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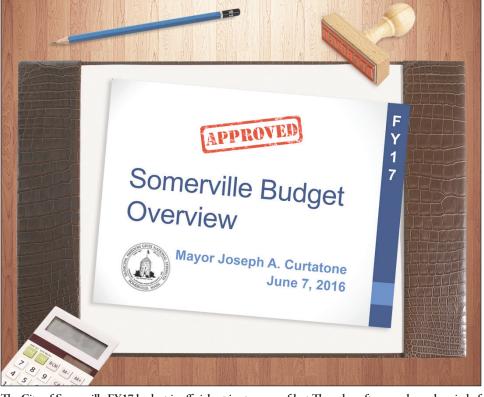


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Budget for coming year finalized



The City of Somerville FY17 budget is official set in stone, as of last Thursday, after a prolonged period of

By Amy Swain

This week the Board of Aldermen officially reviewed and approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The city's Budget Analyst, Mike Mastrobuoni, outlined the plan, and along with Mayor Curtatone presented it to the board earlier this month. Many meetings these last few weeks have focused on appropriate spending, considering options and answering lingering questions. As of June 23, all proposals were approved.

The largest number approved was the request for \$206,863,886 for the General Fund Operating budget. \$19,801,150 was approved for the Sewer Enterprise budget. \$12,797,907 will go to the Water Enterprise Fund budget, and \$836,679 will be put toward the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink.

\$2.5 million will be taken from Free Cash and put toward reducing the tax levy. \$2.25 million will be allocated to the Salary Stabilization fund. Another \$2 million will be taken from Free Cash and added to the Continued on page 4

A day of fun for the whole family

By Charles Lane

Summer officially kicked off last Saturday with the annual Family Fun Day at Trum Field in Somerville.

The 12th annual Family Fun Day at Trum Field features free family-friendly programming including a community BBQ, pony rides, train rides, children's activities, face painting, music,

Summertime in Somerville from June to September will include annual favorite events as well as some new programs for residents of all ages.

The city will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field on Thursday, June 30. The live entertainment at will begin at 6 p.m. and will include performances by the 215th Army Band, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the Somerville Sunsetters, leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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On Thursday, 7:45 to 9:15 p.m., the 215th Army Band will be performing at Trum Field in Somerville prior to the outstanding fireworks display the city does every year. They are excited to be part of the entertainment this year for this wonderful event and they hope you will join them. The festivities start at 6:00 p.m. and the 215th will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. just prior to the fireworks. No tickets necessary.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to long time Somerville resident and surely a popular family as well, James "Brian" Roche, a good guy. We hope he has a great summer at Old Orchard with the rest of the Somervillens. A happy birthday to a former writer here at The Times/News, Beecher Tuttle, who now lives in NY. We wish a big happy birthday to Roland Racicot, who is celebrating this week as well. Roland is, of course, from another large Somerville family and is the owner of Roland's Jewelers over in Medford. Dean Glines of the famous Glines family of Somerville (including a mayor) is celebrating this week. A good guy and a great family. We wish him the best. ********

Say it's not true, but we heard from a few birdies that one alderman doesn't live in the ward he/she represents anymore but lives in another ward represented by another alderman. We hope it's not a sleep over, but only there for milk and cookies. But you never know. Again, it's only a rumor, but when more than three sources tell you this it means we will have to look into it and check it out. Maybe we'll have a name for you next week.

Coming up on July 28 and again on August 8, Somerville Community Access TV and Cambridge Community Access TV will hold a joint televised debate, first between Senator Pat Jehlen and her democratic opponent and Cambridge City Councilor Leland Cheung. The host is none other than well-known Ward Five resident Joe Lynch. It should be fun. The telecast will be from Cambridge studios. The second debate will be with Representative Tim **Toomey** and his democratic opponent. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Cyclist killed in Cambridge had Somerville ties

Freebie says:

So sad, exactly why we need more dedicated bike paths like we are building on Beacon St.

MarketMan says:

Very sad and scary. I bike with my young children, and try to avoid traffic altogether... but I still worry for their safety.

Response to: A weeklong marathon of budget meetings

Matt says:

While this is all important, I think we would all like to know the targeted change in property value assessments and proposed tax rates.

LindaS says:

I think they'll hold off on letting us know the changes until the last minute because they know there will be an uproar.

They also need time to come up with an excuse as to why this is a good thing for all of us.

A Moore says:

Fits right in with all the talk about all the new revenue we are bringing in. Some things just never change. Me thinks we need someone who is more expert at budgeting money.

Response to: Aldermen request more information on street repair plan

Courtney O'Keefe says:

Companies that do paving also need to be held accountable should the job be done improperly. The paving of my street resulted in water damage due to an incorrect pitch. This was confirmed by the City Engineer, but it has never been fixed. Does the City have a warranty agreement with vendors?

craziness says:

In my neighborhood, a city sidewalk repair job left cement spilled on the sidewalk and onto the street. One of the residents went out and cleaned it up as best they could. You can still see where the wet cement was, though, by the discolorations on the sidewalk and street.

MarketMan says:

Agreed. The city sidewalk repair on my street caused my fence to become unstable and fall over. Luckily, nobody was injured. I've seen neighbors on the same street have small retaining brick/ stone walls lose their support and fall apart too.

Response to: Gun buyback aims to reduce the number of weapons in circulation

Matt says:

The most important part of the article is that anyone can work with the PD to safely dispose of any weapon any time.

BMac says:

For the legally inherited stuff, they could have sold them to a local gun store and perhaps made more money. And also perhaps not destroyed something that may have been historically significant.

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Buying back the guns

By Josie Grove

Thirty-three firearms were turned in at the gun buyback in Somerville last Saturday. The buyback was the final event in the "Safer Homes, Safer Communities" initiative, sponsored by the police departments of Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville and Watertown, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, and other civic organizations.

The five gun buybacks in June 2016 have resulted in 150 unwanted firearms being turned over to law enforcement officials

for destruction.

In exchange for their unwanted firearms, residents were given gift cards ranging from \$50 to \$200 in value, depending on the type of gun.

"This year's gun buyback event was incredibly successful," Somerville Police Chief David Fallon said in a press release. "Thanks to the collaboration with the Middlesex Sheriff's office, residents were able to remove potentially dangerous and unwanted weapons from their homes. Events such as this inherently make our community safer."



The "Safer Homes, Safer Communities" initiative has helped to take dozens of unwanted guns out of circulation in the Middlesex Photos courtesy of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office





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Walking Dialogues with Somerville Police, Youth and Community



The City of Somerville's Police Department and the Center for Teen Empowerment invite you to join police, youth and community members in a series of Walking Dialogues and community social events. There will be multiple locations to share your thoughts and identify concerns for action. For additional information contact John Norena at jnorena@teenempowerment.org.

Meeting Locations (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.):

Share your thoughts with us

Tuesday, June 28th at Perkins Street Park, Ward 1

Tuesday, July 5th at Lincoln Park, Ward 2

Tuesday, July 19th at Dickerman Playground, Ward 3

Tuesday, July 26th at Trum Field, Ward 5

Tuesday, August 23rd at Brown School, Ward 6

Social Events:

Food and Entertainment for Residents

Saturday, July 16th at Claredon Hill Towers BBQ, Ward 7 (1-3pm)

Wednesday, August 3rd at Clarendon Hill Development, Ward 7 (4-6pm)

Saturday, August 16th at Mystic Development, Ward 4 (4-6pm)

VERKINCE By Jim Clark

He didn't get it his way

Police officers were dispatched to the Burger King restaurant on Somerville Ave. last week on reports of a disturbance involving property damage.

While en route to the Burger King, dispatchers informed the responding officers that the suspect had been detained by an additional police unit and was being held at a Merriam St. location.

Upon arrival, the arresting

officers were advised that the suspect, Temitope Olaleye, had made a spontaneous statement about the incident.

Olaleye reportedly told the officers that he had requested a free meal at the Burger King because he could not afford to buy one. According to Olaleye, the restaurant manager informed him that he could not comply with the request. Olaleye reportedly told police that he said, "Those racist spics couldn't give me a meal, so I had to throw a rock through their window."

One of the officers instructed Olaleye to place his hands on the hood of the police cruiser, but he reportedly refused to do so, saying, "I can't do that because then I will have to take your life."

The officer once again asked Olaleye to place his hands on the police cruiser so that he could be handcuffed for everyone's safety, but he once again refused and said, "I am not going to do that, and if you put handcuffs on me I am going to kill you," according to reports.

The officers managed to handcuff Olaleye, at which time he reportedly told them, "Prison can't hold me forever, when I get out, I am going to find you and kill you."

Olaleye was placed under arrest and transported for booking, charged with threat to commit a crime and malicious wanton defacement of property.

A follow-up questioning of the Burger King manager confirmed that Olaleye had ordered food but was unable to pay for it. When the food was refused to him he allegedly became angry and left, breaking a double paned door on his way out. He also reportedly broke a window by throwing rocks at it.

