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Community Path Extension issues addressed by Board of Aldermen



Safety issues concerning the Lowell St. bridge portion of the Community Path were addressed by the Board of Aldermen at their most recent regular meeting.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen took into consideration a number of issues dealing with the further development and management of the Community Path Extension at the Board's regular meeting on July 9.

Specifically, resolutions were put forward asking that the Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD) install safety call boxes along the Lowell Street Community Path Extension, and work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to install auxiliary lighting and pigeon deterrents under the Lowell Street Bridge.

Additionally, it was also put forward that SPCD should inform Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang about safety measures that will be in place before the Community Path Extension opens to slow traffic and

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Cleaning green spaces in Somerville for urban farms

By Haley ED Houseman

On the evening of July 9 at the urban farm run by Groundwork Somerville, nearly twenty volunteers, program employees, and participants in the Urban Agricultural Ambassadors program gathered at the South Street Farm for a "Cleaning and Greening" event, sponsored by Cantina La Mexicana. Just west of Union Square, 138 South Street host a productive urban farm that was trimmed, weeded and cleaned by. The event is part of series that is held monthly, sponsored by a variety of local businesses.

This particular event was also first market harvest of the year for the farm. The largest farm run by Groundwork Somerville, it has been in operation since 2011. The space is expected to produce a harvest of roughly 8,000 lbs., about half of which will be donated to Project Soup, in partnership with the Homeless Coalition. The farm consists of raised garden beds, which include a variety of root

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Volunteers, program employees, and other participants gathered at the South Street Farm for a "Cleaning and Greening" event on July 9.

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Save the date, Saturday October 17 at the Holiday Inn when the SHS Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. For updates go to their Facebook page.

With all the baloney and no fact checking about the property on Somerville Avenue and how the rents have increased, *The Boston Globe* did a story on rents in Union Square and in particular they mentioned Elegant Furniture, saying they were being forced out because of high rent. Well, we were contacted and given the truth. We talked to the owner and their management company and they showed us that Elegant Furniture was five months behind in their existing rent when the courts gave the eviction order. The court didn't give an eviction notice because of an increase in rent, but rather because they owed five months back rent. The management company even granted a few extra months for them to move out beyond the court date. To this date, the owners have not received the back rent on the store. Apparently, the *Globe* reporter never contacted the owners, even though they sent a reply after the article was written to say that Elegant Furniture didn't move out because of rent being increased, but because they owed five months back rent. Yes, the rents are increased, and now that US2 is occupying the storefront they are paying substantially higher rent. FYI, the same thing goes around the corner to the coffee shop. They weren't evicted because of a rent increase, it was for lack of paying the rent.

The 14th Annual Redbones Pig Pickin' Benefit for the Somerville Homeless Coalition is coming up on Monday, July 27 (rain date of August 3). The event will be outside of Redbones on Chester Street, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy a pig roast, craft beer and live music for a great cause. What could be better? Proceeds go to Somerville Homeless Coalition.

No business is to be done at the Veterans Services Dept. this week. Kathy is on vacation and the doors are closed. If you have any business there we guess you can either go to the mayor's office or to the state. You'd think with all the personnel in the Communications Department they

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Comments of the Week

Response to: A new look at Leone's

Colin J says:
Leone's is so great. I've been a loyal customer for more years than I care to admit. I'll be right there when they reopen!

William Turner says:
Best subs in town. Good pizza too. Hope they stay in business a long long time. Great people and great food.

Max says:
Real old time Somerville. Remember the great pizza.

Jack the Destroyer says:
Healthier and cheaper to make your own meals at home, pals.

Neil Gillis says:
Leone's now have t-shirts for sale

Matt says:
It would be cool if longtime local businesses took part is some of the other activities we see around town like the farmers market, the davis flea or even the street festivals. it could be a great way to introduce themselves to a new generation of Somerville residents who might not know them or why they have been a somerville institution.

