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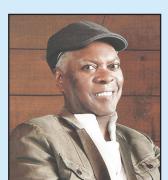
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City approves FY2016 budget



Although next fiscal year's budget is finalized and approved, some are not entirely satisfied with the numbers, such as Board of Alderman President, Alderman at Large William White, who said he would like to change

By Oliver Bok

The Board of Aldermen approved the final 2016 budget at their regular meeting on June 25, but not all of the aldermen were pleased.

"Real families, working class families, Somervillians, are getting priced out of this city," Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente said. "And that's just a fact. And we're responsible for that because we keep approving these things."

The new budget raises property taxes 5.6 percent and increases the price of residential parking permits from \$30 to \$40.

During the month of June, the finance committee met seven times and went through the proposed budget department by department. The committee made \$237,648 in cuts to the proposed budget, leaving the final 2016 general operating fund at \$195,770,799. However, to Lafuente, the cuts didn't go far enough.

"Frankly, I wish we had a made one million in cuts," he stated. "We all have Continued on page 4

the process for next year's budgeting.

Somerville resident owns Harvard Sq. history

By Patrick McDonagh

Somerville resident Paul MacDonald is the self-proclaimed dinosaur of Harvard Square retail business. MacDonald's ten dollar flip phone is left off, on the passenger seat of an 88 Ford Bronco while he is at work, logging business transactions and mailing checks by hand long after closing.

"I believe in being on street level, keeping my finger on the pulse." MacDonald says, seated at Leavitt & Peirce's loft style chess parlor. Dim bar lights hang from the store's hundred-yearold original tin ceiling, illuminating a telling smirk on MacDonald's face. "I'm on the floor a lot," he says. "It can make some workers nervous but that is a good thing."

Maintaining a "finger on the pulse" for Mac-





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Donald means daily customer interaction, inventorying product, and record keeping in a cinderblock-like 24 column ledger book. Transition from quill and ink ledgering to a Bic Full Color pen is arguably the most significant technological leap the store has seen in its 133 years of business, and inventory Continued on page 9

The one-of-a-kind Leavitt & Peirce shop in Harvard Square is a throwback to simpler times, and owner Paul MacDonald likes to keep it that way. — Photo by Patrick McDonagh

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The city's Fireworks Celebration set for this Thursday, July 2 at Trum Field. As in the past, along with the mayor and city officials there is a great array of entertainment/music with various food vendors until dusk, then the fireworks begin. What a great job the city does, and it's funded mostly by private businesses.

There was lots of activity at the On the Hill Tavern in Magoun Square this week with the shooting of a movie starring comedian Kevin Hart and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The film is called the Central Intelligence. One of our own, David Lebann, is also in the movie. The location is supposed to be a bar in Philadelphia, so all Boston sports posters were temporarily removed. The traffic back and forth was intense, but the well-positioned Somerville Police detail kept everything moving. The crew and all the trucks should be long gone by Thursday night for the fireworks at Trum.

We apologize for reporting last week that St. Joseph might be closing. We take it back and report that the church is doing well, and actually underwent some renovations recently. Some strong statements from the present congregation indicated they wanted to make sure we mentioned that the church is going to remain in the Square, hopefully for a long time.

A resident recently called the paper and asked when the state was going to finish off Mystic Avenue and we told him to call City Hall. He did so and told us no one knew the answer and that he needed to call the state. Now, wouldn't you think if you had a question as to what is going on in a particular area of the city that the city would know about it or at least take the resident's number and call the state and find out and then call the resident back? Yes, he called 311 and that was the answer he got, "We don't know, call the state."

Congratulations to Ricky and Jamie Hart on their recent anniversary. 16 years and still going strong. They are raising two boys and girl and are doing just

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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Penny says:

No question about it, the Somerville Ave site is a good site for a new station and we ought to get going on it right away. This is too important for it to get tied up in a lot of unnecessary debate. With all the older buildings standing in the city we need good fire protection and we should be putting everything into getting this done.

Walt says:

I agree that it seems like a good location for a new fire station. We need one, although there may be a lot of NIMBY opposition in Spring Hill. It's hard to understand why this is a bad location since its central to multiple neighborhoods in need of fire protection.

Is Beaudet the same developer that can't seem to move forward on the Prospect Street lot that has been going nowhere? They built a foundation and walked away last fall. These developers seem to think it's okay to do as they please.

Matt says:

Take the land and build the station, I'm sure the city will have plenty of cash after they sell of the union sq parcel. Let's just hope they build somebody that meshes with the fabric of the neighbourhood

Jason says:

No, not a good decision, let the developer build what they intend.

If the city takes it under eminant domain, it will continue to pay for the land even after the station would have been complete. The value of that land is going to sky rocket. Let's get some revenue from that space to ease the burden on the home owners city wide.

The fire department will be satiated in a different space I'm sure. There are numerous buildings that have come down lately and more to be looked at for certain.

Continue the search for a better space.

Jack R says:

There seems to be no need to rush into this so quickly. Just as long as a decision isn't put off indefinitely. I think the options should be weighed very carefully.

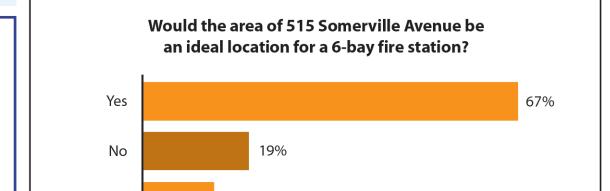
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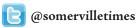
Nothing wrong with the Somerville Ave locale. They should just go for it while the goings good. Waiting does nobody any good.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think the 515 Somerville Avenue area would be an ideal location for a 6-bay fire station. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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The Somerville Times Somerville By Design looks at Union Square

By Josie Grove

The old post office building near Union Square hosted a Somerville By Design meeting last Wednesday evening, showing one way old space can have a new use. But the emphasis at that neighborhood planning session was on creating new spaces where old ones no longer work. Over sixty Union Square residents heard presentations from the city and design consultants about the progress of the neighborhood plan.

"The neighborhood plan is aspirational document," an says Russ Preston of Principle Group, the design consultants working with the city to plan redevelopment. Somerville's Now, the designers and city planners are approaching a cohesive plan for the neighborhood, which will be finished this fall. Last week's meeting was the latest in a series where residents expressed what they wanted in the Union Square redevelopment, and designers responded with ideas.

Since the last meeting, residents used an online survey to express their opinions about building height, public spaces, and the division of larger lots. Union Square residents have been vocal about what they want and need from the redevelopment, and Preston is glad to have the residents' guidance. "This is the lens through which we filter the planning," said Preston.

The survey did not reveal a strong consensus from Union Square neighbors on how they see the neighborhood. To find the best way forward, Preston says, "We need to study all options further to get at the environmental, economic, and quality of life benefits."

What is clear is the need for



Union Square area residents joined city representatives and design consultants for a discussion about the future development of the region. — Photos by Josie Grove

plaza as large as Copley Square, as well as less-dramatic improvements to make the streets feel more vital.

"Streets are where public life happens in Somerville," said Preston. "And the life of the street is really the first floor of buildings." He emphasized widening the sidewalks to twelve feet to better accommodate pedestrians. "It might seem like a small detail, but widening the sidewalks is really connected to these larger goals we're trying to establish throughout the process."

Parsing large lots into smaller pieces would also serve to make the area more pedestrian-friendly. That way, sidewalks could run between buildings to make walking more convenient. "What we've tried to do is redesign the existing space to make it more functional," said Preston.

The plan woul d prioritize pedestrians over cars, in keeping with the neighborhood's goals. "Throughout the process, people have been saying we should put the pedestrian first," said Preston. To that end, the neighborhood plan features wider sidewalks and reconfigured intersections, as well as a new neighborhood path along the T tracks. Key to a more walkable Somerville is more density, and greater building height. Preston says taller buildings would work

in Union Square. "We went through shadow impact studies, and height would be appropriate here." Some of the concept drawings showed buildings over five stories tall. Preston specified that after the fifth story, the floors would have to be set back to make the building less imposing, with height tapering down to four stories at the edge of the square to blend in with the rest of the neighborhood.

Taller buildings, and their effect on neighborhood character, have been a concern for many Somerville residents, but George Proakis, Somerville's Director of Planning, defended taller buildings as more in keeping with Somerville's historic character. He said that Union Square was once ringed with five-story buildings.

Later in the meeting, Carson Bise, of fiscal consulting firm TischlerBise, presented about the impact of redevelopment on the city's finances. Redevelopment would incur significant expense, including an estimated \$23 million for a new public safety building, but Bise says Union Square's redevelopment will pay off for the city in the long run. "Around year 21, surpluses are around \$3 million per year." Much of this surplus would come from tax revenue collected from new commercial development. Bise is confident about Somerville's capacity to handle the redevelopment projects ahead, saying the city is well prepared for the challenge, with a strong planning department and fiscal situation. The plan's fiscal impact will be clearer when the plan for a new Union Square is finished. "We're about two-thirds of the way through the neighborhood planning process," said Preston. A final neighborhood plan will be finished this fall, with more opportunity over the summer for input from neighbors.

A taste of Hollywood at On The Hill Tavern



By Jim Clark

Filming for a major Hollywood movie, starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Kevin Hart, took place from June 28 to July 1 at On the Hill Tavern in Somerville.

The film, titled *Central Intelligence*, is scheduled for a release in June 2016. The producers chose the location to film a few scenes depicting a barroom brawl.

Location scouts checked out the site back in March and after inspection by other members of the production staff it was selected for the filming. In April, crew members performed a runthrough of the fight sequence with technical staff and stunt coordinators.

