO §7.13 A to create an urgent care medical facility on the ground floor where no such facility is allowed unless by Special Permit. Applicant and Owner also seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22 D (5)a for new signage and other exterior modifications. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View Development (31-1) Improvement Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by GCG Associates, Inc.

The Project consists of: The mill and overlay of Memorial Road, cross-walk /sidewalk removal and replacement with stamped asphalt and other miscellaneous site work within the Mystic View Development (31-1).

The work is estimated to cost \$45,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 \$ 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 \$826 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General Bids will be received until **1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2016** and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of **\$50** per set (maximum of 2 sets) <u>payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc.</u>

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

A prebid meeting will be held at 30 Memorial Drive, Somerville, on June 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. $\,$

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabriel Ciccariello at (617) 625-1152 Ext 330 or Email at Gabec@sha-web.org

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from contractors for the (689-3) Monmouth House Driveway Resurfacing Project and all other incidental work necessary to complete the project.

The Project consists of: The removal and disposal of (2,600) sq ft of existing bituminous concrete. Installation of compacted gravel and (2,600) sq ft of new bituminous concrete base and top coat.

Work is estimated to cost \$18,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 sec.39M and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

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The Project site will be available for inspection on Tuesday June 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM location 17 Monmouth St, Somerville, MA 02145

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

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Qualified applicants will be Massachusetts certified commercial real estate appraisers (MAI preferred but not required).

Deliverables shall include full narrative appraisal reports for six (6) City of Somerville municipal properties. The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 or online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids on or after: Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Angela M. Allen at amallen@somervillema.gov for information and proposal packages. Prospective proposers shall contact Purchasing in writing

Angela M. Allen

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The Project consists of: Mill and overlay of parking areas, Memorial Road, River Road and Conners Drive and other miscellaneous site work within the Mystic View Development.

The work is estimated to cost \$103,144.40

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Milford Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION

50 WEBSTER AVENUE REALTY TRUST 50 WEBSTER AVENUE SOMERVILLE, MA **RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-32909**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40 0480. The cite has been classified as TIFR II nursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On May 25, 2016, The Webster Avenue Realty Trust filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Michael J. Webster, P. G., L.S.P., Geolnsight, Inc., One Monarch Drive, Littleton, MA 01460, telephone 978-679-1600. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-32909 at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search. aspx or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office at 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, telephone 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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The Somerville Housing Authority seeks Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Filed Sub-Bid Contractors for the renovation/reuse of the historic 19th century water works building on a 1.1-acre site that is part of the larger Capen Court Campus, an affordable senior living facility. The project will create 25 one bedroom units and common areas and facilities. The units in this affordable housing project will be rented to seniors and persons with disabilities. Construction will consist of restoring the historic exterior, removing the existing interior structure and replacing with an entirely new 24,000 square foot, 2 story structure plus partial basement

This RFQ is to prequalify Trade Contractors in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149A § 8 and 810 AMR 10.00. Responses received from eligible subcontractors will be used to pre-qualify firms for participation in response to Request for Bids.

The Sub Bid Categories are as follows: Masonry, Misc. & Ornamental Iron; Waterproofing, Dampproofing & Caulki ng: Roofing & Flashing; Metal Windows; Tile; Acoustical Tile; Resilient Floors; Painting; Elevators; Fire Protection; Plumbing; Heating, Ventilations & Air Conditioning; and Electrical Work

The work is estimated to cost \$9,500,000

The RFQ will be available at www.biddocsonline.com. Or picked up at Noshoba Blue, Inc. On Website, click the "Project Listing" tab, then click "Solicitations", and click on the project name.

Responses will be received until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and opened online forthwith. All responses will be submitted online at <u>www.biddocsonline.com</u> and received no later than the date and time specified above.