SomerBridge says:
Still miss the last register, with the huge buttons...old school, must have weighed a ton

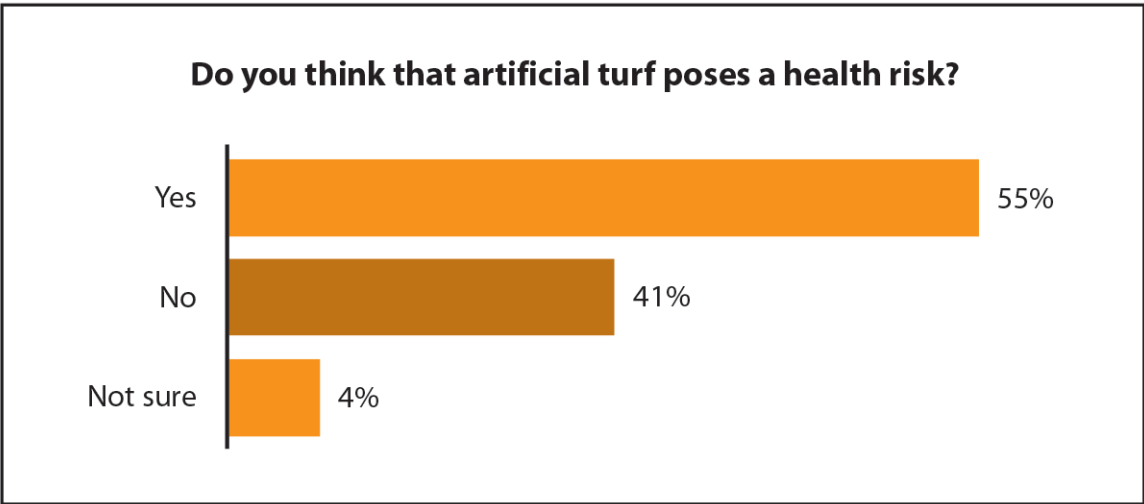
Ron Newman says:
Matt: La Ronga bakery has a table outside their shop during the October SomerStreets, and Pini's pizzeria had one at the July fireworks event. I don't think the city has ever had a street festival in front of Leone's (but maybe they should).

Maggie L says:
Yea the old look, the classic cash register, etc. The older things are nice and connect us to our past. Illuminated signs? Glossy menu sheets? So cold and impersonal. I think it can be advantageous for certain types of businesses to retain some of the rustic/retro ambience that many people seem to be very fond of.

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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 artificial turf poses a health risk. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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Addiction Free Futures Project launches in Boston

By Amy Swain

July 16 saw throngs of Massachusetts residents gathered at the State House in Boston in support of several bills pertaining to achieving higher mental health standards, especially regarding addiction.

At 11 o'clock, on the third floor of the State House, the Addiction Free Futures Project was launched. The project is aimed at expanding the use of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT).

SBIRT has previously been used in instances of obvious drug use, or on those with a high risk based on past behavior or environment. Due to the increase in drug addiction in recent years, specifically opioids, many in Massachusetts have requested an increase in the training and use of SBIRT.

Specifically, this pertains to bill S.284, which has added: "Substance use screenings shall be performed by nurses, physicians, or other personnel who are approved by the department of public health for the purpose, and shall be conducted at least once annually in grades 8 or 9, and 11." This is in addition to other adjustments, all of which can be found at <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/>

Senate/S284. What this means is that screenings may be performed more often, such as by school nurses, and beginning at a younger age.

Testifying at the hearing were individuals who have overcome addiction themselves, and those who have family members or loved ones affected by the disease, as well as medical professionals, including pediatricians.

Testimony included the idea that adolescents often operate on a "don't ask, don't tell" type of policy when it comes to substances they do not fully understand. Also, they hear many general statements referring to the notion that drugs are bad. While it was suggested that general idea should remain, the recent problem and availability of more highly addicting drugs suggests that more individual conversations need to be had with our youth. This includes the topic of the danger of prescription pills, as children are often not warned specifically against legal substances used in an illegal manner. SBIRT includes conversations with adolescents, which the committee hopes will be the first steps in prevention.

Massachusetts has been legally proactive about the ad-



The two chairs of the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, State Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan and State Representative Elizabeth Malia. — Photo by Amy Swain

diction influx; this particular bill arrived in the senate on June 24, and was approved just three weeks later. Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan and Representative Elizabeth A. Malia co-chair the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, along with several oth-

er representatives, voted in favor of four bills at a hearing held directly after the Addiction Free Futures launch, one pertaining to the SBIRT expansion, all relating to mental health and substance abuse.

Somerville Cares About Prevention is a local coalition with

the same goal – to reduce substance abuse – that also turns much of its attention toward our youth. To get involved with this organization, or to see what has been going on locally to curb addiction and deal with related problems, visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/scap>.