On the Hill Tavern's owner and staff were reportedly excited by the prospect of being a part of the film making process.

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a more walkable neighborhood, and the desire for more vibrant public life. Preston showed how Union Square could accommodate more parks, and even a



Attendees at the meeting offered their suggestions on what they would like to see happen in the Union Square area.



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Clumsy burglar also very forgetful

Somerville and Tufts police officers responded to report of a burglary at 139 College Ave. in the early morning hours of last Sunday, June 28.

a man, Jesse Winfrey, of Roxbury, on the front porch of the residence.

The victim reportedly told police that he was awakened by a Upon arrival, officers detained crashing sound in his bedroom, at which time he spotted Winfrey sitting on his desk.

According to reports, Winfrey had apparently knocked over the victim's computer monitor, which was sitting on the desk as he entered the bedroom from a window.

After being awakened, the victim reportedly confronted the intruder and called the police. Winfrey was placed under arrest and charged with unarmed burglary.

When questioned about the incident Winfrey reportedly told police that he had no recollection of entering the house.

Perfume theft nipped in the bud

K-Mart store on Middlesex Ave. Saturday evening on reports of shoplifting in progress.

Arriving officers were advised that a man, later identified as Brian Belew, of Chelsea, had been observed by loss prevention personnel cutting open box-

Police were dispatched to the es containing expensive perfume with a knife and concealing the bottles on his person.

> The officers made their way to the fragrance aisle and confronted Belew, asking him to keep his hands where they can be seen where his knife was.

Belew reportedly failed to an-

swer the officer's question, but a quick search turned up the knife, which had been concealed in the cuff of Belew's sweatshirt.

As the officers secured the knife they reportedly spotted bulges in the arms of the sweatshirt, whereupon Belew told them, "Those are the perfume

boxes," according to police.

Belew was led to the Loss Prevention Office of the store where he was searched more closely. According to reports, several bottles of perfume were found hidden in the waistband of Belew's boxer shorts.

According to police accounts,

Belew had taken bottles of Calvin Klein "Euphoria," Calvin Klein "Eternity," Calvin Klein "Obsession," Tommy Girl, and Burberry "London." The total cost of all items was \$281.55.

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

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Arrests:

Brian Belew, of 179 Franklin Ave., Chelsea, June 22, 11:24 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Sory Diabete, June 24, 11:41 a.m., arrested at 7 Allen St. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

John McNeil, of 190 Wood-

row Ave., Dorchester, June 24, 6:07 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Edward Stanley, of 45A Memorial Rd., June 25, 7:24 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of fugitive from justice and on warrant charges of larceny by check over \$250 and forgery of check.

Preston Simic, of 9220 Sybert Dr., Ellicot, MD, June 26, 8:40 a.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older.

Gary Legor, of 43 Water St., Medford, June 27, 8:14 p.m., arrested at Albion St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Christopher Dube, June 27, 9:06 p.m., arrested at 51 Simpson Ave. on charges of marked lanes violation, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jesse Winfrey, of 18 Copley St., Roxbury, June 28, 3:55 a.m., arrested at 139 College Ave. on a charge of unarmed

burglary.

Tuon Truong, of 1 Myrtle St., June 28, 4:17 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of distribution of a class B drug.

Stephen Couture, of 25 Richardson St., Malden, June 28, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

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certain parts of the budget that are very important to us, and therefore we all defend those parts of the budget, and collectively we are where we are."

Board of Aldermen President William White said that he had had many conversations with residents who didn't understand why taxes were increasing, especially in light of the new revenues from Assembly Square. "Any of the new growth that's been coming from Assembly Square has essentially gone to fund items in the budget," White said. Both White and Lafuente said that they wanted to change the budgeting process for next year to give the aldermen more time to consider new spending increases. White warned that in the future the city should think twice about raising property taxes to the maximum limit the Commonwealth allows.



City Fireworks Celebration this Thursday

On Thurs., July 2, live entertainment at Trum Field will include performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers, the Boston Windjammers, and "Somerville Idol," Tammy Rego, beginning at 6 p.m., all leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m. To ensure public safety and pedestrian access to events, traffic and parking restrictions will be in place 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

"Out of the top 20 communities in Massachusetts population wise, when you look at how

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente expressed concern that higher taxes and fees are hurting city residents.

much the property tax levy has gone up, we're the third highest," White said. However, he also added that Somerville spends less per capita than most other Massachusetts municipalities. The Board also talked about the no parking signs that went up along Medford Street this past week to prepare for construction on McGrath Highway. According to Alderman Maryann Heuston, the city and

the Massachusetts Department of Transportation failed to adequately notify residents and business owners of the parking restrictions. As a result of the parking concerns, the city has delayed construction until September. In the meantime, Heuston called for meetings with residents, business owners and the project managers to figure out how to mitigate the impact of construction on parking.

closed 5 p.m. to midnight.

Cedar St.

• 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.

Special thanks to the Sloane family, Dean's Concessions, Cataldo Ambulance, and our other sponsors for making these events possible.

The Somerville Times Somerville celebrates being named All-America City

By Rebecca Danvers

In a release issued by the city this week, The National Civic League announced that for the third time since its inception in 1949, the City of Somerville is a recipient of the coveted All-America City Award, widely considered one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon cities.

The annual award (aka "the Academy Award for cities") celebrates and recognizes communities that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges. Somerville is one of only ten winners nationwide, and the only community from New England, to have been selected as a finalist in 2015. Somerville previously won the award in 2009, and 1972.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced this week that a celebratory banner will be unveiled on Thurs., July 2 during the city's annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration.

This year's award recognized cities that support vulnerable youth, and during a four-day competition beginning June 11, delegations of community activists and leaders (more than 500 in total) presented their stories of positive civic change to a jury of 13 leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors. To empower the city's youth to speak for themselves, Somerville's city-organized delegation of 32 community members was led by 15 young people from the Somerville Center for Teen Empowerment, and the Somerville Public Schools' World Percussion Ensemble and Somerville High School Chorus, each of which were met with wide acclaim from a panel of judges, event organizers, and fellow finalists. Somerville's presentation highlighted how youth and community leaders, including police, collaborate to create positive change, foster stronger relationships between young people and police officers, and use music and art to celebrate and promote diversity and inclusiveness. "This award was earned not just by the daily efforts of the many community members, agencies and city and school staff that work to support our youth, but by the impressive group of young people who competed on our behalf and by their determination, their voices, their stories and their community pride," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes strong, supported, and empowered youths to work with the community to better the lives and opportunities of all youth and that's just what this team did, does, and I hope will continue to do."

> "...I can't wait for another chance to show that Somerville will always be an All-America City!"

How Somerville Works with Vulnerable Youth

The city's application focused on a range of programs community-wide that support local and vulnerable youth offered both by the city and public schools as well as local organizations, with three efforts highlighted: the nonprofit Center for Teen Empowerment (TE), using music education as empowerment in the schools, and the city's Pocket Change workforce development program for low-income, out-ofschool young adults.

+ Teen Empowerment is a youth organizing and social change program that trains youth community organizers to create positive social change in their communities. Among other efforts, they work build positive relationships between youth and police including through innovative programs like youth-police dialogues TE has contributed to a significant decrease in violent crime among youth and to an increase in youth-police events and programming. According to data from the city's annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey, levels of violence, substance use, and feelings of depression decreased between 2004 (TE's implementation in Somerville) and 2014. "The fact that we had the opportunity to travel with people from the city who work to maintain a sense of community in Somerville, and came home with a win, was an incredible experience," said Sassiane Estany, a Program Coordinator with Teen Empowerment. "We became so close with other youth in our community, Somerville police officers, local business owners and city officials, and made new connections with friends from California, Florida, and Washington. It is truly an honor to have had the chance to show other cities how Somerville youth found their voice, and I can't wait for another chance to show that Somerville will always be an All-America City!"

+ Using Music Education as Empowerment. Somerville Public Schools enable students to learn to play an instrument beginning in middle school, free of charge. When combined with additional and unique opportunities, such as the World Percussion Ensemble which teaches rhythm from all over the world and incorporates peer mentorship in the classroom, these programs have led to a dramatic increase in participation in music education. Since 2005, middle school enrollment in musical instrument instruction has increased eighty-five percent, and high school enrollment across various programs has increased significantly.

"We are attracting the students who are typically in the margins, because they have no experience with musical instruments, because they may not have confidence to enroll in another school program, or because they do not feel accepted," said Marcus Santos, Director of the SHS World Percussion Ensemble. "Music can be a catalyst for social change. We place beginning students with peers who are more advanced, and students learn exponentially. It's powerful to see how excited these students are about music."

 The Pocket Change Initiative aims to reduce unemployment for low-income youth in Somerville by 10 percent over 10 years. It connects low-income, out-ofschool young adults to full-time employment opportunities and reduce their chances of unemployment. Because many of the program's participants have little formal work experience, the program links them with "micro-level" jobs around the city that provide a bit of "pocket change" and teach on-the-job skills. Pocket Change participants also take part in a series of soft-skill workshops that focus on job readiness skills, such as interviewing, resume writing and group dynamics, and hardskill training such as CDL licensing, restaurant training and other certificate programs. The full list of 2015 All-America City Award winners includes: Carson, California; Salinas, California; Stockton, California; Tallahassee, Florida; Somerville, Massachusetts; Tupelo, Mississippi; Geneva, New York; Marshall, Texas; Spokane, Washington; and Yakima, Washington.

Open Air Circus returns to Somerville



By Amy Swain

The Open Air Circus is back. Beginning June 23, young performers from all over Massachusetts flocked to Somerville to start training for the many exciting events the circus brings to town: stilting, miming, juggling, and so much more.