Arrests:

Carlos Rodriguez, June 20, 12:46 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Lisa Primeau, June 21, 9:54 a.m., arrested at Boston St. on charges of distribution of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law, and on warrant charges of no inspection sticker, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Ryan Munson, of 33 Porter St., June 21, 9:54 a.m., arrested at Boston St. on charges of pos-

session of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Zachary Whackman, of 5 Sargent Ave., June 22, 10:21 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation, drug possession to distribute, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and possession of a class B drug.

Oscar Hernandez-Rivera, of 18 Lattimore Court, Roxbury, June 22, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and resisting arrest.

Temitope Olaleye, June 22, 10:53 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of threat to commit a crime and malicious wanton defacement of

James Capobianco, of 62 Main St., June 23, 8:09 a.m., arrested at Fremont St. on multiple warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

Luis Acosta, of 39 Boylston, Boston, June 23, 12:37 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Fency Joseph, of 132 Summer St., June 23, 6:14 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of destruction of liquor. property over \$250.

Jean Lenord, June 23, 8:17 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, violation of city ordinance open container, and assault with a dangerous

Alan Zindt, of 2 Mount Vernon St., June 24, 8:33 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Stephen Amoako, of 31 Bailey Rd., June 24, 2:35 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

Kieran Bee, of 98 Erie, Cambridge, June 26, 4:49 p.m., arrested at Chester St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and possession of a class E drug.

Raul Martinez, of 19 Rossmore St., June 26, 11:27 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Joao Paulo, of 282 Boston St., Medford, June 27, 6:45 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

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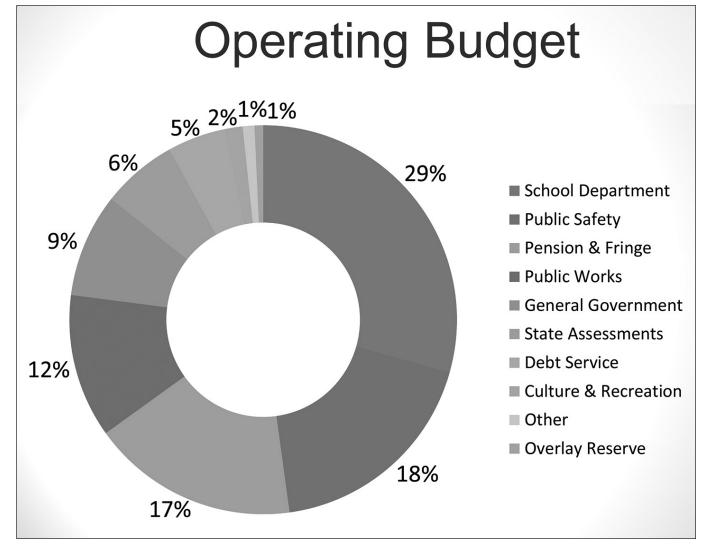
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Rainy Day Stabilization fund. The city aims to keep this at \$4 million, and last year we removed \$2 million to go toward snow removal. The movement of money this year will put the account back to a comfortable level.

There are several other notable movements of funds. \$25,000 will be taken from school custodian salaries to buildings and grounds salaries, a department that will be growing this year. \$45,000 will be taken from sanitation and added to the highway accounts budget. \$1.9 million will be taken from Salary Contingency and added to Salary Stabilization. \$20,000 will be transferred from Worker's Compensation to Training and Salary.

Each allocation and request was met with unanimous approval from all eleven aldermen present. After these matters were put to rest, Alderman at Large White proposed an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances with next fiscal year's budget projections. While he was in favor of all adjustments this year, he thinks that more involvement on the part of the aldermen earlier on could benefit and inform future budget proposals.

For any who are interested in further details, the budget proposal as well as a video of the approval meeting can be found on the city's website.



Cyclist killed in Cambridge had Somerville ties

By Jim Clark

Amanda Phillips, a 27-year-old resident of Cambridge, was killed last Thursday as she collided with a truck in Inman Square. Phillips worked as a barista at Somerville's Diesel Cafe.

According to reports, Phillips struck an open door of a parked vehicle and was propelled into oncoming traffic on the main roadway. The incident took place shortly after noontime, and traffic was temporarily halted while the scene was cleared.

Diesel Cafe closed early on Friday as an expression of grief for the loss of their employee and friend.



Amanda Phillips.

A statement on Diesel Cafe's Facebook page said in part, "We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has reached out to us expressing their sadness, support and love. Diesel's reach extends far and wide and it's been reassuring to feel those arms wrapped around us as we mourn and celebrate the life of Amanda. These are certainly the saddest times Diesel has ever experienced but the love is both palpable and helpful. It really does take a village."

The incident is still being investigated by police.

Cambridge City Councilor Jan Devereux introduced a policy order into Tuesday's Cambridge City Council agenda to address many of the safety concerns in Inman Square. The policy order read as follows:

"ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Traffic and Parking, DPW, CDD, Fire, Police, Budget and other departments to fast-track plans to completely redesign and reconstruct Inman Square's dangerous 5-street intersection, prioritizing the safety of people who bike and walk; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all appropriate departments to establish a firm and accelerated timetable and budget for the installation of protected bike lanes on Hampshire and Cambridge Streets; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager



A candlelight vigil honoring Amanda Phillips will be held at Inman Square on Wednesday, June 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. – Photos courtesy of Diesel Cafe

be and hereby is requested to work with Public Safety officials, the Public Information Office and other staff to launch a high-profile public education campaign on the dangers of "dooring" to people who bike; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to require all city contractors operating trucks in Cambridge to install safety side guards as soon as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That a future public plaza created as part of the redesign of Inman Square be dedicated in memory of Amanda Phillips.

On Wednesday, June 29, the cycling

community will be holding a candlelight vigil to honor Phillips. The vigil will be held at Inman Square, Hampshire St. at Cambridge St, Cambridge, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Afterwards, there will be a reception at Ole Mexican Grill on Springfield Street in Inman, providing everyone a place to gather, mourn and heal together.

There will be a collection to support those planning the arrangements for Amanda. All proceeds will be contributed to the GoFundMe campaign, but you can also contribute to it directly https://www.gofundme.com/ radloveforphillips.

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Statement by MassBike:

In the wake of the tragic loss of Amanda Phillips in Cambridge last week, MassBike has sent the following letter to Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan. While the organization continues to work diligently to improve our roadways, pass new laws, and improve education for bicyclists and motorists, we cannot expect to see change unless existing laws are enforced. Other officials and lawmakers copied on the letter to Ms. Ryan include Cambridge Acting Police Commissioner Christopher Burke, Cambridge Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Attorney General Maura Healey, State Rep. David M. Rogers, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, State Sen. Patricia D. Jehlen, State Rep. Timothy J. Toomey, State Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, and State Rep. Jonathan Hecht to ensure that charges are filed against the motorists involved.

June 27, 2016

Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan

15 Commonwealth Avenue

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Ms. Ryan,

I write to you today on behalf of thousands of bicycle riders in Massachusetts. At MassBike we work tirelessly to make our streetscapes safer and healthier for all users. Without enforcement of the existing laws, however, we can never succeed. For this reason we are asking that your office bring charges of vehicular manslaughter or negligent homicide against both drivers, whose actions led to the tragic and unnecessary death last week of Amanda Phillips in Cambridge, only the most recent death of a cyclist by a reckless motorist in Middlesex County. We seek more information regarding the June 16 collision that killed Eugene Thornberg in Lincoln.

In both instances no charges were filed.

Opening a car door into a cyclist without first looking is negligent and a violation of law. [See MGL c. 90 sec. 14, near the end of the very long first paragraph] When a driver does so and the victim dies, that is negligent homicide or manslaughter. Likewise, when a driver runs into a cyclist and hits her from behind, if the cyclist dies, that is negligent homicide or manslaughter. These are the facts that lead to the death of Amanda Phillips.

In our work to improve safety we often refer to the "Five E's". The first four are education, engineering, encouragement, and evaluation. But the critical fifth "E" is enforcement. For too long there has been little or no Continued on page 20

Adult Family Care embraces challenges of changing lives

By Jeanne Leyden

Helping friends and family care for a loved one at home is a mainstay of the Adult Family Care (AFC) program. But sometimes they assist people who need care by introducing them to somebody who can help.

In those cases, AFC is often able to connect qualified caregivers with those who need live-in support. While this creates the additional challenges of screening both participants to make sure the match will work, they find that it is time well spent, because it can dramatically changes lives for the better.

One example is Joseph, a 61-year-old from the Greater Boston Area who receives care through AFC. He was living with friends, but found himself homeless after they relocated in 2014. With nowhere else to go, Joseph stayed at a homeless shelter for several months, before he was hospitalized for low blood pressure.

Fortunately Joseph was referred to AFC while in the hospital, and they connected him with a caregiver shortly after.

"I didn't know what I was getting into," said Joseph. "But it turned out to be the best thing that has ever happened to me."

AFC arranged for Joseph to move in with a caregiver named Marie Ann, a former nursing assistant who left the workforce in 2008 to care for her sick mother, with support from AFC. Though her mother has since passed away Marie Ann discovered she likes being a caregiver and has stuck with it.