Questions should be directed to Dani Letitia (Pinck & Co., Inc.) at (617) 445-3555 Ext 328 or Email at dletitia@pinck-co.com

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 16P1616EA

Estate of: Zita M Coelho

Date of Death: <u>01/04/2016</u> To all interested persons:

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

Daniel Coelho

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

The Petitioner requests that:

Ayer MA Daniel Coelho

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/17/2016

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE **MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

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

Date: May 20, 2016

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday June 1

East Branch Library Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 11 a.m. -12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday June 2

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

East Branch Library Lego Club

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Lego Club

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

Friday June 3

Central Library

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

Central Library RIE Play Group

3 p.m.-5:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday June 5

Central Library

Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday June 6

Central Library

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

Central Library SHS teen group

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday June 7

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday June 8

East Branch Library

Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 11 a.m. -12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday June 1 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room

Backroom Series: Alfaia Ensemble 7

DUSTY 45s|9:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Elliot Sheedy **Light Divides**

Kaiti Jones

Joshua Powell & the great train robbery

The Only Humans Average Joel

345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday June 2

Sally O'Brien's

BYOBluegrass Jam with David Rizzutti grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Irish Mythen and

The Black Feathers 7 p.m. Scattershots | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge McNeeZ

Rex Mac **Burning Satellites** 345 Somerville Ave

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

Joshua Tree

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

Thunder Road Jared Sims' Farewell Show Feat. Otis Grove & Akashic Record (Funk/Rock)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Venom Inc|Necrophagia 8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

NETFLIX and......|7 p.m. Comedy Roast Battle|9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Friday|June 3

Sally O'Brien's

David Johnston Band |6 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration Society, Los Goutos, Hillbilly Holiday \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series:Porch Party Ma-

Young Love and the Thrills |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Squeeze Trigger Crown The Youth Threat Level Burgundy John E Funk & The Skunks 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland Stl61

Bull McCabe's Ali McGuirk

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

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

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

Live music

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Big Queer Show feat. Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys (Soul/Funk) 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing | 7 p.m. T: An MBTA Musical|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Kidd Jordan, Donald Miller, Avreeayl Ra, JOOKLO DUO: Virginia Genta and David Vanzan, Plus Special Guests | 8

Strange Acquaintance with Undersea, Tiergarten, Glow Power 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

The Rich and Multi-Dimensional Musical Universe of Burcu Gulec 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday June 4

Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6

HearNowLive presents presents The Coward Flowers, Offbeat Motif \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

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

Backroom Series:Evan Goodrow|7

jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Richard Strater|3 p.m. **Gregg Perry**

Caged Heat Jimmy Feeley & The Refugees The Cranks 8 p.m.

Nick Perry's Brass Tax Bobby Mahoney and the Seventh Son Foliage

345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

On the Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

65 Holland St

Mnemonist

Karaoke

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's** Quahogs, The Resurrectionists 8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Casey's Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road 8 p.m.|The Band That Time Forgot (Classic Rock)

379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre Voices 5:30 p.m. Boston's Unscripted Musical Project |10 p.m.

Dirty Disney 11:30 p.m. 255 Elm St ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

SLAPSHOT, The Eddie LEEWAY Show, 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Somerville Songwriters Sessions

Arts at the Armory

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Sunday|June 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Busted Jug Band |6 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom

Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm

Stefanos Vryniotis& Eugenios Zarkadas|3 p.m. Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road

Found Audio (Psychedelic/Folk Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom CJ Ramone w/ Broken Gold + 1 TBA 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Herbstalk Marketplace

9 a.m.-6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

3:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street Monday June 6

Voices

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam | 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Free Mondays featuring:

Audiated Myth of I Painting Life Merithius 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

Stump! Team Trivia

TBA

Bluegrass

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Live music in the lounge| The Splinters "Old Music For Modern Times"

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 7 Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road**

Igor & The Red Elvises (Rock N' Roll)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Wednesday June 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Backroom Series: The Kane Sisters with Pat O'Connor and Eoghan O'Sullivan|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Ma-

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

P.A.'s Lounge Mike Cappelluti Seth Adam **Heather Woods** Aubrey Haddard

Tristan Bouchard

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Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday June 1

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic

Board Game Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday June 2

Central Library

West 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. 40 College Ave

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).