This annual event celebrates its 30th year in 2015. Chairperson Peter Jehlen recently said his favorite part of the circus is "Seeing the kids enjoying physical activity and growing into young leaders."

That idea is personal for Jehlen, as he himself grew from a training performer into a leader. Jehlen began his training with the circus in its first year, when he was just five years old. Then, his favorite acts were stilting, juggling, and stage combat. Now he devotes his time to organizing and supervising this non-profit organization for five weeks of summer.

The talented staff performs this show exclusively in Somerville, but they also offer specialty training in other cities upon

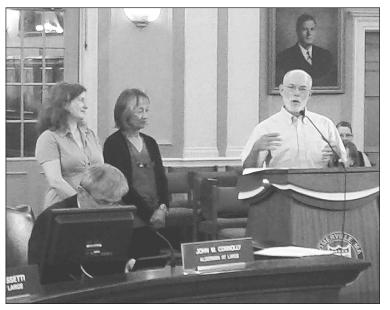
request. These are all students who have proved talented and interested in continuing on as performers. Students often continue to perform in other Boston area events, such as festivals, fairs and parades.

As of now, there are roughly 125 students enrolled. This is slightly lower than the average year, and students are still encouraged to sign up. There is no age cutoff for students, and all classes (barring intermediate or advanced classes requiring prerequisite) are available. Many of the students perform in several different acts come performance day. It is recommended to get involved by the third week to ensure enough training time.

Classes are held weekly on Tuesdays at Nunziato Field, Wednesdays at Foss Park, and Thursdays at Nathan Tufts Park, continuing three days a week until July 23, followed by two rehearsal days.

Performances will be held July 31 at 7 p.m., August 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and August 2 at 2 p.m. More information can be found at openaircircus.org.

Community Cooks honored by city



A citation was issued by Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, Alderman at Large William A. White Jr., Ward 3 Alderman Robert J. McWatters, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, and the entire Board of Aldermen and the Mayor commending Community Cooks, which is celebrating its 25th year of providing the neediest members of our community with home-cooked meals. The presentation was made at the Board's regular meeting on June 25. — Photo by Donald Norton

Booker T. Jones coming to Somerville

By Blake Maddux

In addition to having their own major success with the 1962 single Green Onions, one of the most recognizable instrumentals in popular music, Booker T. Jones and the band The MG's played on numerous recordings by some of the greatest soul and blues musicians of all time. As the house band for the Memphis-based record label Stax, The MG's (sometimes without Jones) are heard on songs by Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, Carla and Rufus Thomas, Sam & Dave, Johnnie Taylor, and Albert King, for whom Jones cowrote the classic blues number Born Under a Bad Sign.

The MG's broke up in 1971 and reunited in 1975 for a pair of less notable albums. However, Jones and other members remained busy as session musicians and producers. As the latter, Jones worked with among others - Rita Coolidge, Bill Withers, and Willie Nelson. The band was inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992, toured with Neil Young in 1993, released a new album in 1994, and won a Grammy in 1995.

Booker T. Jones - the recipient of a total of four Grammy awards - has released several solo albums under his own name, including 2013's Sound the Alarm, which marked his return to Stax four decades after leaving the label.

Jones spoke to The Somerville Times by phone from his home in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in advance of his July 9 appearance at

Johnny D's.

Somerville Times: You were born in Memphis, but have lived much of your live elsewhere, right?

Booker T. Jones: Yes, born in Memphis. I lived there until about '69 and I went to school in Bloomington, Indiana [at Indiana University] from '62 to '66. I lived off-and-on on the West Coast and Los Angeles for, I don't know, probably a total of 30 years. I lived in the Bay Area for 20 years, until about three years ago, actually. Raised my kids there in Marin County. I lived there until about 2009. And then I actually spent some time in Malibu. I had a ranch there in the early 70s for a few years. I've lived all over the place!

> *"Every time* I saw an instrument, I got a little bump in my heart"

ST: Was there ever any chance that you would not become a professional musician?

BTJ: Well, I started as a high-schooler being interested in medicine, [but] I didn't do well in chemistry. I did do well in music theory and teaching myself instruments. My mother was a classical pianist and vocalist and her mother was a piano teacher. My father was musically inclined. I actually started to make some money as a musician at a very young age

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Legendary musical renaisance man Booker T. Jones will be performing at Johnny D's on July 9.

- 10, 11 years old. So I changed myself over to music school and I planned on becoming a music teacher. I took music education at Indiana University.

ST: What prompted you to record McLemore Avenue (1970), which was a tribute to Abbey Road by The Beatles?

BTJ: It was a hats off to The Beatles, a group that had at that point done everything in the music business as far as success goes that a band could do. They continued to strive. They could've stopped. They could've rested on the laurels, but they continued to make new interesting music. And I was just impressed by that. And I just really loved the melodies that they came up with and the topics that they wrote about. I just wanted to pay tribute to them.

I'm still fascinated with The Beatles. I still, every now and then, do some of their songs on stage.

ST: Do you think that you have improved as a musician over the decades?

BTJ: I would hope so. I've continued to practice all these years. I still do my scales, the ones I started as a nine-year old or a 10-year old. I think I have a better understanding of music. I continue to study. I still have my scores in my music room that I study. I'm studying a Schumann score [Cello Concerto in A Minor, 1850] right now. I hope to someday write my own concerto. I still listen to the blues, I still listen to a lot of jazz, and I still try to surround myself with people who are better than me. And I love all kinds of music. I love house music and EDM [electronic dance music] and just lots and lots of different things.

ST: Even considering the variety of musicians with whom you have played, your appearance on the 2009 album Let the Dominoes Fall by the punk band Rancid still seems unlikely. How did that come about?

BTJ: That was one of my guys Andy Kaulkin, who was actually - Photo by Piper Ferguson

kind of a mentor to me during the time. He had a record label that I was recording for, and he was a fan of the band and he mentioned me to them. They were excited about it, so I swung over and hung out with them one day and we just had a lot of fun there with the Hammond [B-3 organ].

They were out in the San Fernando Valley. Fun-loving group of guys. All the guys in the band showed up for the session. It was some pretty wild Hammond parts that I played.

ST: What were some of the instruments that you learned, mostly by teaching them to yourself, when you were growing up?

BTJ: Every time I saw an instrument, I got a little bump in my heart. When I saw a clarinet, I got a jump and a thrill from it. When I heard the oboe, I was a little boy, my neighbor had one in his attic. I ended up teaching myself the instrument, and that's how Continued on page 17



Tuesday July 7 Matthew Frantz Joe Holt & friends 7:30 p.m.

> Wednesday July 8 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday July 9 Bitter Bastids, Low Sparks 7:30 p.m.

Friday July 10 Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast 6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents Monkeybread, Mammothor, Cardboard Mercenary \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday July 11 Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. New Million Box, Steve Walther Orchestra, Hammer and Snake 9 p.m.

Sunday July 12 Molly Pinto Madigan, The Paisley Fields, and Dann Russo 7:30 p.m.



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THY DIMAR

Vegetable Slaw

With the Fourth of July right around the corner, I thought I would share this recipe for those of you who love a good coleslaw. This is not a traditional coleslaw, but delicious all the same.

Not everyone has a food processor to shred your own cabbage or vegetables, so it is quite acceptable to use your favorite pre shredded product. I do!

This is a simple recipe that can be made in about five minutes, a huge time saver.

12 oz broccoli slaw

3/4 cup mayonnaise 1/8 cup seasoned rice vinegar 1 tablespoon sugar 1/4 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp pepper 1/2 cup dried cranberries 1/2 cup walnut pieces

In a medium bowl, add the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper and mix well. Add the remaining ingredients and gently toss until well incorporated. Place in the refrigerator for about 1/2 hour prior to serving.

*Please note, this recipe was adapted from the Trader Joe's Broccoli Slaw package

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Alderman Bob McWatters campaign kickoff

By Donald Norton

This past Monday night, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters packed them in at his campaign kickoff celebration at Sally O'Briens on Somerville Avenue.

entire city attended. Everyone

from all the different segments of the city, newcomers and life long residents alike. We are really not surprised he It seemed at times that the

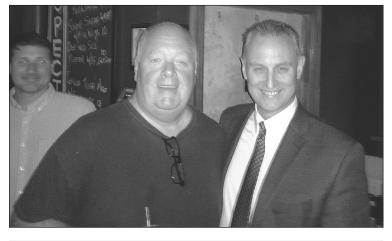
is popular guy, and has made many friends over the years.

had a great a great time, enjoyed

themselves, met with a lot of

friends, family and supporters











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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for NEWSPAPERS MUST PUBLISH PUBLIC NO-TICES ONLINE (H 1566)

> House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would require newspapers that are paid to publish official state and local public notices in the paper's print edition to also include them on the paper's website at no additional cost. The measure also requires the papers to include the notices, at no extra charge, on a new statewide website, created and operated by a joint venture of Massachusetts newspapers.

> Supporters said that readership of print copies of newspapers is way down and public notices in these papers are never seen by the majority of people. They argued the addition of the papers' websites and a new statewide website would result in many more people seeing these important notices.

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

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

JURY LAWS (H 1354)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would strike from the law books several sections of current jury duty laws that have simply been unenforced and/or have changed. The bill also consolidates the two chapters in current state law dealing with jury duty into one.

Supporters said having these "non-laws" on the books is confusing to potential jurors who do not know that these laws are no longer enforced and/or have been replaced. They noted that an old law on the books that is no longer valid exempts classes of people, such as doctors, students and parents of young children, from jury duty. Another limits to \$40 the penalty for failing to perform juror service.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LOTTERY FOR LOW LICENSE PLATES - The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced it is ronmental and religious concerns.