"I love what I do," she said.
"Joe is a great man and he's fun



Joseph (right) was temporarily homeless before meeting his live-in caregiver, Marie Ann, through the Adult Family Care (AFC) program. Roughly 10% of people receiving services through AFC met through the program.

to be with."

As a non-profit program dedicated to supporting and financially assisting caregivers, they love these success stories, and roughly 10 percent of their current caregivers are helping people they met through their program.

Their number one priority in these scenarios is ensuring the partnership succeeds. Their nurses and social workers have an extensive review process that takes many factors into account, all with the goal of ensuring the match is both safe and happy for both parties. And if it seems the match isn't working they go back the drawing board to find another one that will.

AFC is MassHealth/Medicaid funded, and they can help eligible people who are unable to live alone. They also provide

caregivers with financial assistance, training, and ongoing support to help overcome the challenges they face.

Their mission is ensuring that elders and people with disabilities are able to live in a supportive family setting that fosters the best quality of life for themselves and their caregivers. They are happy to go that extra mile to make it happen.

Jeanne Leyden is a registered nurse and director of the Adult Family Care program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, the longest running non-profit elder services agency in eastern Massachusetts. AFC serves much of the Merrimack Valley, North Shore and Greater Boston Area, and can be reached at 617-628-2601 or online at adultfamilycare.org.

Harvard University donates artwork to Somerville Hospital



On Monday, June 20, Harvard University Ceramics students unveiled a ceramics mural, which will go on display in the Emergency Department waiting room at Cambridge Health Alliance's Somerville Hospital, at a community celebration.



The artwork will greatly enhance the environment for patients, staff and visitors to the hospital over the coming months. This is not the first time the students have donated their artwork to CHA, in 2012 they donated a mural outside of the Women's Health Center at CHA Cambridge Hospital. Everyone at Cambridge Health Alliance is overjoyed at the new artwork and looks forward to enjoying it throughout the summer.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Curried Tuna Salad

Here's a quick and easy recipe that can be used to make sandwiches, spread on crackers, or add to your salad greens. Looking for a healthier alternative? Slice an English cucumber 1/4" thick and substitute for the cracker.

1 can solid white albacore tuna in water, drained

3 Tbls. mayonnaise (or enough to just hold together)

1/4 cup finely chopped red onion 1/8 cup currants

1 tsp. curry powder, like Maharajah, or your choice

Salt and pepper to taste

In a small bowl, add the drained tuna. With a fork, break up into small pieces. Add the mayonnaise, currants, onions, curry powder, salt and pepper and blend well. Let sit in the refrigerator for at least 1/2 hour to allow the flavors to develop. For garnish, I have used slivered almonds, green onions and basil leaves.

Makes 2 sandwiches. If using crackers or cucumber slices, it's enough for 3-4 as a snack.



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One family's fight against addiction

By Mariya Manzhos

On Mother's Day in 2010 Ryan Harrington, then 25, wrote in a card to his mother Cathy: "Wouldn't it be the best present, if I were sober," Ryan wrote. "I would love to give it to you." That was all Cathy and her husband Dave wanted for Ryan, the baby in their family. Ryan's 10-year battle with addiction to opioids included multiple recovery programs and even a stint in jail, but nothing worked long-term. "The pull was just too strong," says Cathy.

After Ryan died of overdose in 2011, Cathy, Dave and their two other kids David and Eileen, knew they wanted to honor Ryan's memory by helping their community in the fight against substance abuse. At the time, the opioid epidemic was escalating in Somerville and the Harringtons felt the need to sp eak out.

So in 2012 they started a non-profit, the Ryan Harrington Foundation, and committed to helping a younger generation resist the insidious pull of addiction and provide financial and emotional support to families on their journey to recovery.

"The stigma of addiction kept us somewhat quiet," says Dave, admitting that people knew of Ryan's passing, but the family didn't publicize it. "But we saw an opportunity to help." One of their hopes is to change the conversation around addiction, to talk about it openly as a debilitating disease. "What we're doing now is trying to break that stigma of addiction and drug abuse," says Dave.

From 2014 to 2015 opioid overdoses in Somerville spiked from 77 to 112, with about 14 being fatal in both years, according to Police and Fire 911 call data. The numbers aren't conclusive and don't include unreported overdoses, notes Patricia Contente, the Director of Community Outreach and Harm Reduction in the Somerville Police Department.

For their first fundraiser Ryan's older brother David suggested organizing a corn toss tournament, the last game Ryan played with his brother on Labor Day before he died. "He wanted to do something different for Ryan," says Cathy.

To the Harringtons' surprise, the corn toss event grew bigger every year. In four years, the Foundation raised over \$45,000 that went towards youth organizations in Somerville, such as YMCA, Somerville Recreation, Somerville Boxing, Youth Hockey, among others. Last Christmas Cathy also assembled gift bags with blankets and other necessities for women at New Day treatment center. Their



Ryan and Cathy Harrington.

event with the Celtics' Chris Herren drew over 600 people. A team of dedicated volunteers, mostly friends and family, are the helping hands of Cathy and Dave. "We're lucky to have people," says Cathy.

But perhaps the most important work that the Harringtons do happens behind the scenes – phone calls to detox centers, difficult conversations with those stricken by addiction and their family members, and lots of quiet support and listening.

When in March another family in Somerville lost their son Sean Curtis to addiction, Cathy and Dave offered to dedicate their upcoming 5K race fundraiser they had been planning to the memory of Sean. "We said to them - you can do as little or as much as you can," says Dave. "As it turned out, we ended up with new friends that we'll have for the rest of our lives."

The boxes from the race are still stacked on the floor in the Harringtons' spacious living room, waiting to be moved to storage. "This is our headquarters," says Cathy of their home in Ten Hills.

The photos of Harringtons' three kids, Ryan, David and Eileen adorn the walls. A side table and fireplace mantle serve as a makeshift memorial with Catholic crosses, angel figurines, photos of Ryan as a child, and a certificate of *Continued on page 17*

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This dangerous drug is being sold to buyers who presume the pills, which are accurately formed and marked with the designation A/215, are Oxycodone 300 mg tablets.

Anyone who ingests these Fentanyl pills may put themselves in serious danger of overdosing which can result in death.

The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) is aware of similar incidents in other parts of the U.S. This is the first documented incident of this kind in Boston.

The Boston Police Department is actively investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Drug Control Unit at (617) 343-5625.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for HARSHER PENALTIES FOR SOLICITATION 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 representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 20-24. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

OF A FELONY CRIME (H 4005)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would tie the penalty for solicitation of a felony crime to the penalty for committing the actual crime itself. Under current law, solicitation of a felony can only be charged as a misdemeanor, with no distinction made for the seriousness of the crime solicited. The current penalty can be no more than 2.5 years in a house of correction.

Supporters said it is outrageous that the penalty for soliciting someone to commit a murder provides no greater punishment than soliciting someone to alter the vehicle identification number on a car. They pointed to a case in which a person hired someone to kill his wife and only faced 2.5 years in jail.

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

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

\$50 MILLION TO COMMUNITIES FOR SMALL **BRIDGE REPAIRS (H 4424)**

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate an \$800 million package for transportation projects across the state. The package includes \$750 million for highway improvements and \$50 million for a new grant program to fund the repair of cities' and towns' bridges that are 20 or fewer feet in length.

Supporters said the bill would fund critical improvements to highways throughout the state. They noted the \$50 million for bridge repairs would go directly to cities and towns in need of funds to repair bridges that are crumbling.

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

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

ALLOW MORE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBU-**TIONS (H 542)**

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow donors to contribute the maximum \$1,000 twice per year to a candidate who runs for the Legislature in a special election and a regular election in the same year. Current law only allows donors to give a maximum of \$1,000 in any calendar year.

Supporters said it is unfair for a candidate who runs in a special election and then runs for re-election in the same year to be limited to \$1,000 per donor for the entire year. They argued current law gives an advantage to some candidates who are only running in the regular election.

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

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

DISCLOSE TOP FIVE DONORS (H 543)

House 146-10, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would require the names of the top five contributors who donate over \$5,000 to a super Political Action Committee (PAC) and other groups or political committees to be listed on all campaign billboards and mailers. Current law requires the listing of the top five donors only on television, Internet and print ads.

Super PACs are created to help candidates and are often run by the candidate's former staffers or associates who use the PAC to fund positive ads about the candidate and/or run negative ads against the candidate's opponents. There is a limit on how much money can be donated to a candidate's own election committee but super PACs can legally accept unlimited donations.

Supporters said this will increase transparency and allow more voters to see who is funding these influential PACs. They said it will shine the light on this "dark" money.

Opponents said the bill does not go far enough on several counts to make true campaign finance reforms. They noted it still allows unions to contribute excessive money to campaigns.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INFORMATION ABOUT BREAST RECON-STRUCTION SURGERY (H 3699) - The House gave initial approval to 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.

ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF MURDER VIC-

TIMS (S 851) - The Judiciary Committee gave a favorable report to legislation that would create the Murder Victims Families Assistance Fund to provide aid to immediate families of murder victims. The fund would be funded by voluntary contributions from publishers, authors and movie or television studios that create books, movies or television shows based on murders committed in the Bay State.

DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF PRISON (H 1463) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would allow persons of any age convicted of certain crimes to be eligible to be placed in a diversionary program instead of prison. Current law allows this only for persons ages 18-21.

These programs provide first-time nonviolent offenders the chance to participate in a program that would help them instead of being prosecuted through the court process.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUN-TEER FIREFIGHTERS (S 1537) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved measure allowing local cities and towns to give a property tax exemption to volunteer, call or auxiliary firefighters or emergency medical technicians.

Supporters said these people work hard without pay and local communities should have the right to offer them property tax relief.

SHOOTING AT A HOUSE OR APARTMENT

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(H 4314) - The House gave initial approval to a bill imposing up to a 5-year prison sentence and/or \$10,000 fine on anyone who hits any dwelling with an assault weapon, firearm, large capacity weapon, machine gun, rifle, sawed-off shotgun or shotgun.

REPEAL ARCHAIC LAWS (H 4392) - The House gave initial approval to a bill abolishing some archaic laws that are still on the books in Massachusetts. These laws include requiring that portions of the bible be read in public schools; declaring that the Communist Party is a subversive organization and prohibiting adultery, anal sex, blasphemy and vagabonds.

ARCHITECT LAUREATE (H 4401) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would create the position of Architect Laureate of the Commonwealth. The architect laureate would serve a two-year term and would advocate for the physical, historic and aesthetic nature of the statehouse and other architecturally significant public buildings in the state. The unpaid position would be filled by gubernatorial appointment. A laureate is a person who has been honored for achieving distinction in a particular field or with a particular award.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - By the Numbers Edition

22. — Number of years former Sen. Mike Knapik served in the Legislature before being appointed last week as the director of the governor's Western Massachusetts Office

in Springfield.

10. — The maximum number of years in prison recommended by Gov. Baker in his proposal to increase the prison sentence for a person who causes serious bodily injury to a police officer. The current maximum is 2.5 years.

5,265. — Number of doctors who have completed education courses in opioids and pain management offered by the Massachusetts Medical Society in the past 13 months.

\$700 million. — The total of wages stolen annually in Massachusetts from about 350,000 workers, according to Community Labor United, the group supporting legislation to crack down on employers who violate the state's minimum wage, overtime and other wage laws.

\$5.3 billion. — The amount of money in a temporary state budget approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor until a full fiscal 2017 budget is crafted by a House-Senate conference committee.

25. — The mph speed limit that cities and towns would be able to establish for thickly settled areas under a bill approved by the House. The current speed limit is 30 mph.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is

done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of June 20-24, the House met for a total of nine hours and nine minutes and the Senate met for a total 33 minutes.

House 11:04 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.

Mon. June 20

	Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Tues. June 21	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 22	House 11:07 a.m. to 3:54 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 23	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.
Fri. June 24	No House session No Senate session

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	Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville (Over the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
31 Warwick Street	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	23	\$599,000	\$635,000
8 Spring HillTerrace	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	39	\$725,000	\$680,000
191 Morrison Ave.	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Other	28	\$899,000	\$950,000
88 Ossipee Road	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	16	\$1,175,000	\$1,250,000
44 Chester Street	11 room, 5 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	20	\$1,275,000	\$1,280,000
24 Appleton Street	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	101	\$1,299,000	\$1,300,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Montl	n:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
135 Central Street U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath	5	\$319,000	\$335,000
25 Cross St U:4	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	12	\$325,000	\$406,000
9 Nashua St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$329,000	\$345,000
432 Norfolk Street U:4A	2 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	7	\$349,000	\$351,500
32 Chester Street U:10	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	26	\$389,900	\$410,000
275 Highland Avenue U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Attached	110	\$399,900	\$425,000
13 Bartlett St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$399,900	\$401,000
17 Langmaid Ave U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$439,000	\$450,000
3 Heath St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Detached	33	\$449,900	\$449,900
49Temple Street U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	7	\$458,000	\$483,500
416 Medford Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$469,000	\$480,000

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	r the Past Moi	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
10 Florence Ter	2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	39	\$589,900	\$540,000
26-28 Kensington Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$674,900	\$675,000
55 Partridge Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$699,900	\$761,000
31 Dane Ave	2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	71	\$789,000	\$740,000
152 Walnut St	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$799,000	\$900,000
30 Berkeley St	2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	31	\$875,000	\$920,000
132 Willow Ave	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	3	\$899,900	\$920,000

COMMENTARY

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Summertime, when road improvements are heating up



By Joseph A. Curtatone

While most people break out their straw hats and sand shovels this summer, on the streets of Somerville it will be high season for hard hats and backhoes. Our municipal workers and contractors are gearing up for their busiest time of year.

You'll pass by them as they do major reconstruction on – and under -- Cedar Street and Lincoln Park. You may also notice surface work being done on 26 other streets this construction season. There's also a major road reconstruction on Beacon Street, funded by MassDOT. These workers will toil hard in the heat, and my hat's off to them for creating a better foundation for Somerville.

In all, the City plans to resurface 5.3 miles of city roads in 2016 – more than the combined length of Broadway and Highland Avenue. Some of these projects will be more complicated than others, as we've scheduled some streets to receive major overhauls that include milling and new sidewalks. On other streets, we're experimenting with a new process that will greatly extend the useful life of the pavement.

Somerville's ability to attract great residents and businesses is only as strong as our infrastructure. But good quality and safe streets and sidewalks, the water and sewer systems beneath them, buildings, parks and lighting require ongoing investment and maintenance. That sounds obvious, but for decades too much of our nation's infrastructure—and Somerville's—has been neglected. As Mayor I've sought to reverse this. We've steadily picked up the pace of everything from road reconstruction and flooding prevention to playground renovations and bike lane expansion. This summer, you'll see some of these efforts in action. Lincoln Park work is underway for all to see, but one of the best parts of the renovation will be invisible when it's finished. We're installing a stormwater catchment system under the field's surface that will hold 1.25 million gallons of water, which will prevent flooding in the park and, we hope, around Union Square as well.

We'll also be addressing flooding problems on Cedar Street and then Elm Street this summer. Benjamin Harrison was President when the water mains were installed under Cedar Street, and the brick drainage and sewer system was built during the Theodore Roosevelt administration. It's long past time for an upgrade. Parts of Cedar Street, especially around Hall Street, are like the basin of a clogged sink in heavy rainstorms, and residents have at times had to wade through waist-high water.

Once Eversource replaces old gas mains (it's always best to do that first so as not to have to excavate twice), we'll install new catch basins, 48-inch drainage pipes, and new water and sewer lines. We're also separating the storm drainage and sewer lines so that ultimately only sewer water gets treated. This will keep our waterways cleaner, especially during downpours when drains get sewage released into them.

When that work is done, we'll install a new street surface and sidewalks on Cedar between Highland Avenue and Elm Street. The sidewalks will exceed federal rules for wheelchair access, and we plan to include a bike lane. I expect the work to be finished by next year.

That's not all we have in store for Cedar Street. On the stretch between Highland and Broadway, we're piloting a new method to slow down traffic: Somerville's first chicanes. Chicanes are sidewalk extensions that jut out into the road at alternating-side intersections. They'll make Ce-

dar appear to zig and zag a little instead of looking like a straightaway. I thank residents for their input into this model, which has been shown to effectively slow traffic.

Another pilot program we're working with this summer is pavement preservation. On nine streets whose surface is still in reasonably good shape (notably Summer Street), we will seal cracks with an asphalt mix and then cover it with a slurry seal that will protect the road from water, wear and tear, salt, and other insults. We expect that this process will give the road an extra four to five years of useful life. That will save us money to work on other projects, as this preservation costs \$3 a square yard while complete milling and paving is about \$17 per square

Thanks for your help in preparing for these projects, and feel free to give the crews a wave of support as you pass by them on your way to, I hope, some well-deserved summer fun.

A quiet hero's one hundred and one springtimes



By William C. Shelton

In February we celebrated my next-door neighbor's one-hundredth birthday. I want to tell you about him because I think that Peter Fantasia exemplifies so much about what made the 'Villens of the "greatest generation" great.

They endured the Great Depression, emerged from World War II, and shaped what was the most densely populated city in the nation into the one that we love. They were ordinary people who accomplished extraordinary things without thinking that they were doing anything special.

Peter Fantasia's father immigrated to the U.S. in 1908 at the age of 18. As were so many Somerville Italians, he was from Gaeta, on the Tyrrhenian coast between Naples and Rome.

His small and dexterous hands enabled him to find work assembling mechanisms that his coworkers were unable to manipulate. He also found – and married – Antoinetta Albano, whose family were recent immigrants as well. Peter was born in 1916 in their Brickbottom home at 113R Medford Street, followed by his sister Rose, and then Mary.

In 1926 the Commonwealth took neighborhood homes to make way for the "Northern Artery," which became McGrath Highway. Dispossessed, the family moved up the hill to 12 Highland Avenue, where they began a rooming house.

During the Depression they suffered less than many working-class Americans. Francesco's work and the rooming house provided steady income.

But the Depression left its mark in a variety of ways. It taught permanent lessons of prudence and frugality. Decades later, Peter would reverse and hand sew worn collars on his Post Office uniforms.