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vegetables as fruiting vegetable and herbs. In the future, they hope to expand on the many farms they have in operation, and continue to increase yields. At the moment the organization is focusing its attention on their mobile market, run in partnership with Shape Up Somerville.

Groundwork Somerville is working to renew and improve the shared environment through empowering partnerships and programs for the community. Groundwork Somerville's work is supported by private funding and contributions as well as public funding. They are also supported by a variety of volunteers, nonprofit and commercial partnerships. "We're always looking for business to expand our partnerships," says Devin Powers, the outreach coordinator of Groundwork Somerville. The organization accepts sponsorships through food or supplies, as well as donations. Powers continues, "We rely on individual reach out from local sponsors who fund the local clean up of spaces. One of our goals is to expand our partnerships in Somerville and get our name out there."

In addition to the cleanup project, Groundwork Somerville hosts a variety of projects. In addition to the South Street farm, they run a farm in Winter Hill, as well as farming programs in all of the city's eight public elementary and middle schools, a public charter school, and a public library. The city farms maintained by the Green Team, a cohort of 14-18 employees, as well as students participating in programs. According to the organization, recent research shows that the school garden programming has been effective in reducing child obesity rates in the Somerville Public Schools, in combination with updated school lunches, increased physical wellness, and other public health efforts. Groundwork Somerville also host a table at Union Square every other week, managed by young team members of their Youth Crew and Green Team.

The organization is also in partnership with Shape Up Somerville to bring fresh produce to areas without access to the downtown farmers' market. The mobile market follows a weekend schedule to bring pro-



duce from local farms as well as hyper local products from Groundwork Somerville. On Fridays, the mobile market can be found Council on Aging and Winter Hill Community Innovation School, as well as the Somerville Library, and finishing at Aeronaut Brewery in the evening, around the corner from the South Street Farm. On Saturdays, the vehicle can

be found at the North Street Housing Development and Mystic Housing Development, and later at Clarendon Towers and Foss Park. SNAP and WIC participants receive 50% discounts and the full price produce provides a small discount for low-income families.

Groundwork Somerville also partners with a composting program, Soil Cycle, which employs

local youths from pedal-powered collection and processing operation for compostable waste for residents and businesses in Cambridge and Somerville. For those looking to grow their own produce, the organization sells red wiggler worms and composting bins to create your own compost, which can be purchased via their website at www.groundworksomerville.org.

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Bartender 86’ed out of own club

Police responded to a report of a dispute with a bartender at Sally O’Brien’s bar on Somerville Ave. last Wednesday around closing time.

Upon arrival, one of the bartenders reportedly told the officers that another bartender had busted up the bar area that he had been working that evening. The witness also said that he thought the suspect, Michael Gosciminski, of Everett, had been involved in an altercation with a woman before he began smashing glasses, bottles, and hurling a bar stool at the wall, according to reports.

A woman who identified herself as Gosciminski’s girlfriend informed police that he was outside the bar, sitting on the side of the curb. She further reportedly stated that she did not know why he had behaved the way he did.

The officers were informed that the business wished to handle the matter in-house and that no charges against Gosciminski would be sought.

The officers met with Gosciminski outside and called a taxi for him to take home. According to reports, the officers detected alcohol on Gosciminski’s breath and noted that he was unsteady on his feet, indicating that he was intoxicated.

Police reports indicate that while waiting for the cab Gosciminski became combative and belligerent, drawing the attention of passers-by.

Once the taxi arrived, Gosciminski reportedly refused to enter it and instead began making threatening gestures and comments towards the police officers.

After several attempts were made to calm Gosciminski down it was eventually determined that he would not cooperate.

Gosciminski was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with malicious wanton defacement of property and disorderly conduct.

Sleepy shoplifter cut off at the pass

A police officer who was parked at the Somerville Ave. Target store parking lot was flagged down by store loss prevention personnel as they chased suspected shoplifters as they attempted to flee the scene.

The officer assisted in capturing one of the suspects, identified as Hannah Diaz, and took her back into the store’s loss prevention office to await back-up police assistance.

The loss prevention personnel briefed the officer on what had transpired before Diaz was apprehended.

According to their testimony, Diaz and three male companions had entered the store about two hours earlier and slowly began collecting things, placing them in a shopping cart.

The group eventually made their way to the exit doors, whereupon Diaz was reportedly spotted taking two sets of automobile windshield wipers and attempt to walk out of the store with one of the men without paying for them.