STOP PET CREMATION FRAUD (H 3273) - A

bill aimed at preventing fraud in the pet cremation industry was also considered on Beacon Hill. The proposal requires all pet crematoriums to register with the state and for two years maintain time-stamped digital video footage of each individual animal cremation. The video would be required to include footage that establishes the clear identification of the pet before the cremation and the removal of the remains immediately following the cremation.

Supporters said some of these companies are unscrupulous and cremate several animals at once. They hand over what pet owners think are the remains of their beloved pet when is fact it is sometimes the remains of a random pet.

BAN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS (S 406) - The Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on a bill that would ban the use of single-use carryout plastic bags in any retail store with more than 3,000 square feet of space or three locations.

Supporters said our nation uses 100 billion plastic bags per year and noted bags litter our streets and waterways and often kill marine animals who ingest them.

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

JUSTINA'S LAW (H 1469) - The Judiciary Committee heard testimony on a bill that would prohibit parents from being charged with child abuse or neglect if they follow a course of treatment recommended by a medical or mental health provider, even if a different provider recommends a different course of treatment.

The bill was prompted by the 2013 case of Justina Pelletier, who was being treated at Tufts Medical Center for mitochondrial disease and then was transferred to Boston Children's Hospital where she received a different diagnosis. Her medication was stopped and she was placed in a psychiatric unit. Her parents tried to remove her from Children's and bring her back to Tufts but they were ordered out of the hospital. A legal and public relations battle began which ended in Justina being returned home to Connecticut to be with her parents in June 2014.



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 the votes of local representatives on roll calls from the week of June 22-26. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

now accepting applications for the 2015 Low Number License Plate Lottery. This year's batch includes 156 low license plates including Z9, 650, 7X and L91. Applications are available at all RMV branches and online at www.massrmv.com. All entries must be mailed and postmarked by August 21. No date for the drawing has been set, but it is likely to be held in September.

BURY PETS WITH OWNERS (H 3272) - The

Public Health Committee heard testimony on a bill that would allow cemeteries to designate a portion of the cemetery for the burial of both people and their pets together.

Supporters said pets are like family members and it is unfair that current law prohibits this practice.

Opponents, led by the Massachusetts Cemetery Association, said the proposed legislation is vague but that the groups would be willing to work out a bill that is acceptable to both sides and will address sanitary, enviSupporters said that parents, not the government or doctors, should decide what course the treatment of their children will take.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I would say if there is an interest among the players, and there are many, to have a conversation on the flag I would certainly be happy to participate in that. It has been around for I think about 150 years and there is nothing wrong with taking another look." — Gov. Charlie Baker on whether Massachusetts should consider changing its flag that currently includes a Native American holding a bow and arrow with the motto, "By the sword we seek peace, but only under liberty." Some say the design is politically insensitive and the bow and arrow depict violence.

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"Until everyone's rights are protected, none of us have equal rights. Everyone should be safe and feel safe regardless of who they are or where they are." - Eastern Bank's Nancy Stager on the bank's support of updating Massachusetts' nondiscrimination law to include public accommodations protections for transgender individuals.

"Massachusetts is the cradle of liberty and the tech hub of the universe, so online voter registration is a marriage of two of the Commonwealth's greatest strengths ... It's a no-brainer." - Gavi Wolfe of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts on the new system implemented last week allowing Massachusetts citizens with signatures on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to register to vote online.

"The United States is less than five percent of the world's population, but we consume 80 percent of its opioids." — Attorney General Maura Healey on her support of the Governor's Working Group report aimed at

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eradicating opioid abuse.

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.



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During the week of June 22-16, the House met for a total of 10 hours and 20 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 31 minutes.

e y e	Mon. June 22	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 5:22 p.m.
- - e	Tues. June 23	No House session No Senate session
- - r	Wed. June 24	House 11:04 a.m. to 3:04 p.m. No Senate session
e l. f	Thurs. June 25	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
e s	Fri. June 26	No House session No Senate session

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Somerville resident owns Harvard Sq. history CONT. FROM PG 1

is simply eyeballed with uncanny accuracy. MacDonald shares the tobacco shop's lineage, history, and insights into the archaic business' longevity.

"The store was founded as a tobacco shop. You can tell we are still holding true to our roots," MacDonald says, walking through double glass doors of the humidor room, a climate controlled tobacco storage in the shop's rear. The consistent 70-75% humidity maintained is a necessity for fresh tobacco. "If you walk through the store it is not just tobacco any more. There are different worlds to the store. We pick and choose items that fit in with a shop like ours."

MacDonald describes what fits the theme of an old-school shop like Leavitt & Peirce. "Classic, timeless traditional; that is what this store is about." He says. Pewter flasks, small pocket knives, card cases hand crafted in Germany, cufflinks, jewelry, bar ware, weighted pens, French triple milled soaps, traditional wooden board games, all make the cut of items outside

product. Scents of cologne and pipe tobacco linger long after a walkthrough of the shop. Some find the potent smell abrasive to the senses as fresh jars of tobacco unseal, others walk through the store in ecstasy savoring the aroma."I wish I could still smell the store," MacDonald laments as he reacts to customer commentary on Leavitt & Peirce's signature scent. "I've become so used to it. I haven't lost my sense of smell but the store I just can't smell anymore. Customers walk in and say'If only you could bottle this.' What is it? It is probably 133 years of fermentation. On a warm day they say you can smell it from the side walk." The grooming section is a flannel clad bearded hipster's dream.

MacDonald shares the business incentives for carrying early 1900's shaving equipment. "There is a return back to what we call wet shaving: shave brush, soap, and safety razors. Now the barbers by law have to use the strait razors that have an insert. In the old days it would be just a single piece of steel and they the realm of the shop's original would sharpen them on straw.

There is definitely a return to that style of shaving." The advantage: a tight clean shave while impressing fellow facial hair enthusiasts.

MacDonald has a hand in every aspect of his business, an inherited paternal trait that attributes to Leavitt & Peirce's longevity selling pipe tobacco in the same location since 1883. Paul MacDonald took over business from his father in 1985 after a management purge. Employee theft had mired business. MacDonald rehired and has been intimately involved as store owner ever since. Proximity to Ivy League Harvard means a mix of shoppers and academic celebrity. "Oh, the cross section of customers is amazing. It is unbelievable," MacDonald says. "You could be dealing with a Nobel Prize winner at one moment, a street person the next. Harvard students, construction workers, it is a mishmash but we don't get star struck. Our kind of famous people are like a Nobel Prize winning professor, not a rock and roll star. We probably



football player, walking through his shop with an entourage of Harvard students. Black and white portraits of the 1908 Harvard football team complement the calligraphed footballs, organized chronologically on the store shelves they are examples of how aero dynamics of the game changed. Faded balls from early 1900's are rounded while later versions share more similarity with modern footballs. Each ball proudly displays the Harvard winning score of the Ivy League championship, Harvard vs. Yale game.

Oars donated to Leavitt & a more fitting profession.

Peirce with similar engraving rest mounted in the chess parlor loft. At a time before email, students would crowd the shop window to check rowing schedules on the Charles River. Train tickets to New Haven and Harvard vs. Yale game tickets would sell fast, a tradition 15 years since past much to owner Mac-Donald's chagrin, "Another reason for me to hate technology."

While he remains virtually unreachable by any modern means, other than snail mail and possibly carrier pigeon, this only makes owning Leavitt & Peirce



get some of those too, but it is

a different famous here. I can remember Barney Frank before he got all polished. He used to be chewing on a cigar when he came in. Former speaker of the US House of Representatives, Tip O'Neill. But if they are fourth in line they get treated fourth in line."

Leavitt & Peirce is as much a thriving independent retail business as it is preserver of the Square's century long relationship with Harvard.

MacDonald recalls Hamilton Fish, the prominent Ivy League



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COMMENTARY

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Budget strategically moves city forward despite snow budget challenges



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Three weeks of budget hearings wrapped up last week after long nights, lots of numbers, and a diligent review by the Board of Aldermen. We now have a responsible budget for the coming year that meets our obligations while continuing to improve city services despite a tumultuous winter. In February, I said this would be the best budget year in our history. More than 110 inches of snow later, the most snowfall in one winter in our city's history, we had to come up with a plan to pay for our extensive snow removal and subsequently hold off on some of the new programs we wanted to implement for the coming year. Yet we're not going backwards or even holding still. We won't stall the progress we've made.

The approved budget makes strategic investments that will benefit residents and business owners alike. I want to thank the aldermen for their careful scrutiny of our budget proposal, as they do every year. Through a prudent and thoughtful approach the Board trimmed where it could today, totaling approximately a quarter-million today, while still maintaining the investments that will improve the city tomorrow.

That starts with a \$2.2 million increase in school funding that meets our contractual obligations while adding six new full-time staff positions, sustaining the momentum that has catapulted Somerville Public Schools into the top 15 percent for student growth in the state-the only urban district in that category. Among those positions are an assistant to the Director of Student Services, a psychologist and a board certified behavior analyst, all staff that support the health and well-being of each child. Inside the classroom, Somerville Schools will add a full-time English Language Learner Department Chair, an elementary teacher and an adaptive technology specialist. And so we don't lose what we already have, positions that were previously grant funded will be absorbed through the regular school budget, including a pre-kindergarten teacher and two full-time paraprofessionals.