The Depression also seems to have strengthened his sense of

obligation toward others who were struggling, through no fault of their own. The family sought good tenants, but kept rents modest. When rent control was about to be adopted, city officials admonished them to increase their rents. Peter has practiced the benevolent landlord philosophy to this day.

In 1931, Francesco went looking for a home that would accommodate his growing family. A three-family property on Boston Street was up for sale. But when he met with its Irish-American owner, she declared that she would never sell to a "Guinea."

Francesco dejectedly described the incident to his hunting buddy Peter Moore, a Somerville policeman. Moore, in turn, told the story to Somerville District Court Judge Malcom Sturtevant, and the Judge had a conversation with Mrs. Osgood. He told her that she was at risk of being sued by Mr. Fantasia and losing her home.

I doubt that the law in place at that time would have allowed a plaintiff to successfully prosecute such an action. But Judge Sturtevant's moral authority was sufficient to persuade Mrs. Osgood to do the right thing.

It seems that enmity has always existed between incumbent ethnic groups and new arrivals — Yankees vs. Irish, then Irish vs. Italians, then Italians vs. Portuguese. But members of the opposite sex and the opposite ethnic group were often exotically attractive among the youth of the next generation.

So it was with Peter. While hanging out on the grass in front of the library with his Hamlet-Street pal, he laid eyes on Mildred Mooney, a 'Villen of Irish and English ethnicity. He got up, chased after her, and found her cool toward his enthusiasm.

But she began patronizing the drugstore on the corner of School and Highland where Peter worked as a soda jerk. For younger readers, I should explain that drugstores once had soda fountains and lunch counters. Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola were both formulated by druggists. The drugstore employees who served customers and pulled soda-fountain levers were

affectionately called "soda jerks." Millie would conspicuously

drop food on the floor, obligating Peter to clean it up. He eventually persuaded her to go out with him. But his mother stalked them and ordered Millie to stay away from her son. She did.

Back home, Peter's mother told him that if he brought Millie home, she would throw her down the stairs. Peter's sisters vowed to wear down their mother's resistance, and Peter vowed to pursue and woo Millie.

Military service interrupted the marathon courtship. But I'm getting ahead of the narrative.

Peter graduated from Somerville High School in 1934. He left Northeastern University after a semester, for the opportunity to operate his own business. It was the Highland Food Shop, on Highland Avenue.

In 1941 he reported to the Army for the year of military service that was mandatory for young men in the run up to World War II. After Congress declared war that December, he was transferred to the 26th Yankee Division, Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy 4th of July, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



The Fourth of July holds a special significance in the hearts of truly patriotic Americans. Not only is it a time to celebrate the birth of our nation, but it also happens to fall at the best time of year to make good times happen, summer.

Who among us doesn't enjoy the occasion? Who can resist the warm glow of good fellowship between friends, neighbors and families as the "birthday" of our nation comes around?

Great memories for the future are made each year as we attend a patriotic gathering, watch some fireworks, or just take a quiet look around and realize that America is still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. There's nothing corny about these ideas. They are concepts that live and breath as vitally today as they ever have.

We must never take these freedoms for granted, nor minimize their importance

in assuring that we Americans enjoy one of the finest standards of living among all nations of the world.

Yes, we have our challenges and burdens to bear, and a number of political and philosophical differences between us. But we also seem to push through successfully as we strive to solve our many difficult issues, and to soothe the afflicted among us. For whatever exists momentarily that

may divide us, there are important times

like these when we can unite together in the spirit of true patriotism and national pride to celebrate the great gift of being Americans, and commemorate the sacrifices of our forebears in bringing this nation to life. We owe it to their memories to take the time to pause and reflect on what their efforts mean to us today.

Enjoy the day and remember what it stands for. That's the most important thing of all.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We want to wish Danielle McLean of *The Somerville Journal* the best of luck in her new job up in Maine. Bangor Maine, to be precise. We think she's one of the best reporters to come out of *The Journal* in a long time and, although she worked over there, we have to admit she is a good reporter who is very thorough. We wish her the very best of success in her new job. We know she's excited about it.

Speaking of *The Journal*, the offices are now located in Danvers (that's right, you heard it, in Danvers). The last editor left for *The Herald* and now **Danielle McLean** is leaving. We're told they are looking for a reporter to follow up and keep the name out there, but we also heard that *The Somerville Journal* was going to be the same paper as the *Cambridge Chronicle* – isn't it already? Just asking, but *The Journal* charges \$2.00 and we hear that *The Chronicle* is for free. Is that right?

Thanks from Patti and Donald Norton here in the city to the Somerville Fire Department Engine #2, who were called to the house and made Patti feel

like she was in good hands. They were great with her and they both appreciated it. Then another thanks to Cataldo Ambulance, in particular Linda who comforted Pat all the way to Massachusetts General Hospital this past Sunday morning. The response was very fast and together with the staff at MGH emergency room made it comfortable for her. The three men on Engine #2 are to be commended for a job well done, and the entire way they made a horrible situation much better. Pat's doing well, still at MGH, and as of writing this we have no idea when she's coming home. Pat wanted to say thank you very much!

The fundraiser held last Wednesday, June 22 at Sally O'Brien's for Ward Three Alderman Bob McWatters was packed wall to wall throughout the event, about 150 or more well wishes showed up. Special guest District Attorney Marian Ryan, who herself grew up in Ward Three, was present along with Middlesex County Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. Lots of pictures were taken. Bob is sure a popular guy. Lots of Ward 3 residents showed up to show their support.

Now we're going to ask those who were

there, see if you can name the following. At Alderman Bob's time there were four current and former mayors from the city. Can you name all four? We bet you will have difficulty in naming them. (Hint: Congressman Mike was in Washington DC at a sit in).

We hear through the grapevine that a couple of residents are considering running for local office next year. Heck, why not, with an alderman's salary at \$40K that's a nice part-time position, isn't it? We wouldn't be surprised to see several challengers coming up next year in city elections.

The City of Somerville budget for fiscal 2017 is on our website, at over 200 pages. We will be working to put the school department budget online as well at www.thesomervilletimes.com.

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.

There are some people who are city employees in various departments that are on paid leave. One person for almost two years and counting. Wouldn't that be a good question for an alderman to be asked about?

We heard a story of someone at the

Winter Hill Yacht Club for gangsters

that an individual had two boats, not one, tied up and one was on a mooring that was put there by this individual boat owner. When asked why he did that he threw the mayor's name around and reportedly made the remark that Mayor Joe Curtatone said it was OK for him to do whatever he wanted. Well, a couple of weeks passed and a state trooper and an Environmental Police Officer showed up (apparently on complaints from club members) and informed him he was to get rid of the mooring and now he's back to one boat. We guess it says in the bylaws you can't have more than one,

but then again it also says in the bylaws

that convicted felons can't be members.

At least that's what we hear from couple of

present and past members. We hear that

this is not the first time Continued on page 16

A day of fun for the whole family

CONT. FROM PG 1

will be in place for the fireworks event as follows:

Broadway:

- No Parking at Trum Field 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- + Ball Square to Magoun Sq.: No Parking 4 p.m. to midnight; street closed 5 p.m. to midnight.

Cedar Street:

- Morrison Ave. to the Bridge: No Parking 8 a.m. to midnight; traffic restricted to residents only 4 to 6 p.m.; street closed after 6 p.m.
- + Bridge to Broadway: No Parking 8 a.m. to midnight; traffic restricted to residents only 4 to 6 p.m. (from Morrison Ave. only); street closed 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Franey Rd.: No Parking 4 p.m. to midnight; street closed 4 p.m. to midnight.
- + Charles E. Ryan Rd.: No parking 8 a.m. to midnight; access restricted to residents 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; street closed 6 p.m. to midnight.
- MBTA Buses 80 & 89 rerouted 5 p.m. to midnight. See www. mbta.com for full detour information.

Due to the large crowds and loud noise associated with the Fireworks Celebration, the city recommends that attendees leave pets at home and not bring unnecessary bags or backpacks. All bags and backpacks are subject to inspection. For more information, please call 311 (or 617-666-3311), or visit www.somervillema.gov.

The city extends special thanks to the Sloane family, Dean's Concessions, Cataldo Ambulance, and other sponsors for making these events possible.



























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Photos by Bobbie Toner





SPORTS

'American Rendezvous' weekend in Somerville

By Tom Bannister

For the fourth year, Somerville hosted the annual American Rendezvous weekend (ARDV) gathering from June 24 to June 26, where parkour practitioners participated in training sessions led by elite coaches from across the country and abroad.

Parkour is a form of movement rooted in a variety of physical disciplines – gymnastics, martial arts, climbing, breakdancing, and track – and its popularity has grown rapidly in the Boston metropolitan area.

Parkour was born in the banlieues (suburbs) of Paris in the 1980s and is now one of the world's fastest-growing sports.

ARDV is open to adults and high-school students (age 14+), of all experience levels and athletic backgrounds. It is designed as a "melting-pot event" for people to meet and train with each other in a safe, fun, and hard-working atmosphere, while celebrating a healthy and active lifestyle. Due to popular demand, a children's event has been added for Saturday only, for youth ages 6-14. These sessions are specifically structured for children featuring games, technical instruction, "challenge sessions", and all are led by a team of experienced coaches.