The loss prevention officers gave chase, leading to the moment when the police officer assisted with apprehending Diaz, who had pushed past one of the store employees as she attempted to run away.

The male companion reportedly got away, and the loss prevention officers felt that he may have taken several bottles of perfume.

According to reports, Diaz was reportedly coherent and cooperative when first taken to the loss prevention office, but by the time the back-up police officer arrived she appeared to be borderline catatonic and would not speak, other than uttering her name and Social Security number.

Diaz was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery and shoplifting by asportation.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG			
Arrests:			
Guy Riddle , of 480 Mystic Ave., July 13, 10:47 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.	Michael Gosciminski , of 209 Ferry St., Everett, July 15, 1:36 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of malicious wanton defacement of property and disorderly conduct.	John Galvin , of 8 Sunset Dr., Beverly, July 16, 10:37 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on charges of larceny from a building, possession of a burglarious instrument, and felony nighttime breaking and entering.	Richard Cirilo , of 39 Boylston St., Boston, July 17, 4:30 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.
Brandon Tracy , of 182 Powell St., Lowell, July 14, 3:24 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation, larceny over \$250, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.	Rachel Devine , of 504 Pleasant St., Weymouth, July 16, 8:28 a.m., arrested at Lowden Ave. on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.	Steve Melice , July 16, 10:37 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on warrant charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.	Liban Dahir , of 165 College Ave., July 17, 7:16 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on warrant charges of possession of a burglarious instrument, threat to commit a crime, felony nighttime breaking and entering, and disorderly conduct.
			Eugene Poindexter , of 2 Spencer St., Lebanon, NH, July 17, 7:44 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license, and speeding.

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protect pedestrians and cyclists around the Lowell Street bridge.

Speaking on behalf of the former, Alderman at Large and Board President William A. White Jr. said, “This is the result of communications I had with folks along the Community Path and these are issues that they have been concerned about as the [development] process goes on.”

White indicated that the pi-geon deterrent issue has already been addressed, but that the call box matter is in the providence of the Board, but that the lighting concerns are something that may have to be worked out with the state. “It’s very important. It’s very dark there at night. There should be adequate light because that’s going to be a major point in the Community Path,” White said. “Once the Green Line Extension is done, and the Path along with it, it’s going to be a key element. It makes sense, once it is open, to make sure there is appropriate lighting.”

In addressing the safety issues concerning the Community Path in the Lowell Street bridge area, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang said, “We’ve all heard this before. It’s the ongoing saga of making the Lowell Street bridge safe once the Community Path Extension ramp opens up, which would seem to be imminent. We’ve been told it would be sometime in July.”

Niedergang indicated that the administration has been making progress on the matter, citing past meetings where various locations for crosswalks were discussed, along with other issues that are still be examined. The alderman expressed concern that the ramp might be opening up before proper precautionary measures have been implemented.

“It is important that certain safety measure be in place there so that when people come out on that bridge and don’t know the area, they know where to cross so that they can be safe,” Niedergang said. “We’d love to get some details about what’s going to be put in and when.”

The resolutions were approved by the Board with no dissenting votes.

A talk with BOA President William A. White Jr.

By Oliver Bok

Bill White, Alderman at Large and president of the Board of Aldermen, has seen a lot of change come to Somerville since he graduated from Somerville High in the seventies.

“When I was in high school, if you had told somebody that a house in West Somerville would sell for \$1.7 million...” His voice trailed off. “Nobody would have thought of that, okay?”

White devotes much of his work as an alderman to figuring out how the municipal government can help the city grow economically while also making sure that Somerville doesn’t price families out or lose its sense of community.

When I asked him what he was most proud of achieving, he answered quickly: Assembly Square and raising the residential exemption.

At his first meeting as an alderman in 1998, White submitted legislation to have the city examine future development in Assembly Square, including the possibility of having an Orange Line stop there.

“Back then a lot of folks thought I was crazy, but now you see it,” White said. “So when I walk down there with my dog, you can sort of see the fruition of that.”

Since the beginning of his career on the Board of Aldermen,



Alderman at Large and President of the Board of Aldermen William A. White Jr.

White has pushed to raise the residential exemption that allows homeowners who live in their homes to pay lower property taxes. In 1998, the residential exemption was 17 percent. Now, after petitioning state government to allow Somerville to raise it over the statewide limit, the exemption is 35 percent.