Our Somerville Police Department has worked tirelessly with our Office of Prevention and Trauma Response Network to address the opioid epidemic that is challenging our region and the entire nation. We submitted full funding for the previously grant-funded Jail Diversion Program's Clinical Coordinator, helping redirect individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues from the criminal justice system to treatment and support. Fortunately, we were able to secure a state Department of Public Health grant that will fund that critical position for at least the next three years, and we hope to secure additional funding for the Jail Diversion Program's new Coordinator of Addiction and Mental Health Partnerships, who will reach out and provide support to people in our community and their families who have been impacted by addiction.

Our region and nation faces a housing affordability crisis, and our Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative is working on local solutions. This budget bolsters those efforts with the addition of a Sustainable Neighborhoods coordinator, a two-year temporary position that will create a dedicated staff member in City Hall to work with the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group, other City staff, state and federal officials as we broaden and deepen our already robust affordability efforts. The budget also funds a consultant who will create of a universal waitlist for affordable housing opportunities in Somerville, streamlining the process for families and residents applying for affordable units that become available.

We set ambitious sustainability goals because of the threat of climate change. The worst case scenarios of tomorrow are predicated upon inaction today, so we will act to prevent the worst from happening and prepare for what will come. An additional \$150,000 for our Office of Sustainability and Environment will fund work to assess our vulnerabilities and plan for the areas of our city most at risk for the impacts of climate change. We'll offer small competitive grants to green technology companies so they can pilot their ideas in the City, and hold more events for companies to network with local partners through an additional \$15,000 for our GreenTech Program.

And while we plan long-term, we are acting to shore up our resiliency today, particularly within our Water and Sewer Division, which will gain an additional engineer and a primary operator so we can quickly repair and replace our sewer and water infrastructure and increase our capacity to address flooding.

Additional investments strategically target community priorities including local business support, recreational programming, health and wellness, arts and culture and historic preservation. We'll expand our support for local businesses with an additional \$150,000 for our storefront improvement program. Our reinvigorated Recreation Department will continue to build by dedicating two program coordinators, supporting those programs and services that are important to the development of our kids and the health of our community. And we'll backfill grants that are ending or no longer available, including funding for our Shape Up Somerville nutrition coordinator, and arts and culture grants through the Somerville Arts Council. We'll also use \$35,000 to obtain and match a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, allowing us to fund a part-time digital archivist that will help us preserve City board and commission meeting minutes online for the public, putting us at the forefront of municipal archives and transparency nationwide.

That's just some of what we will accomplish through this year's budget. At a time when other communities are content to simply get by without cuts in services or initiatives-or even discussing cuts to fill the gap caused by a snow budget deficit-we are smartly and prudently investing to meet community needs and goals because we know we can do more, and better, and we push ourselves to set a standard of excellence. Thanks to the hard work and long nights of the Board of Aldermen, our City staff, and you, we continue to aim higher.

A Note of Thanks from Superintendent Pierantozzi

As I prepare to enter the next chapter in my life starting on July 6, 2015, I do so with gratitude for the opportunity to be part this outstanding community. It has been my immense honor and privilege to serve our City, a city that respects and supports our youth and education like few others, as Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools for a decade. I am thankful to be finishing a rewarding career in public education in the best urban school district in the Commonwealth.

Superintendent Pierantozzi honored

The District has flourished in many ways, thanks to the outstanding work of our staff, students, parents, guardians, and community partners. The collaboration, teamwork and unity of purpose during my tenure are the genesis of our work and emblematic of a City truly committed to helping every student maximize their potential. The children and youth of Somerville have been the beneficiaries of our work together, but the entire City has and will continue to be positively affected.

Looking ahead, I will sorely miss the students, faculty and staff, central office staff, parents and guardians, community, School Committee members, and the many champions of Somerville youth with whom I have had the privilege of serving in the past decade. I will always remember my service to the Somerville community with fondness and pride. Thank you for the opportunity to work for you and with you in providing Somerville youth with a strong, balanced educational foundation. Together, we have made tremendous strides toward achieving that goal, and I am confident that this important work and progress will continue. I am also confident that the relationships developed during my tenure as Superintendent will endure and deepen after my departure. I leave with the knowledge that the work we have done together will continue to strengthen with your continued support and the able leadership of incoming Superintendent Mary Skipper. Thank you, Somerville.

Tony Pierantozzi Superintendent of Schools





A citation was issued by Alderman at Large William A. White Jr., and the entire Board and the Mayor at the Board of Aldermen regular meeting on June 25 commending School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi, who is retiring after ten years of outstanding service to the entire community. — *Photo by Donald Norton*

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

of us. If this comes at a cost to a certain few this is truly unfortunate. And even perhaps avoidable, given a fair effort at finding viable alternatives.

Meantime, the city still needs a new fire station. This is unquestioned. Let's hope that this works out well for all concerned. There is an awful lot at stake. Our safety and our freedoms. That's a lot.

Here we go again. The city needs something done, and the next thing you know privately owned property is suddenly fair game for confiscation under eminent domain law.

One can find an argument in support of either side of the issue, but it's just unfortunate that such measures are deemed necessary in order to ensure the public

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

great. We hope they have a thousand years of happiness and joy. They are very special to us here at *The Times*.

A public hearing will be held on the controversy over the potential city taking over the land at Somerville Avenue and Laurel Street for a future firehouse. The owners include a local real estate attorney who represents a lot of developers here in the city, and if the city takes the land they will stand to make a lot of money. The public hearing on the issue will be held July 6 at the Board of Alderman Chambers beginning at 6 p.m. If you have an opinion, this is an opportunity to go and voice your concerns either way. good. Could there be well-suited alternatives that have not yet been fully examined? One would think so.

The city is already buttoning up to do battle over the long-vacated Star Market site in Winter Hill, hoping - no doubt to get the owner of that property off the dime and a tenant in place that the city and local residents can live with. It begs the question, how much power should a municipality wield weighed against the rights of individuals and commercial entities? Is this not still the land of the free? Of opportunity? Of inalienable rights?

The concept of eminent domain is basically concerned with watching out for the greater good. What's best for the majority

> There's a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times on the site.

Jimmy Del Ponte has announced that he will be the guest on *Fireside* with Jim Callahan on Saturday, July 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on WMEX 1510 AM radio. All his friends from his Matty in The Morning Kiss 108, and Dale Dorman And The Breakfast Club on Oldies 103.3 days will also be with him. So you will be able to hear Johnny C, (666 Somerville Ave Somerville Mass and Somerville 02144), Larry The Caterer, Father Mulchaey, Sister Mary Margarine, Pepito The Mechanic, and BLANCHE! And from his Oldies days, Frankie From Everett, Sully The Cab Driver, Joe Jennings, Gus The Gardener, and, of course, CONCETTA FROM EASTA BOST! Tune in, call in, and join Jimmy and Jim Callahan for two hours of laughs and memories. Jimmy is also digging up some of his favorite funny songs and parodies that he wrote for all those zany shows.

be coming in the next few weeks. We know that it's a popular place, just look at the lines that start forming around 11 a.m. in the morning and running past early afternoon.

The Board of Aldermen, many of whom have held office for several years, approved the fiscal budget for 2016 basically as submitted by the mayor, with few cuts and nine that would have an impact. It seems that every year the city hires more people for jobs never even heard of before, and again this year there were raises for everyone. Imagine, raises for some department heads every year, and we identified one part-timer who's been on the job about year or so got something like a \$8K raise. Another job got created and filled last year, and even that person received a raise. We think Alderman At large Bill White is right, we need to look at the budget and start making cuts that will count over the years, and stop going to the max on the tax level. Next time you're at Dunkin' Donuts read the slip they hand you and thank our state delegation for giving the city the authority to add on sales tax so that the city has another source of income.

seat in Ward 6, is like everywhere. We personally ran into him on several different streets. The way he's going he will be losing a lot of weight over the summer. He tells us that he's getting a favorable reaction from the voters that he's talking to.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends and just friends of The Times: Big time happy birthday to our own favorite poet and a great guy, Doug Holder. What a nice guy and a loyal supporter of the paper and, of course, his great friends down in Union Square at the various coffee shops. Happy birthday, Doug. We owe you a cup of coffee and a reading. A former writer here at The Times, Beecher Tuttle, is celebrating this week. We wish him a happy birthday. Happy birthday, too, to Roland Racicot of the famous Racicot family of Cedar St., and, of course, who owns Roland's in Medford Square. We hear it's the best jewelry store around. Happy birthday to Dean Glines, of the old time Somerville Glines Family. We hope he has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to a good friend, Cheryl Taylor, who along with her husband owns ERA Key Realty services in the Worcester area, but knows Somerville very well.

We hear that US-2 has got their fingers in the Olympics here in Boston. They are invested in it, as well as being the developer for Union Square. We hope that it won't distract them from the Square.

What well-known alderman is seriously considering running for the senate seat held by Senator Pat Jehlen?

Victors Deli in Ball Square is thinking of doing afternoon deliveries. Some kind of an announcement will or might ******

We see that candidate Charles Chisholm, who is running for the open

Introduction to Plant Diseases is the topic at the July meeting of the Somerville Garden Club, Wednesday, July 8, 7-9 p.m., Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Continued on page 20

Family Fun Day 2015

The 11th annual Family Fun Day at Trum Field took place on Saturday, June 27 and featured free, family-friendly programming including a community BBQ, pony rides, train rides, children's activities, face painting, music, and more.































SPORTS

St. Clement Somerville skater to basketball camp compete in Bay State Games

By Rebecca Danvers

Saint Clement School has announced that it is offering a Metro-Boston basketball summer camp for grades 1 through 10 on the following dates at the High School Gymnasium: Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10 and Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17.

Area coaches will teach kids the proper skills on how to ball handle, shoot, pass and play defense.

Cost for the program is \$100 dollars at the door.

The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for grades 1 through 5 and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for grades 6 through 10.