First Church Somerville

Saturday June 4 **Central Library** Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Arts at the Armory The Somerville Flea Market 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

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

Sunday June 5 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Family Groups

115 Broadway

Central Library

Central Library

Tuesday June 7

Holland St

Monday June 6 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

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

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday June 8

Somerville Arts Council Board Meet-7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

De-cluttering Peer Support Group – this is a closed support group for individuals who are concerned about their clutter. Please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted

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

Senior Health Insurance 101 –We will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information and to sign up.

Forget Me Knot Group –Wednesdays from March 16 through June 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A 3 month support group about memory and aging. Our Forget Me Knot Group hopes to answer questions & provide educational, emotional and social support. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you should have any questions, require additional information or to reserve your spot.

Taking Care of Yourself & Others – Wednesday, June 8th from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Atrium of the Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Implement simple healthy lifestyle changes, learn how to effectively manage stress, recognize the symptoms of depression and more. This workshop is facilitated by Rose Cheyette from Samaritans, Inc. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Hairspray – Wednesday, June 8 – Check in time at our Holland Street Center at 10:15 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. First stop will the The Olde Colony Café in Norwood for an awesome lunch then a short walk away to The Norwood Theatre for the play "Hairspray – The Broadway Musical. The fee is \$48 which includes transportation, lunch and show. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have any questions.

Mohegan By Day/Foxwoods Overnight – Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10 - \$219 per person / single \$169 per person/double – Includes motorcoach transportation, Mohegan Sun bonus, Foxwoods bonus, plus so much more. Departing our Ralph & Jenny Center on June 9th at 7:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Friday the 10th. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Drop In Social Service Hours – Monday, June 13th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. No appointment needed! Drop by our Cross Street Center and take advantage of having a Licensed Clinical Social Worker available to answer your questions, address your concerns and assist you in any number of areas. Social Services can be very useful to families and caregivers seeking help for their elderly loved ones. If you have questions or require additional information please call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Essex, Gloucester & Rockport – Wednesday, June 15 - \$25 fee includes motorcoach transportation and lunch. Luncheon choices are between baked haddock, seafood medley or roasted chicken. Seating is limited. Check-in time is 9:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 10:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Know Your Consumer Rights: Fraud Prevention & Protection – Thursday, June 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Presented by the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations - Please RSVP by calling Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Senior Health Insurance 101 – "Dental Care" – Monday, June 27 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. – Dental Insurance Options, Low Cost Dental Schools, Dental Discount Programs and more. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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.

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

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

The day trip to Venus De Milo / Highwaymen scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd is SOLD OUT.

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

LGBTQ Advisory Group is holding a LGBTQ Pride Dance at the Somerville Holiday Inn on Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 to 10:00. For additional information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|June 1

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday|June 2

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Friday|June 3

10:00 Book Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|June 6

 $9{:}30$ Monthly Breakfast with Eric Donnelly from RiteAide (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Tuesday|June 7

10:00 English Conversation (C)10:30 Mens Group (H)10:30 Live Your Life Well at Culinary Arts

Wednesday|June 8

11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:30 Taking Care of Yourself/Taking Care of Others (H) Hairspray