According to White, the residential exemption is key to making sure that residents aren’t forced to move because of Somerville’s burgeoning real estate market.

“If taxes were another 35 percent higher, a lot of folks, especially seniors, might have been forced to sell their homes,” he said.

Looking forward, one of White’s biggest priorities is getting the new zoning rules right.

“That is probably one of the

most important documents that has ever gone before the Board of Aldermen in the last hundred years because it will set the tone for how development will take place,” White said.

White said that he didn’t want to see too much new residential development because commercial development pays more in taxes, and Somerville has a limited amount of unused land.

“We have to preserve a lot of this [land] to make sure that it’s here for commercial development to bring the jobs and also bring some tax benefits to the community and take some of the burden off of homeowners,” White said.

White is also focused on instituting stricter caps on campaign spending by developers, particularly in light of fact that the Commonwealth doubled the cap on campaign contributions this year. However, White’s plan has been vetoed by Mayor Curtatone who has submitted his own plan. White said he hopes to thrash out a compromise this fall.

While they may not agree about everything, White stated that he has developed a “cordial and professional” working relationship with the mayor.

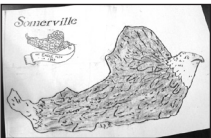
“We’re each at a point where we can freely contact the other person and know that there’s not going to be any kind of political maneuverings, it’s just going to be our respective views of what we think is important and best for the city,” White said.

White ran for state senate against Pat Jehlen in 2005 as a Republican. He lost, and the following year he changed his party affiliation to Democrat and endorsed Deval Patrick.

“I always considered myself a liberal republican, and there’s no role for liberal republicans,” White said. “The party drastically changed.”

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #83

Missy

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

To Americans, it is known as the Greatest Generation. The generation our parents and grandparents fought and lived through. It was the generation that sailed through the choppy waters of the Great Depression and World War II and literally saved the free world as we know it.

The captain of the ship during those turbulent years was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He was the first and only president ever to be elected for four consecutive terms, and he died during his fourth term in office. He was honored throughout the world. Locally, he is remembered by the State of Massachusetts on Route 93’s Roosevelt Circle in Medford. Cambridge’s Housing Authority’s, Roosevelt Towers, located on the Somerville line, also honor him.



The most common remembrance of this great man is with us every day as part of our currency. Every time we reach into our pockets and see his image on our small, thin dimes, we should remember the enormous gratitude our collective freedom is owed to him. After terrifying times, he put America on the path to victory; and when he passed, soldiers, sailors, and citizens across the world wept openly.

For twenty-one of his toughest years as Governor of New York and President of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt had a woman from Somerville at his side. Marguerite “Missy” Le Hand was his personal secretary. She lived at 101 Orchard Street near Davis Square. Missy attended local schools and graduated from Somerville High School in 1917. She was the Assistant Editor of the The Radiator, S.H.S.’s yearbook.

Jobs were tight in the Boston area, so she and her girlfriends found work at the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. Roosevelt was then Under Secretary of the Navy. In 1921, Marguerite was hired by Roosevelt to be his private secretary; and until illness incapacitated her in 1942, the two were inseparable.

“Missy,” as she was called by the Roosevelt children, became an extended member of their family in all aspects. She was loved by them and trusted by Franklin’s wife, Eleanor. She and Eleanor would go on shopping sprees together and when Missy’s mother died, Eleanor attended the service.

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The Sunsetters on Kensington Avenue

The Ferro family hosted the Kensington Ave Sunstetters performance on Thursday July 16. Stop & Shop donated drinks and snacks and the owners of Louie's Ice Cream, 193 Broadway, treated everyone to free ice cream after the performance.
— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Historical Fact

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While Franklin was Governor of New York and later President, Le Hand had living quarters in their Albany Mansion and later in the White House. For over twenty years she worked tirelessly as a go-between for the Governor/President, devoting herself as his personal secretary, general manager, fiscal agent, nurse, and companion.

Her last three years were spent in Somerville while she was ill, and despite World War II raging on, she received a constant stream of cards, mail, and visits from politicians, diplomats and well-wishing friends. Missy knew America's secrets and when she passed away at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, she was under marine guard. She was 46 years old.