Please call Athletic Director Ryan Murphy with any questions at 339-221-1006 or email rmurphy@saintclementschool.org.



By Tom Bannister

Somerville resident Kaleigh Conte will be participating in the Bay State Games for the Metro girls hockey team this summer. Conte is entering her sophomore year as a defenseman at Phillips Exeter Academy. This is Conte's second summer skating with the Metro team.

The Metro team also includes Adrienne Ashe (Cambridge), Bella Corcione (Cambridge), Bridget Crane (Arlington Catholic), Katherine Crane (Arlington Catholic), Natasha Davis (Cambridge), Maggie Flaherty (St. Mary's of Lynn), Bella Jaffe (Cambridge), Alexandra Keane (Arlington Catholic), Abigail Knight (Arlington Catholic), Erin King (Arlington Catholic), Eve Laden Mauro (Boston Latin Academy), Katelin



McCallum (Cambridge), Reid Nichols (East Coast Junior Wizards), Laura Shea (Arlington), Rose Sullivan (Matignon), 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 9 and concludes with a medal round Sunday, July 12. 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.

Teaching the Art of Black Dance & Music On July 10 at 2:00 p.m., the By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville-based Art of Black Dance & Music, Inc., (ABDM) turns 40 this year. De Ama Battle, Director and Master Artist, met several times with Deborah Mason, Director of the Deborah Mason School of Dance to introduce West African Dance styles in her summer dance intensive.

The school, located at 614 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, begins its summer dance intensive on July 6 and ends August 7.

drums will sound and dancers from age 7-15 will be on the floor getting in sync with the music.

This Master Class was funded in part by \$400 grant from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The energy and discovery of new movements and rhythms will inspire the young dancers, opening the door to a world of culture.



To Register for the Master Class - Contact De Ama Battle at: ABDM, phone: 617-642-1870 or by email: deamabattle@gmail.com.

Information and registration for the Summer Dance Intensive can be found at www.deborahmasonschoolofdance.com. Phone: 617-616-5124.

Dio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What beach was the first public beach in the United States?

Ms. Cam's

2. Where was the first American lighthouse built?

3. What is the longest river in the world?

4. What movie star did

7. In 1951, which two car companies introduced power steering?

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8. What medical life-saver did Fredrick Sanger discover?

9. John Richie achieved fame and fortune using what name?

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not begin singing until she broke her leg and could not dance?

10. The Supremes first single released in July 1961 was called what?

5. The Beatles' movie Help! was dedicated to the inventor of what appliance?

11. What is Bruce Willis' real first name?

12. How many chambers does the heart have?

6. Egg Fu is the enemy of what super hero?

Answers on page 17

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grant award winners

The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) presented seven grant awards to Somerville Public Schools educators at the June 22nd School Committee meeting, to support innovative programs in 2015-2016. DEI sponsors grants of up to \$1,000 to support at-risk students. Congratulations to the following grant awardees:

> Kim Conley – Healey School – Raising a Reader Roxane Scrima - Kennedy School - Home/School Connection Betsey Reardon – East Somerville Community School – My Dream Bag Meghan Grosskopf - Somerville High School - Improvement Luncheon Alicia Kersten – Somerville High School – Living History Speakers Adda Santos - Somerville High School - Local History Club Outfits Michelle Crawford-Cranmore – Healey School – Literacy Goes Home

Thank you, Duhamel Education Initiative, for your commitment to Somerville youth. Learn more about DEI and ways in which you can support their work at www.duhameleducationinitiative.org.

ESCS Moving On ceremony 2015







What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Coming up this week on Somerville Neighborhood News:

Schools out for summer. Youth job and arts programs around the city teach valuable lessons and benefit the city as well.

Growing Community - Growing produce. Community gardens and urban agriculture initiatives are bringing backyard fresh produce to the city's residents and building community at the same time.



The spring real estate market has been "intense" in the words of one busy broker. Potential buyers face fierce competition in the hot market.

The Nepalese community continues to work for those back home affected by last month's earthquake.

These headlines and more in the next Somerville Neighborhood News.

Visit the website: www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org and tune into SCATV Ch. 3 Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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East Somerville Community School's annual Moving On ceremony took place on June 24. Kindergartners held the hand of a 8th graders and walked them into the auditorium as a symbol of leading them onto the next part of their life, high School. Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi was in attendance, as was Ward 1 School Committee member Steve Roix. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, July 15, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

84-90 Washington St: (Case #ZBA 2015-37) Applicant and Owner, Cobble Hill Center LLC, seeks a time extension SZO §5.3.10 for Variances under SZO §8.5.F for height and for parking relief SZO §9.5.1.a. This is part of a previous Special Permit approval for a 159 unit building with first floor retail. BB zone. Ward 1.

<u>198 Central St</u>: (Case #ZBA 2015-34) Applicant and Owner, Dean Casassa, seeks a dimensional Variance under SZO §8.5 for an additional story in height and a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4 to expand a nonconforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

27 William St: (Case #ZBA 2015-35) Applicant and Owners, Elizabeth Pinksy and Sara Cable, seek a Special Permit per SZO 4.4 to modify a rear egress and front porch within setbacks. RA zone. Ward 6.

377 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2015-27) Applicants, Christos Poutahidis & Kyriakos Kouzoukas, and Owner, Christos Poutahidis, seek a Special Permit to establish an approx 3,000 sf fast order food establishment, a donut shop, with indoor and outdoor seating under SZO sec 7.11.10.2.2.b and a parking variance sec 9.5. CBD zone. Ward 6.

906-908 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2015-32) Applicant & Owner, Siyuan He, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming 2-family house to add an approximately 2,000 sf addition. RA zone. Ward 6.

82 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-16-R1-6/2015) Applicant, LaRosa Development Corporation, and Owner, Highland Avenue Realty Trust, seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2014-16 under SZO \$5.3.8 to add rear decks. The original approval was to substantially alter the nonconforming structure to build a structure with 6 residential units. Approval also included a variance for 3 parking spaces. Zone RC. Ward 3.

26 Ibbetson St: (Case #ZBA 2015-33) Applicants, Mark Richardson & Joan Bunker, & Owner, Joan Bunker, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming 3-family structure to add an approximately 430 sf addition. RB zone. Ward 3.

56 Line St: (Case #ZBA 2015-36) Applicant & Owner, Eamon Fee, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a nonconforming single-family house to construct a 3-family add an approximately 2,000 sf addition. RA zone. Ward 6.

260 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2015-38) Applicant, Xue Zhen Cao, & Owner, Urban Equity Development, seek a Special Permit to provide parking for a restaurant on a separate lot and for shared parking at 55 Day St. CBD zone. Ward 6.

259 Willow Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-41) Applicant, KTA Construction, LLC, and Owner, KTA Construction, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two-family to add living space in the basement. RA 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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>. 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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 7/1/15 & 7/8/15.

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 15P3351EA

Estate of: Mary C Carafotes

Date of Death: 09/27/2014

To all interested persons:

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

Sophia A Carafotes of Medford MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Estate of: Katherine S Huffhines

Also know as: Katherine Schulz Huffhines

Date of Death: 07/18/1991

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by:

Cynthia A Beers of Hawthorne CA

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



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on <u>Thursday, July 16, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

400-499 Assembly Row (Block 5): (Case #PB 2014-34-R1-5/2015) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review–A #PB2014-34 under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to increase the number of residential units to 134, retail space to approx. 22,000 sf, parking spaces to approx. 216, increase height of tower and rear massing, and a Special Permit to modify parking space dimensions under SZO \$9.13.b. The original permit was for final level approval of "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article \$16.8.3 and \$5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 20,000 sf retail/restaurant space, 104 residential units, 155 hotel units and approx. 181 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements.

The Applicant and Owner also received waivers (S.Z.0. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7, submission of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, and from regulations of forthcoming zoning amendments as permitted by §16.10.2 of the SZO.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

<u>31-33 Union Square</u>: (Case #PB 2015-09) Applicant, J.J. Vaccaro, Inc., & Owner, Tribeca Management, seek a Special Permit under SZO 6.1.22.D.5.a. to alter the façade and stall signage. CCD55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 7/1/15 & 7/8/15.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 15-108 The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Prospect Hill Tower Stabilization





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Docket No. MI 94P1341

Somerville

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

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

10:00 a.m. on 07/16/2015. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: June 18, 2015

<u>Tara E. De Cristofaro</u> Register of Probate

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 07/13/2015.

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

Date: <u>June 15, 2015</u>

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The project involves masonry re-pointing and stone setting; restoration of iron railings, staircase, doors, concrete retaining wall; replacement of upper floor slab. Details available in specifications and drawings in the Invitation for Bids (IFB). Note that this is a re-bid of IFB #15-105 that was advertised in May 2015.

The bid package may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after July 1, 2015. Sealed, file sub-bids will be received at the above office until: Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed, general.bids will be received until Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed, general.bids will be received until Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed, general.bids will be received until Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed, general.bids will be received until Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed, general.bids will be received until http://www.somerville.gov and sealed, general.bids will be received until Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. http://general.bids will be received by somerville would be served by so doing.

DCAMM certification, prevailing wages, and bonding requirements apply. See IFB for more details. The successful bidder must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Pre-Bid conference: Thursday, July 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at 58 Munroe Street at Prospect Hill Park, Somerville, MA 02143. See bid document and website posting above for any updates.

Please contact Angela M. Allen <u>amallen@somervillema.gov</u> for more information.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **RFP # 16-03** The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites

sealed bids for: **Somerville Youth Development Program Grant**

The anticipated grant is for 1 year, from 7/01/2015 through 6/30/2016, with two optional renewal years.