The weekend was sponsored in part by the City of Somerville and Shape Up Somerville.



Photos by Donald Norton





Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. How many years were there between the two Los Angeles Olympics?
- 2. Dudley Moore is famous for playing what instrument?
- 3. What famous American frontiersman said, "I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three days"?
- 4. In which state is Sun Studio, where Elvis made his recordings?
- 5. What were The first false teeth made from?
- 6. Until you are 35 it grows, then it begins to shrink what is it?

- 7. What is replaced every three months in the human body?
- 8. Egyptian mummies dated about 950 BC show evidence of the use of what?
- 9. What type of lettuce was called Crisphead until the 1920s?
- 10. What sticky sweetener was traditionally used as an antiseptic ointment for cuts and burns?
- 11. In 1998, what was voted the best monopoly piece?
- 12. Which animal is the only creature that has legs but can't walk on them?

Answers on page 17





Conte, Higgins to skate in Bay State Games

By Josh Glionna

Somerville residents Kaleigh Conte and Shannon Higgins will be participating in the Bay State Games for the Metro girls hockey team this summer.

Conte is entering her junior year as a defenseman at Phillips Exeter Academy. This is Conte's third summer skating with the Metro team.

Higgins is a defenseman entering her senior year at Somerville High and skates with the Cambridge/Somerville High School co-op team during the winter. This is Higgins' first summer with the Metro team.

The Metro team also includes Adrienne Ashe (Cambridge), Bella Corcione (Cambridge), Bridget Crane (Arlington Catholic), Bridget Flaherty (Arlington Catholic), Maggie Flaherty (St. Mary's of Lynn), Bella Jaffe (Cambridge), Alexandra Keane (Arlington Catholic), Abigail Knight (Arlington Catholic),



Erin King (Cushing Academy), Patricia MacLean (Medford), Ashley Morris (Medford), Reid Nichols (East Coast Junior Wizards), Laura Shea (Arlington), and Grace Toner (Cambridge).

The Metro team is coached by Medford High Girl's varsity assistant hockey coach Josh Glionna.

The four day tournament starts Thursday, July 7 and concludes with a medal round Sunday, July 10. The tournament takes place at the Foxboro Sports Center in Foxboro, MA.

The Bay State Games is an Olympic style competition held annually since 1982.

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The City of Somerville and Shape Up Somerville, in partnership with Groundwork Somerville, announces the return of the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market for its sixth season, beginning on Friday, July 8. The Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market sells fresh, local produce. Receive 50% off your purchase if you are a resident of North Street Housing or Mystic Housing, or for showing your SNAP card, WIC card, or Senior Farmers' Market Coupons. The Mobile Market accepts cash, credit, debit, SNAP EBT, WIC Farmers' Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers' Market Coupons. All are welcome. The Mobile Market makes stops at the following locations:

- + Fridays, 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.: Council on Aging, 167 Holland St.
- Fridays, 3:30 5:30 p.m.: East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
- Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Noon: North Street Housing Development, 26 North St.
- Saturdays, 1:00 3:00 p.m.: Mystic Housing Development, 530 Mystic Ave. All produce is fresh and grown in Massachusetts by Enterprise Farm, Oakdale Farms, World Farmers / Flats Mentor Farm, and Groundwork Somerville's South Street Farm.

For more information, visit online at https://somervillemobilefarmersmarket. wordpress.com, or call Shape Up Somerville at (617) 625-6600 x4321.

Local talent on the road in Gloucester





Somerville resident and business owner Elio LoRusso's band "Seabreeze" played at the St Peter's Fiesta in Gloucester over the weekend. The St. Peter's Fiesta is a five day festival honoring the patron saint of the fisherman St. Peter. The festival is put on by the Italian American community of Gloucester, MA. The band played Friday night at St Peter's Square. $-Photos \ by \ Claudia \ Ferro$

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here are the latest headlines from Somerville Neighborhood News #65:

Somerville is at the forefront of welcoming Medical Marijuana Dispensary to the community. The city is currently reviewing thirteen dispensary applications. Reporter Jeanette Origel brings us the story.



Say Good Bye to plastic shopping bags. Somerville stores are looking for alternatives as they prepare to comply with the Plastic Bag Ordinance that rolls out on September 1. Reporter Laura Onyeneho looks at how businesses are getting ready and how the city is helping.

Local residents in local jobs - that's the goal of the Somerville Community Corporation First Source Job Program. Economic development and a high cost of living are putting lower income residents at risk of displacement. First Source has been placed more than 120 Somerville residents in local jobs over the last two years. Reporter Laura Onyeneho introduces us to the program.

The long awaited renovation of Lincoln Park is officially underway. Mayor Joe Curtatone joined city and state officials, long time neighbors and a new generation of 'Villens to kick off the two year project.

It's Summer in the City and there's something for everyone in the 'Ville. Reporter Shelly Xu takes us along as she discovers treasures of this summer's Somerville Flea season. And find out about everything from free concerts to fireworks coming up.

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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, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

49 Clarendon Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2016-61) Applicant, Eduardo Costa, and Owner, Candeloro Dicecca, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to add a second story spiral staircase. RB zone. Ward 7.

292 Summer Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-62) Applicant, Charles Zammuto, and Owner, Deelz, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to finish the basement, add rear stairs to existing deck and construct a dormer.

38 Day Street: (Case # ZBA 2015-115) (re-advertised) Applicant, Darin Samaraweera, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.4.2 to increase the net square footage of the building by adding a 3-bedroom unit to and an affordable unit, both to the basement. SZO §4.4.1 to add window wells within the setback. The Applicant also seeks a Special Permit for parking relief under SZO §9.13. RB zone. Ward 6.

53 Park Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-46) Applicant and Owner, Walden Properties, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.2 to create a second unit, SZO §4.4.1 to increase the Floor Area Ratio and build a small addition. The Applicant and Owner also seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief, RB zone, Ward 2

<u>0 Elmwood Street</u>: (Case # ZBA 2016-11) Applicant 27 Eaton Street, LLC, and Owner Rona Realty Limited, seek a Variance and Special Permit to construct 5 residential units on an undersized vacant lot, and for parking relief. Zone RC, Ward 7.

350 Mystic Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2016-64) Applicant and Owner, Craig Corporation, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO §7.11.1.c to construct a mixed use building with first floor commercial/retail space, 17 residential units on the second and third floors and storage space on the fourth floor. BB zone. Ward 4

79 Benton Road: (Case # ZBA 2016-54) Applicant and Owner, KTA Construction, LLC, seek a Special Permit to substantially alter a non-conforming but legally-existing 3-family structure under SZO §4.1.1. RA zone. Ward 5.

37 Allen Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-68) Applicant and Owner, John E. Langwig, seeks Special Permits to increase the number of dwelling units from one to three under SZO §7.11.1.b, substantially alter a non-conforming structure under SZO §4.4.1, and parking relief under SZO §9.13. RB zone.

346-352 Highland Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-56) Applicant and Owner 352 Highland Ave Holdings, LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure by adding 4 residential units and a commercial space, and for parking relief. Zone NB, Ward 6.

76 School Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-55) 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.

15 Warwick Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-03) Applicant CRM Property Management Corp. and Owner Chupacabra LLC are seeking Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by substantially renovating a 2-family structure. RB Zone, Ward 5.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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The Project consists of: Complete and partial replacement of concrete stairs on a large poured in place concrete staircase consisting of 71 stairs and four landings. The stairs have a width of 10', a 12" tread and 6 1/2" riser. There are approx 15 stairs that require complete replacement and approx 33 stairs that require partial replacement ranging in size from 6' to 1'. The majority of the partial replacements are 2' in width.

The work is estimated to cost \$30,000.00

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 Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2016** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

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 the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bids can also be obtained electronically by contacting Gabriel Ciccariello at gabec@sha-web.org

A prebid meeting will be held at The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday July 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

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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this individual has embroiled the mayor. Amazing, the low rent paid by that club. We hear that is paid to the state. You see, the state owns that land. The commonwealth – as in you me and all the taxpayers – we own that land, don't we?

The Somerville Times is in the process of putting out some more boxes, approximately 12 more in strategic places to make it more accessible. 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.

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.

Local guy and business man **Zachary Zasloff**, who is SVP of **www.shoebuy**.

com, was recently appointed by the mayor to the Condominium Board of Directors. He's a good guy who we know will bring new enthusiasm to that board.

Drop over to Sally O'Brien's any night and see live entertainment and, of course, get some great burgers. Lots of friendly people there, and you can enjoy some good conversation and be entertained at the same time. The other night we tried their famous hamburger and fries that we have been hearing about, hands down the best anywhere in the city. Try them out you'll love them. By the way, if you like to play poker they have a tournament every Wednesday night as well. On Thursdays it's open mic for any bands that want to get up there and let people hear them. Liam is the best, he has something going every single night of the week!