Ralph & Jenny will be closed today

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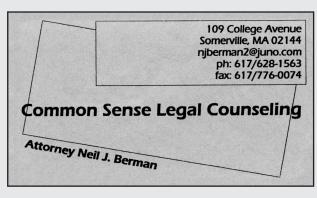
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6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show		
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum		
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	1:30pm	Legacies		
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	The Literati Scene		
9:00am	Legacies	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board		
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10:30am	Somerville Storytime	11:30pm	MAPS	7:00pm	Gay USA	4:00pm	Free Speech Television		
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10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm		10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez		
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Finger on the Pulse	11:00am	The Somerville Line		
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Wednesda	y, June 1	10:05pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	6:30pm	The Mayor's Report	12:31am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16
9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol	Friday, Ju	ne 3	6:47pm	Haitian Flag Day Celebration	2:23am	LGBTQ Flag Raising
9:20am	Beyond the Badge	12:00am	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer	6:51pm	LGBTQ Flag Raising 5-24-16	3:03am	SomerViva en Espanol
12:00pm	Congressional Update	12:44am	SomerViva en Espanol	7:47pm	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00pm	Seriously Somerville w Jimmy Del Ponte
12:30pm	History of Somerville Lumber	1:05am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:07pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	12:31pm	SomerViva en Espanol
2:16pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards	1:33am	Jane's Walk 2016	9:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:52pm	Census 2016 PSA
6:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues	9:00am	Connecting Communities	9:30pm	Mayor's Town Business Meeting 4.26.16	2:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
7:31pm	History of Somerville Lumber	9:30am	Jane's Walk 2016	10:41pm	Mayor's Wellness Challenge 2016	2:35pm	Memorial Day Parade 2016
8:30pm	Beyond the Badge	12:00pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	Sunday, J	une 5	6:30pm	SomerViva em Português
9:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:46pm	Memorial Day Parade 2016	12:00am	Mayor's Wellness Challenge 2016	7:01pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
9:30pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:23am	Jane's Walk 2016	7:37pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole
10:57pm	Census 2016 PSA	6:30pm	Porchfest 2016	2:06am	Guns n' Hoses 2016	8:01pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
Thursday,	lune 2	7:16pm	SomerViva en Espanol	3:05am	Beyond the Badge	8:30pm Beyond the Badge: Law Enforcement Lead	
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9:00pm	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"	Saturday,	June 4	12:31pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30am	Jane's Walk 2016
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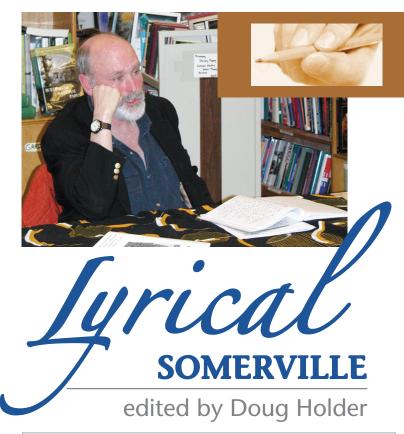
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Argenziano Community Heritage

Night Concert

	Career Ready	9:00pm	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016	8:00pm	SHS Building Committee 5-23-16	10:30am	Spring String Fling 2016
10:00am	Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night	9:30pm	SHS Evening of Song	11:00pm	Argenziano Community Heritage	12:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert
1:00pm	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement	11:00pm	Spring String Fling 2016		Night Concert	2:00pm	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement
3:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert	Friday, Ju	ne 3	Sunday, Ju	ne 5	3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - College &
4:30pm	Somerville Rocks! 2016	12:00am	SHS Multicultural Fair	12:00am	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement		Career Ready
6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - College &	1:00am	Public Domain Theater	1:30am	Somerville Rocks! 2016	4:00pm	SHS Class Day 2016
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Belshazzar's Feast

An old woman says her rosary while she watches Lawrence Welk,

her feet raised on the naugahyde ottoman. Black onyx beads,

moon glow plastic ones, silver plate and garnet beads, one set carved

from a tree in a grove in Israel: some dangle, some are coiled

into a red pleather snap envelope. Xanax the size of one bead

tucked under her tongue to keep her calm while she dies. Her eyes move back and forth: the writing is on the wall.

I take the rosaries in my fist so I don't get bit.

Now they hang still on my own bedpost. A Persian cat howls from the porch

below my window. She leaps for the moths and the glow worms

that dangle then morph into more moths. The Persian crosses the street, cuts

her territory in half. A storm took down a giant tree and all the wires

running through it. The tree stands black, branch-

almost through to the sidewalk. The girls outside are lithe and do handstands,

scissors. The whole neighborhood stinks of burning plastic funk

and it stings our eyes: We all look like we're crying or high.

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'Winter Dreams'

by Philip E. Burnham, Jr.



Somerville Bagel Bard Wendell Smith reviews a new book by local poet Philip E. Burnham:

Winter Dreams by Philip E. Burnham, Jr.