A Request for Proposals (RFP), including all specifications, may be obtained online: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/ purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after July 1, 2015.

Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 16-02 The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for: **City of Somerville Boot and Tow Program**

The anticipated contract is for 3 years, from 8/15/2015 through 8/14/2018.

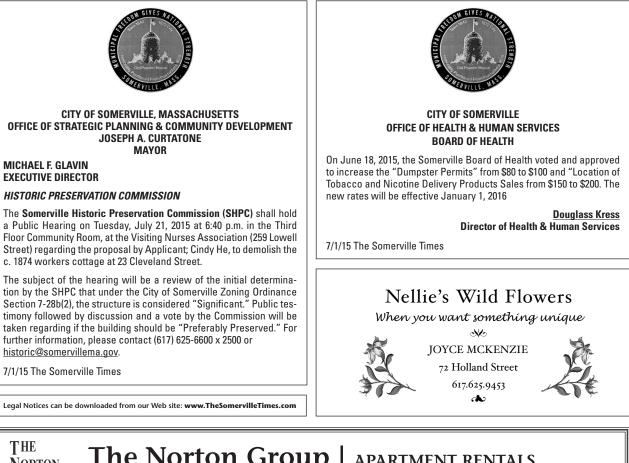
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Booker T. Jones coming to Somerville

CONT. FROM PG 6



I got into the band in fourth grade. All of the clarinets were full, but I got in playing the oboe.

When I first saw the Hammond B-3, I remember the feeling. It just gave me, not a chill, but kind of a warm feeling. So I went through a lot of different instruments. In high school, I played trombone. I played my senior recital in college on trombone. Upright bass, they had one in my high school and I got some gigs on that instrument in Memphis. One of my first gigs that I got was playing bass. I have a lot of instruments in the house: 14 guitars, three Hammond organs, and I've got a lot of grand pianos and keyboards. I gave all my instruments to kids in New Orleans after the flood. I sent them all down there because I hadn't been playing them. A flute, a clarinet, a tenor sax, [and] two trombones – I sent those down there.

ST: So you could have become famous for playing numerous other instruments.

BTJ: [I had] a big hit record [Green Onions] going in before I was a freshman in college, and so I became known as a keyboardist. But I was getting most of the gigs as a sax player - I got my first gig at Stax as a sax player - and a lot of gigs as a bass player.

ST: B.B. King was born in Mississippi, but made a name for himself in Memphis. Did you know him?

BTJ: I did. I got to see him just a few months before he died. I got to see him in San Antonio, Texas. It was funny, he invited me up on stage and we were reminiscing in front of the audience on stage instead of playing music. [laughs] He was OK with it. The audience was OK with it, too.

Back in Memphis we knew a lot of the same people. Most of the musicians from Mississippi would come up to Memphis as young kids and teenagers, because that's where you got the gigs; that's where the clubs were. He came up, too, and he was well known in Memphis.

ST: What are some of your hobbies outside of music?

BTJ: I like to try to play golf. I love chess. I love camping. I'm going on a backpacking trip this month [June]. Going up to the High Sierra.

ST: Which are you better at, golf or chess? **BTJ:** Neither! [laughs]

Booker T. Jones, with DJ John Funke and The B3 Kings. Thursday, July 9 at Johnny D's. Doors at 5:30 p.m., show at 8:00. \$45-\$65 in advance, \$50 day of show.

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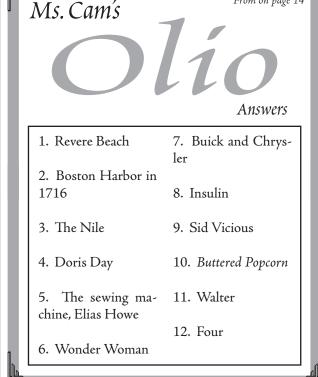
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Central Library Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|July 2

Independence Day Celebration at Trum Field 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

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

Central Library Lego Club Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|July 4 Independence Day - Libraries Closed

Monday|July 6

East Branch Library Summer Reading Program Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000, x2970 10 a.m.-9 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617 636-9033 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Evening Sing Along with Jordan Voelker Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 7 p.m.-7:45 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|July 7

Central Library Kidstock! Dancing with the Starfish! Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000, x2950 10:30 a.m,-11:30 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday|July 8 Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440 6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 2

Johnny D's Anthem Entertainment presents International Music Festival (IMF) featuring: artists 51st State | Doug MacDonald Band | Carissa Johnson | Amulus | Lili-N | Semaj & Mr. Lorrius 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's BYOBluegrass Jam grassy Thursdays/7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave/617-666-3589

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

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Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar Dl

10 p.m.|65 Holland St On The Hill Tavern

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

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Samba Bar & Grille Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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

Saturday|July 4

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch The Four Legged Faithful Farewell Show with Tristan Omand and Gina Ali (Americana / Roots / Country) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin & Wicked Heart|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Back Room TBA 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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Arts at the Armory Healing Hands 10 a.m.|Performance Hall Rick, Dave, & Friends 10 a.m.|Café "Indoor Fireworks" Light Show & Dance Party 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Monday|July 6

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room Science by the Pint

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|July 7 Johnny D's TBA 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Matthew Frantz Joe Holt & friends|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. **The Burren** Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

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

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Bostaurant and Bar

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Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory Teen Open Mic Night 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|July 1

Central Library Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs/617-623-5000 x2914 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m./79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|July 2

Independence Day Celebration at Trum Field 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 40 College Avenue

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

Saturday|July 4

Independence Day - Libraries Closed Bagel Bards

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Sunday|July 5

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

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

East Branch Library

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off: Animal World Experience Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000, x2970

2 p.m.-3 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | July 1 Johnny D's

TBA 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Arts at the Armory Singers' Open Mic with Bill Duffy 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Friday|July 3

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

Sally O'Brien's

Greg Schatz with Jeremy Lyons & Jeff Allison |6 p.m. Tsunami of Sound, Beachcombovers, The Doug MacDonald Band|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

ТВА

Sunday|July 5

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

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

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory

Summer Theater Camp Final Performance

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

Wednesday|July 8

Johnny D's

ABJEEZ (World Indie Rock) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Monday|July 6

Central Library Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

Avenue

East Branch Library

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

Tuesday|July 7

Central Library

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

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

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

Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series - If you haven't attended one of these lectures you just don't know what you are missing. The next one is scheduled for August and the title of the lecture is, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Again)...Affordable Housing After WWII." The Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series is an educational program that brings a series of low-cost, themed lectures to you each month. A nominal fee of \$20. will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5. If you do attend the three (3) lectures in the same subject area you will receive a "Foundations of Knowledge Subject Matter" Certificate. Attend all lectures and receive a "Foundation of Knowledge Humanities Aficionado" Certificate. Series themes include, but not limited to: Art & Art History, The Many Voices of Music and American Literature. Please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more details and to sign up for these wonderful lectures.

There Is Always Hope – Tuesday, July 7 – 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Please join us for a conversation about substance use and support for individuals and families. Speakers include: Dale McDonnell: Coordinator of Addiction & Mental Health Collaboration, Lisa Byron, LICSW: SASS Counselor at Somerville Cambridge Elder Services & Cheryl Delafano: from Families Anonymous & Jail Diversion Mental Health for the SPD. Lunch to follow after the presentation. Brought to you by the Cambridge / Somerville Mental Health Coalition. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 by July 1st to reserve a space.

The Farmers Market is back – starting Friday, July 10th and running through Friday, October 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

Summer Fun Fridays – Museum and Cultural outings on the following Fridays – July 17 – The Anderson Auto Museum / July 24th – The Fruitlands Museum / July 31st – Institute of Comtemporary Art / August 14th – John F. Kennedy Library and Museum / August 28th – The Griffin Museum of Photography. All trips depart from our Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. Trip prices will vary depending upon mode of transportation. Lunch is always on your own and at your own expense. Space is extremely limited so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for more information. **Hu Ke Lau** – Tuesday, August 11 – departing 9:00 A.M. from our Ralph & Jenny Center and 9:15 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A fee of \$84.- covers transportation, The Triple Lobsterfeast (triple lobster or prime rib,, rolls with butter, baked potato, green beans, ice cream & coffee) as well as The Riverboat Ramblers Show. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Lowell Spinners – Wednesday, August 26 – departing our Holland Street Center at 3:30 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. A fee of \$30.- includes transportation, seating at the Lowell Spinners game and an all you can eat BBQ. Game time is 7:05 P.M. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto - Thursday, September 17th - Saturday, September 19th - \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ...Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach - 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel - 2 full American Breakfasts - Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating – The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. PASSPORT REQUIRED and upon registration a copy is requested - Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

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

All Aboard! Hart's Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets – Thursday, October 8th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage an dessert.) Beautiful fall foliage, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Please note our Ralph & Jenny Center will be closed Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2. All centers are closed on Friday, July 3.

The WHYC lunch scheduled for July 16 is SOLD OUT.