Somerville's newest monthly comedy show, Clean Comedy Showcase, is premiering Friday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dante Club, 5 Dante Terrace, Somerville. Hosted by local comedians David

McLaughlin and Joe Medoff, this show features some of Boston's most talented comedians. All of the jokes on this show are free of swears and crude subject matter. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or at the door. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clean-comedy-show-case-tickets-25930133728

********* Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development invite the public to a Hoyt-Sullivan Playground community meeting to discuss potential renovations. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the third-floor community room at the Visiting Nurses Association Building, 259 Lowell St. All are welcome to share ideas that will help to shape the design of the new playground. For more information, contact Arn Franzen, Project Manager Director of Parks, at 617-625-6600, x2545, or afranzen@ somervillema.gov.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT The Trial Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141

Docket No. MI 15P5980GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR [X] RESIGNATION OF A

[X] GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

In the Interest of: Jose G. Da Silva

To the named Respondent and all other interested person, a petition has been filed by

Vilma S. Da Silva Filha

of Somerville, MA

In the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

[X] Accept the Resignation of the [X] Guardian

The petition ask the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 07/19/2016 . This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file a written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file an affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs of both. If the above- named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense

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

Date: June 21, 2016

Tara E. De Christofaro

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is **ORDERED** that a copy of this citation be:

Served with a copy of the petition, in hand to Jose G. Da Silva by a disinterested person at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date; or if Applicable to G.L.c. 190B, \$5-405. by leaving a copy of the petition and citation at the Respondent's last and usual place of abode; and

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as applicable; or by publishing a copy of the citation once in The Somerville Times Somerville, MA, publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the return date.

See Standing Order 3-09 On Suffiency of Proof of Notice

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

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

Date: June 21, 2016

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One family's fight against addiction

naming a star in Ryan's memory.

"He had this beautiful smile," says Cathy. "He was a jokester and class clown." As a kid, Ryan's skillful imitation of Pee-wee Herman's voice was the highlight at Harrington family gatherings and had his kindergarten teachers bursting with laughter in class."Everybody was his friend," says Dave.

Cathy recalls starting to suspect something was off about Ryan, who was then a student at the Matignon High School. He was irritated and agitated," Cathy says. "You could tell." She called his doctor and asked her to test Ryan for drugs when he'd show up for his physical. But at the appointment he refused to be seen and stormed out. Ryan started experimenting with Oxycontin on the weekends with friends, and eventually switched to heroin.

Every morning Cathy and Dave drove Ryan to school. "We'd watch him go in one door and leave in the other, when no one was looking." says Cathy. His schoolwork plummeted, causing him to drop out his sophomore year.

The recovery was full of ups and downs. He was at the Cushing House in South Boston and other programs. He'd do well, and then

relapse. He was in and out of the house. "But he would always come back," says Cathy. "I called him 'boomerang."

But even during his addiction, Ryan's good nature didn't disappear. When Ryan found out a neighbor was sleeping on the floor, he gave away his mattress and box spring.

A decade ago, many of the resources available today, organizations such as Learn to Cope and GRASP, didn't exist yet or were only emerging. Cathy got advice from anyone she could - a social worker she knew at the Somerville Hospital detox center and her boss's friend from the Rescue Mission. "We knew nothing about Narcan then," says Cathy.

After one of the several overdoses, Dave was desperate to keep his son safe and called police on Ryan. "At that point it was the only way I knew," says Dave. After spending six months in jail, Ryan returned home. "He seemed so good for a couple weeks," says Dave. He used twice after coming back. The second time

The pain of losing their child is with the Harringtons every day. "It doesn't get easier, but you learn to live with it," says Dave.

While more resources are emerg-

ing today, the biggest weakness of the system is the lack of support for long-term recovery, says the Somerville Police Department's Contente. "After a 30-day treatment program in detox, there isn't a continuum of support," she says. Cathy and Dave agree.

"You need to build a facility that takes someone from detox and moves them to the next step - the CSS (Clinical Stabilization Service), then to the transitional house," says Cathy.

While Somerville has made great strides in creating such a program, says Contente, in practice it still needs work. "The program isn't stabilized yet, it's still developing."

Educating kids from an early age about substance abuse and the dangers of addiction is the most effective way to deal with the growing problem, Dave believes. "It's not too early to talk to a kid at seven years old," says Dave. "It's like playing with matches. We need that rhetoric in schools."

That evening the Harringtons were getting ready to head to a vigil in Everett in memory of addiction

"That's what everybody does – you support each other," says Dave. "Because you need it."

One hundred and one springtimes CONT. FROM PG 10

104th Regiment, Third Battalion, where he served as a medic and ambulance driver.

In the spring of 1944, he spent a cold, wet, and miserable bivouac thinking about home and Mildred. When he returned to barracks, he called her and proposed that they marry during his upcoming leave. They did so on May 7th.

The Allies invaded Normandy the next month, and in September, Peter's unit deployed to Cherbourg. By 12 November, they had fought their way to Rodalbe, about 40 miles from the German border. Peter's Silver Star citation describes what happened next.

... At all times under heavy enemy fire, he moved about coolly administering aid and comfort to his wounded comrades without letup. When our forces were subjected to a strong enemy counter attack lead by tanks, causing additional casualties, he courageously continued administering vital aid to his wounded comrades, without regard for his personal safety.

"When the enemy attack inside the town increased to such an extent that movement to a better position outside the town was ordered, Technician Third Grade Fantasia refused to leave, preferring to remain in the town to aid his comrades who were wounded too seriously to permit immediate evacuation under the heavy fire. He was last seen administering aid to his wounded comrades as our troops left the town and is now missing in action..."

The shelling stopped at about 23:00, and Peter returned to his foxhole. When he heard movement, he looked up and saw a German officer aiming a weapon at him. Peter said to his comrade, "I'll dive right and you shoot him."

The German said, "I wouldn't do that if I were you." He was a German American from Arkansas who had returned to Germany when the

Peter spent five months as a prisoner of war, until Soviet forces liberated him on 28 April 1945. He returned to Somerville five months later and worked at the Union Square Post Office until retirement. He and Millie set up house on

School Street, where Francis, Paul, and Martha were born. In 1951 they moved into the first floor of the Boston Street home, where Annette was born. Francesco and Antoinetta lived on the second floor.

It is said that character is what you do when no one is looking. The most essential thing that I know about Peter's character is how much he cares about other people and will sacrifice himself for their wellbeing. The incident in Rodalbe was a particularly dramatic expression of a routine character trait formed in childhood.

When Peter was still a young boy, his mother's surgery required a long recuperation period during which,

for practical purposes, she was an invalid. He became the caretaker shopping, cooking, sewing, and caring for his sisters.

During his 80 years on Boston Street, he has continually sought out ways to make a difference for others neighbors, family, and whomever he encountered. He looked after the rooming house tenants - running errands; taking them to medical appointments - until the family sold the property in the late 80s. When his daughter Annette's husband died, Peter helped care for her two young children. And he babysat for whoever needed it into his late 80s.

In good weather, Peter and Millie could be seen sitting on their front porch and chatting with neighbors and passersby. I would see them and think, "This is what television killed."

After Millie's death in 1999, Peter continued sitting on the stoop until he became too incapacitated to easily make it downstairs. Now he maintains his position as mayor of our street from his second-story window, calling neighbors to alert them about street sweeping and snow-emergency risks; inquiring after the health of neighbors whom he hasn't seen out and about; directing parents to the whereabouts of tardy children; and doing whatever he can to make things better.

When I ask him why he makes such an effort, he tells me, "God put us here to help each other."

Words to live by.

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Summer Storytime

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Thursday June 30

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Friday|July 1

Central Library

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Monday July 4

Library Closed

Tuesday July 5

Central Library

Kidstock Theater: Goldi-Lochness

11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday July 6

East Branch Library

East Branch Summer Reading Club Kickoff with Malik the Magic Guy 11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 115 Broadway

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Arts at the Armory

Singing Over The Bones: A Raw **Footage Series** 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday July 2

Sally O'Brien's

255 Elm St

Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6

The Martians |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 & Sun-

day Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Backroom Series7 p.m. Mugsv|10 p.m.

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

Sleepover|8 p.m.. 255 Elm St

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Sunday July 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar Josh Lederman & The CSARs |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 **Back Room**

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sun-

day Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm

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Sunday Brunch Live Country &

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Game Night

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Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave Monday July 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

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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

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Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

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

Monday Night Series

156 Highland Ave Tuesday July 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.

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

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

Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Stump Trivia (with prizes)

The Ghetto People Band

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Ebass Open Mic with George Woods

6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m.

Wednesday|July 6 Sally O'Brien's Bar

156 Highland Ave

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Exile on Elm

Back Room

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Pub Trivia

156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday June 29

Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Thursday June 30 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

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday July 2 **Central Library**

Carter

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work

Family Yoga Story Time with Erin

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

Sunday July 3 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

ment. Monday July 4

Unity Church of God

Library Closed Tuesday July 5

Central Library Learn English at the Library

Wednesday July 6 **Central Library**

Ibbetson Street Press Poetry Reading

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

6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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.