The more I read these poems by Philip Burnham, the more I enjoy rereading them. One reason I kept returning to their lyrical descriptions is the pleasure that comes with an appreciation of their craft; a pleasure that began with That Snowy Field, the first poem in the collection:

So undisturbed and seeming singular As if it fell a sheet of paper here New snow is cover to a neighbor field

When children may print angels to the sky And I, in love, will write your name with mine On this imagined sheet of paper here So undisturbed and seeming singular.

This is not the only poem in Winter Dreams which brought to mind Eliot's line, "In my end is my beginning." On Crissy Field and Rainbow Rain also have endings that concretely echo their beginnings. These couplets are from the latter poem, "Blue rain, green rain, yellow rain, red,/ Mist, showers, torrents, thunder heads. ... And stored within our watershed/Blue rain, green rain, yellow rain, red." Other poems, such as his audaciously titled Bare Ruined Choirs are more oblique in their implication that to live may be to go around in circles and that, possibly, the best we might hope to accomplish would be to craft beautiful circles.

I hesitate to praise these poems for their accessibility and traditional formalities for fear they will be dismissed, as out of fashion, but in Frost's tennis match Philip deserves a low seed. Because of his dedication to the formalities of meter, line length and rhyme, they have a surface clarity. Reading them I never found myself disoriented and going "Huh! Where am I?" or asking, "What is going on here?" His themes are universal: birth, life, death, spring, summer, autumn, winter, loneliness, love, loss, grief and exultation. You will find little to puzzle over in these poems but much to ponder.

Here, in Walking October, he muses upon his mortality:

Crisp apples drop hard off the orchards trees Thudding to ground a hazardous drum-roll Of solemn, ceremonial gravity Marking the dispatch of an other Fall.

There is no telling if we may repeat Another year the possibility Of walking through October's vast retreat When endings seem in the majority.

And again on this same theme in August Shadows:

We have been here so many times before, Brief lives with seasons, unprepared to part, We stand half in the house, half out the door, Our mind to come inside, but not our heart.

Philip is a widower and four of the poems are addressed to his deceased wife as Birthday Greeting[s] IX, X, XI, and XII. Of these, number XII, California Family/Louise at Seventy-five, February 27, 2014, is the only one of the 74 poems in the collection in free verse; it ends:

Where you might now be walking On the beach or in a meadow Had only death not said, "Come, drink my wine."

Her death has been only alluded to in the first three of these poems each of which has a regularity of meter and rhyme, but here, when "death" is at last admitted, the formalities are discarded. It is as if death is the one event that can disrupt the personal order of one's life. But the disruption is temporary; the order may be recovered, as it is in the poems surrounding this one; it may be recovered through the comfort of the poetry. Yes, this collection says, our lives need rhyme contained in a metric of reason.

Many of his best poems are ones of melancholy and parting, of taking leave of people, things and life but they are, never the less, exhilarating because melancholy is not depression and, while it may trigger grief, separation, whether caused by time or distance or death, provides rich opportunities for appreciation. Quartet, which begins, "The shingled roof's a dance and slight of rain,/A breaker sea's tattoo and slip from shore," and ends, "Its score of nature's and unnature's notes/Played in my youth and now in my retreat." is a good example of the many poems in this collection that thrive upon this tension.

However, Winter Dreams also has much cheer and Philip has a mastery of light verse, which he displays in several poems; perhaps best in this channeling of A. A. Milne, Getting What One Asked For:

When I was merely four - or, three, Curious adults asked of me, "Philip, what would you like to be When you grow up?" Precociously,

I would reply that if I might, I'd like to be a famous knight, With shiny armor for my coat, A castle circled by a moat.

Time and again I was moved by the ritual formality of Winter Dreams. I am not sure these cyclical themes could have been expressed as well in freer verse. With their recurrent themes composed in couplets, quatrains, sonnets, villanelles and other forms of his invention I think this poet is saying, "While I am not telling you anything you have not heard before, but these truths need repetition. They are couched in rhyme and metric regularity to aid the memory, so they may more easily become known by heart, as they must be, if we are to share in the survival of our humanity."



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