Friendly Caller Program

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

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

at our Holland Street Center. More information to follow. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, July 20 – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M. Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M. *Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|July 1

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (H, C) Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

Thursday|July 2

10:00 Current Events (H) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) Ralph & Jenny Center Closed Fireworks

Friday|July 3

All Centers Closed

Monday|July 6

8:30 Walking & Talking Group (H) 9:00 Gardening Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|July 7

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

Lantana's – Tuesday, July 21 – Departing our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:15 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:45 P.M. Lunch choice of Chicken Marsala or Baked Scrod, salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee and dessert. A fee of \$82. includes transportation, lunch and entertainment by Ron Gartner and his band as they play a rocking salute to Bandstand and Motown music. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600

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

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

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, July 13 – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, July 13 – 11:30 A.M. 10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision Support (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|July 8

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

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On Saturday, July 4, Healing Hands will

be hosting their day-long intensive at The Armory where trauma victims will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops and classes aimed at personal healing. Events run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$100. Following that event is the "Indoor Fireworks" Light Show and Dance Party, which runs from 6:30-10 p.m. General Admission is \$10 (admission is included for anyone also attending the Healing Hands event). The Armory's Summer Theatre Camp's final performance of The Little Mermaid happens on Tuesday, July 7. The show begins at 7 p.m. *****

There will be a Cleaning & Greening

event at Groundwork Somerville's South Street Farm, 138 South Street, on July 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. This will be their first market harvest of the season for their mobile market and a much needed maintenance day for their farm. Come join Groundwork Somerville and Somerville's Urban Agriculture Ambassadors for this special event. They will be harvesting, weeding, painting the shed and much more. Space for this event will be limited so register soon. Please email devin@ groundworksomerville.org with any questions for this event.

State Representative Christine Barber

has announced that the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) is seeking candidates interested in becoming correction officers at the Middlesex House of Correction and Jail in Billerica. The MSO will offer a Correction Officer Entrance Exam on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Registration for the exam is currently open. Candidates will be required to complete a twelve week MSO basic training academy. Bachelor's degree and prior law enforcement/security experience is preferred. Candidates must apply for the exam by Monday, July 13, at 5:00 p.m. For more information and for a full list of qualifications, go to www.middlesexsheriff.org/Employment.



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1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	7:30am
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4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am
5:00pm	Energy Theater	11:00am
6:00pm	Ville Pirates	12:00pm
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8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:00pm
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:00am
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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12:00pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	
12:30pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	
1:45pm:	LGBTQ Flag Raising	
2:00pm:	Connecting Communities	
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	
3:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnaval on Broadway	
6:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	
7:00pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	
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9:35pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting	
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12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	
12:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	
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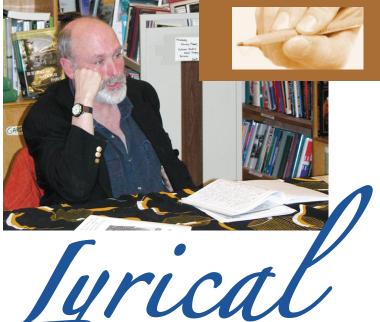
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SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Somerville poet Richard Wilhelm sent us an excerpt from his lyrical memoir about his childhood in rural New Jersey.



Hummer's Beach

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"I think it an invaluable advantage to be born and brought up in the neighborhood of some grand and noble object in nature: a river, a lake, or a mountain. We make a friendship with it; we in a manner ally ourselves with it for life."

- Washington Irving

Now we're running Weygadt—

Hog Rift—dig in, turn, through the chute wave lifts the canoe, slams it down water splashes over the gunwales we speed down the channel into open water—

The mountains hold us in cupped hands—

Brother Squirrel says if we do not return the love the world will go away.

After eons of scanning the sky the eyes turn slowly to earth observe the fluidity of forms of cycles and paradox, the flow of waters.

Where the mountains and river meet among the silver maples and sycamores, I am rooted in the sandy earth that recalls the hidden footprints of my forebears.

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

'Portrait of an Artist as a Young Poseur'

This July I turn 60, dear readers, so I thought it was time to put out a lyrical memoir of my early years in Boston. Here is a review by the noted critic, and occasional Off the Shelf guest columnist Dennis Daly:

Portrait of an Artist as a Young Poseur Boston 1974-1983 By Doug Holder Big Table Publishing Company Boston, MA ISBN: 978-0-9908413-6-4 17 Pages Review by Dennis Daly

Doug Holder hears voices. Lots of them! He channels these voices through his maturely manufactured, yet wholly internalized, persona, a replica of his younger, offbeat self. Holder's persona specializes in self-deprecation, perceptiveness, and smart-alecky truth-telling. Consider the catch word of his title – poseur. Make sure you give it the appropriate French pronunciation with an elitist air, and see how it colors everything that comes after. The inset photo of Holder on the cover of this chapbook only adds to the effect. Tellingly, the specter of life's brutality always seems to hover in and over the fabric of each of these funky prose poems, teasing out some pretty unusual insights.

Reading through this sixteen part poetic memoir the cadence carries you forward down alleys, past vacant lots, into a psychiatric ward, and out into the mystery of Boston's Chinatown. The pull of the words and phrasing reminds me a lot of Allen Ginsberg's poetry—specifically Kaddish. Unlike Ginsberg, however, Holder does not constantly engage. He keeps a bit of distance between himself and his objects of interest until he doesn't. Then he zeros in with a vengeance, albeit a funny vengeance.

Holder's persona, just out of college, comes alive at 271 Newbury Street in a piece entitled Newbury Street. The poet initially gives the reader a grand tour of the vicinity and a mini job history before dropping names of famous acquaintances – an interesting narrative in itself, but Holder is just setting his audience up. The poet springs his trap,

... I had the same Chinese

laundry as talk radio host David Brudnoy (the Chinese man always used to yell at me Why you lose ticket?) Brudnoy, his pockmarked and intelligent face, with an ironic smile. I worked as a clerk at the corner of

Newbury and Beacon Street, Sunny Corner Farms. Members of the Cars used to come in regularly—Rick so sky high, fingering a Twinkie... also Gila Radner—a frenzy of frenzied hair, Howard

Zinn, tall, a radical patrician, and Barney Frank—rumpled and in a rush—all on the night shift. And beers after work at Frankenstein's. My

boss, a fat Irishman, called me a dirty kike regularly after he had a few...

nice to me the next day...

Innocence gets its due in Holder's piece entitled, Combat Zone, Greyhound Bus Station, Boston Public Library. The poet gives his reader an affecting reaction after the real world sneers at him. Here's the gist of it,

...I weaved my way to the

carnality of the Combat

down LaGrange Street.

First stopping by Hand the

Zone-



Hatter, an avuncular old man—some fish—some fish out of order—water in the

midst of this—presiding over blocked, buffed, and august fedoras—the

kind my father wore—his heels pounding the floors in Penn. Station.

And the whore in the bar said: Give this kid a glass of milk. And all my

street-wise posturing melted with these succinct words—not a boilermaker but a milk boy.

Holder's persona seeks to confirm his romantic notions of the artist's world by escaping to filmdom in a meditation he calls Harvard Square Cinema. This is probably my favorite piece in the collection. Stream of consciousness rushes through this set of memories from Brando's Last Tango in Paris, setting up the way the world should work, to Frank Cardullo, who owned and held court at the Wursthaus eatery, delivering corny puns filled with dead-end wisdom, to an insane Harvard University exile, who counsels his fellow comrades, presumably directing their financially naïve futures. Holder's persona here introduces a couple of his old pals,

... The Harvard refugees at the au Bon pain.

Expelled from the academy—for some reason or another. Gravitated

like moths around the light of Harvard Yard. Sat with my friend Byron, trust-fund man, graduate of the wards of McLean—he dabbled in Native American crafts—liked to ogle the young girls passing by, called the old ladies trouts. George—a scavenger of scraps

of newspapers, and gossip of the street—full of news of the supposed

scandals at Harvard—joined us, and let us in on the insane, inside dope.

Most modern practitioners of "beat" style and themes are pale imitations of the likes of Allen Ginsberg, Gregory Corso, John Weiners, et al. Holder delivers more. He brings with him his own value added innovations to the genre, most singularly his humor.

In the very last line of his very last piece in this collection, Holder stands on a rain-slicked street in Chinatown waiting for a dramatic introduction in Twilight Zone fashion. I hope this signals that another installment of these "poseur" poems will follow in short order. Very short order. To order go to http://lulu.com/ibbetsonpress

I crossed the river, swam against the current, honored the serpent as well as the fish, danced around and controlled the fire, hoping it would all lead me back to some beginning, to a unus mundus, before we constructed our hoped-for heavens and demeaned the very grace in which we take our air.

— Richard Wilhelm

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu "Nice," a civilized and suburban word fits so snugly in that last sentence.

In the same poem humor and irony help maintain distance and narrative speed, but does not negate a strong sense of tragedy and waste pulsing through the page. Everywhere food and rodents seem to share the down-but-not-quite-out-background of this artist-in-training. Holder concludes his Newbury Street narrative with a wink,

... Those nights writing in my

furnished room, the clank, clank of the radiator—thinking I was a Beat poet or something. The mice scurried by—my father told me, over the phone: Get the hell out of there! My mother joined in, That's the

lifestyle they lead, Larry . Hordes of us made the pilgrimage to be with

the rodents and roaches... all-night poker games with the service bartender who worked at the Hilton... the dishwashers from his shift,

Latinos with flashy gold-filling smiles. Bartending was not his life he

told us—he was going back to U/Mass Boston—for the past 5 years he

told us.

Dennis Daly lives in Salem, Massachusetts with his wife Joanne. They have four adult children. He is a graduate of Boston College and has an MA in English Literature from Northeastern University. Daly worked at General Electric for ten years. He edited and published The Union Activist newsletter and the North Shore Union Leader, a labor newspaper. He also was the managing editor of the Electrical Union News, the official news organ of Local 201 IUE. He also was a regular contributor to The Salem News., He was elected to a leadership position of the 9000 member IUE union. Later he worked as a Department Head in the City Of Salem. He has been published in many poetry journals and magazines and nominated for Pushcart prizes in 2013 and 2014. He is included in a chapbook, published by Northeastern University Press, with two other poets, Robert de Young and Patrick Duddy. . His second book, a verse translation of Sophocles' Ajax, was published by Wilderness House Press in August, 2012.

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