Highwaymen at Venus De Milo - Thursday, June 23 - Departing Holland Street at 9:30 AM and Ralph & Jenny at 9:45 AM with an approximate return time of 5:30 PM - \$85 fee includes transportation, lunch & show – Choice of baked chicken or baked scrod (includes soup, vegetable, breads, desserts, coffee / tea) Performance by the Highwaymen & The Queens of Country - tribute to five of the biggest names in country music - Please contact Connie Lorrenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Forming Friendships – Wednesdays starting July 6, July 13, July 20 & July 27 – 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Feeling lonely lately? Looking to meet new people? If so, this 4-week social group is for you. To register or if you have any questions, please call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Vine to Wine Tour! - Monday, July 11 - Departing at 8:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:30 P.M. - \$79 fee will include luxury Silver Fox Coach transportation, Yankee Candle Store, Lunch at Chandler's Restaurant (choice: baked haddock, vegetable lasagna or roasted turkey / all served with salad, beverage and dessert) - After lunch travel to Honora Vineyards, Putney Mountain Winery, and much more. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your

spot or if you have any questions.

The Hay Day of the Big Bands & Pop Goes The Fourth - Tuesday, July 19 - Join the SCOA at Luciano's Lake Pearl to enjoy the repertoire of the Roy Scott Big Band. For a fee of \$81 you receive transportation, entertainment and lunch (choice of boneless breast of chicken or fresh baked schrod - including salad, vegetables, potato, dessert, coffee and tea.) For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach - Friday, July 22 - Departing Holland Street at 8:30 A.M. and Ralph & Jenny at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$5 with provide transportation. Lunch is on your own. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Gloucester Harbor Cruise & Lobsterbake – Thursday, July 28 – For a \$82 dollar fee you will receive motorcoach transportation, harbor cruise and a lobsterbake buffet. Cruise historic Gloucester harbor on board the Beauport Princess. The Beauport Princess has two dance floors, three full service bars, an openair top deck and comfortable indoor seating. Includes New England Clam Chowder, steamed 1-1/4 lb. lobster (limit 1 per person but all other menu items are all you can eat), grilled barbeque chicken breast, corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, cole slaw and dessert. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you need additional information.

Castle Island - Friday, August 12th - Departing Holland Street at 8:30 A.M. and Ralph & Jenny at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$5 with transportation provided. Lunch is on your own. For more information please contact Connie at 6127-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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 day trip to Ogunquit scheduled for Thursday, June

The day trip to Tanglewood scheduled for Sunday, July 10th is SOLD OUT.

The luncheon at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, July 14th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Mohegan Sun scheduled for Monday, July 25th is SOLD OUT.

The Gloucester Harbor Cruise / Lobsterbake day trip scheduled for Thursday, July 28th is SOLD OUT.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT. The BBQ at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, August

22nd is SOLD OUT. The trip to Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City scheduled for

October 11th -15th (Tuesday to Saturday) is SOLD OUT. The Weekend gateway to NYC scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 5th & 6th is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th and 8th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) is BOOKED SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

30th is SOLD OUT.

LGBTQ Advisory Group -This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. 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

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

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming

LGBTQ Events:

Monday, July 18th - Ice Cream Social Monday, August 15th - Safety Seminar Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th - LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

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:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) - On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RI) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Exercise

*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

** Walking and Talking Group is on hiatus until spring. One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday June 29

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

Thursday June 30

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, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Fireworks

Friday July 1

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Tuesday|July 5

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Senior Housing 101 (Home Loans) (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

11:30 Pizza & Movie (H)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment

12:45 Bingo (RJ

Wednesday|July 6

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

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the same negligent and reckless disregard for the safety of bicyclists that has led most recently to the death of Amanda Phillips, a 27-year-old graduate student. We believe to use the term "accident" in this circumstance is both harmful and wrong. With enforcement, these crashes can be prevented. But we need enforcement to do so.

We can think of nowhere else than Massachusetts - which serves as the world's college town - where such enforcement is appropriate and overdue.

I await your comments.
Thank you for giving the con-

sideration it deserves.

Richard Fries, Executive Director

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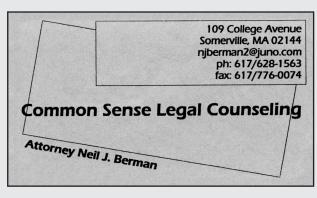
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2:00pm	2016 Historic Preservation Award
3:30pm	SomerViva em Portugué
6:30pm	St. Catherine's Church Tour 6.5.1
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Friday, July 1

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Saturday, July 2 12:00am History of Somerville Lumber Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin 1:32am 2:08am SomerViva Haitian Creole 2:32am Evolving Face of East Somerville Walking Tour 9:00am Taste of Somerville 9:30am Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest 12:00pm SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016 12:45pm History of Somerville Lumber

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Sunday, July 3 Connecting Communities- Boathouse 1:05am Jane's Walk 2016 1:30am Memorial Day Parade 2016 9:00am 12:00pm Senior Circuit "LGBTQ Programs" 12:30pm Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16 1:16pm Connecting Communities- Boathouse 1:39pm History of Somerville Lumber 2:25pm SomerViva en Español 6:30pm The Mayor's Report Senior Circuit "LGBTQ Programs" 7:00pm 7:30pm SomerViva en Español 7:50pm History of Somerville Lumber 8:36pm Taste of Somerville 9:02pm Congressional Update 9:33pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte

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LGBTQ Flag Raising

1:33pm **Evolving Face of East Somerville** 6:30pm Family Fun Day 7:00pm Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer 7:44pm The Mayor's Report History of Somerville Lumber

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Wednesday, July 6

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12:00pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation 2016			
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2:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert			
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MY LATEST DRAFT

has over-revised my new poem, blunted-not nurtured--

the fresh promise the first worksheets contain.

I will go back, try again till I get it right,

unlike with my life's past days.

NIGHTFALL

Another sunset's orange

sinking into darkness

portrays the failure of another day

with such beauty it softens

the hurt of my day's failures.

— Robert K. Johnson

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by Doug Holder

'Works on Paper' by Jennifer Barber

Somerville Bagel Bard Alice Weiss reviews a new collection from poet Jennifer Barber:

Works on Paper by Jennifer Barber published by Word Works Winner of the 2015 Tenth Gate Prize

Spare and lovely, the poems in Jennifer Barber's Works on Paper resonate with answerings. Not just call and response or antiphon, although that is there too, her poems seek out the moment when, even though the call is inaudible, there is something. In Source, the opening poem, the leaves, hearing the rain before it sounds, lean "toward the place where the rain is about to begin ... widening the surface of their urgency, their need/to register each shifting of air." In Assembling a Psalm, phrases propose a psalm, without being one, and at the same time, being one: the sun, the cedars, grass like flesh, and where is she? She doesn't know and not knowing still, and we find an answering:

there is always a turn a way to open the lips

L.B. is a four part lyrical tracing through a father's last months. At first the unstated questions are simply obvious, "A couple of weeks or months. . . /Sometimes we are wrong," In October, "A week ago outside/ was with him still." but the divisions between question and answer disappear,

Today, in the window in the trees,

soundless collisions of light and dark

impossible to divide

and finally in *Morphine*, *his last words*, the process reverses: An answer, "I have to be there by noon." and then the question.

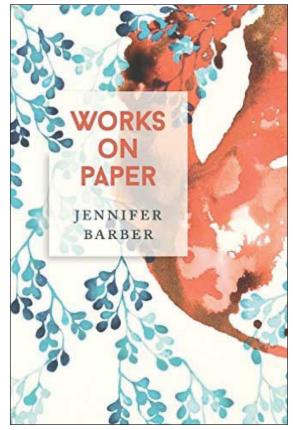
Are these my eyes under my hand.

The poet does not so much struggle with her grief as let it make images of itself. It doesn't feel effortless so much as full of grace:

> he was growing wings, and would leave us when the wings grew in.

Antiphon in ordinary life is a metaphor for conversation. At one point in the collection she asks, "Is bereft some kind of command," as if to force the language to have a conversation with itself. In *Almanac*, a graceful and gracious compression of one of Virgil's *Georgics*, where beehives are ruled by a king, she wonders "Who first discovered/ it was a queen?" The conversation turns outward. "outside" so to speak is with her still and rich, with Tolstoy, Chekov, Goya. This last, a delicious poem about an etching of four bulls where I suspect her father peers out at us.

In Benign, after the death begins to recede, con-



versation with the world and other voices generates an answering response in her own world, the strange consolation of art. She reads *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, and of his last three days, but putting the book aside, hears that

The wind roughs up the highest branches of the oak. The ear opens like an eye

—Unable to fit in the sack or work free of it, he howls and howls.

The other singular quality of an underlying call and response pulse is music. Barber's lines are like measures, often couplets, always short, but her language is flowing so the tension between the stops and the flows is like, well, I flounder for a metaphor of my own, but it's simple. It's like song. These are the notes that struck my ear reading this time through.

The moon naked as a slate impossible to write on or ignore.

A gazelle is wearing antelope pants.

By pear I mean pear, not a riddled heart. At least I think I do. The flesh of it laid bare

One more thing. My favorite lines in the collection come from a poem called *Near Eastern Creation Myths*.

After the great battle when the leader of the gods split with his arrow the Mother of All. he stretched half of her out as heaven, he fattened the rest of her as land.



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