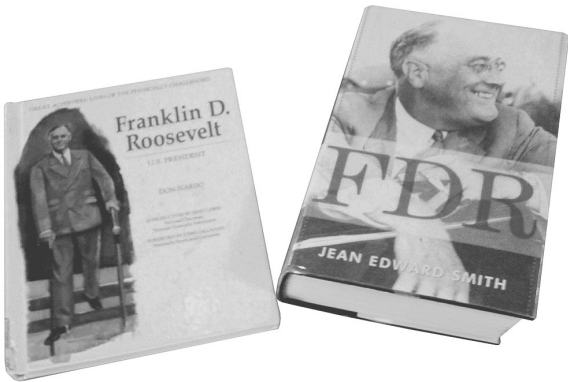
President Roosevelt had Missy in his will. If he died before her, she was to receive half of his holdings, which amounted to a three million-dollar estate. Missy went first, and the inheri-

tance was distributed entirely to Eleanor.

After her death, a ship was named in her honor. It was an 18,000-ton liberty ship, the S.S. Marguerite Le Hand. It was launched two weeks before FDR's death.

Missy was the first female presidential secretary in United States history. She was considered America's "super secretary," as noted in the December, 1934, issue of Time Magazine.

Through the years, she has been portrayed in Broadway plays, movies, and documentaries. The City of Somerville recognized



Missy in 1976 with the dedication of the Children's Room in her honor in its newly restored Central Library. Two paintings, one of Franklin and one of Missy, were commissioned by the city. They still hang in the Central Library. Roosevelt's grandson, James Roosevelt, Jr., and Congressman Tip O'Neill, an Orchard Street friend, were there for the dedication. Franklin Delano Roosevelt referred to Missy as his conscience. They died nine months apart.

Missy was buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, and Eleanor attended her funeral.

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Somerville's Youth Mental Wellness Ambassador Program kick off

By Tom Bannister

On Thursday, July 30, the Center for Teen Empowerment and the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department will launch the Somerville Youth Mental Wellness Ambassador Program.

This new program brings together Somerville teens and youth-serving community partners to normalize and destigmatize discussions and conversations around mental health and wellness among youth. The program will employ Somerville teens to lead regular dialogue sessions and events in partnership with host agencies around the city.

The kick-off event will include the premier of youth-created mental wellness public service announcements, speeches by Health and Human Services Director Douglas Kress, youth and youth workers, and an open-mic

speaking out. A light dinner will be served.

This program is a continuation of the City's #SomervilleSpeaks campaign, which seeks to destigmatize depression and other mental health issues and teach coping skills, launched at the Somerville Youth Peace Conference in May. Ambassadors will encourage their peers to use the #SomervilleSpeaks hashtag on social media to promote the campaign and its values among Somerville youth and adults who work with youth.

The Launch is free and open to the public. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Barnum Hall 008, Tufts University, 163 Packard Avenue. Those travelling by car should park in the Fletcher Lot, Professors Row by the tennis courts, or behind West/Benderson Hall.

Contact 617-625-6600 ext 2254, pfarris@teenempowerment.org for more information.

Dinner honoring Betty Medeiros

By Donald Norton

Last week the Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters gave a dinner party for the residents of Warren Avenue building. About 70 to 80 residents were in attendance.

The party and free dinner was held in memory of Betty Medeiros, who was a resident and President of the Tenants Association for 15 years.

During her term in office she apparently won the hearts and minds of all in the building.

Alderman McWatters presented a beautiful plaque in memory of Betty Medeiros and her service to the building.

The Housing Authority totally renovated the dining hall for the tenants and the new plaque will be placed on the wall in the room in memory of Betty, who was well known here in Somerville.



L to R: Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, Terry Medeiros (daughter of Betty Medeiros), current President of the Tenants Association Eleanor Rances, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti, and Alderman at Large and President of the Board of Aldermen Bill White.
— Photos by Donald Norton



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

The controversial subject of sanctuary cities and towns is back in the news following the recent murder of 32-year-

old Kate Steinle, allegedly killed by illegal immigrant Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, while walking on the street with her father in San Francisco, a sanctuary city. Lopez-Sanchez, a Mexican national, had been deported five times for multiple felonies.

Fox News host Bill O'Reilly is leading the charge for passage of Kate's Law, a federal law that would provide that if an illegal immigrant who was already deported is re-arrested in a sanctuary city or elsewhere, local law enforcement would be required to immediately notify U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and to hold the illegal alien until ICE picks them up. The illegal immigrant would then face trial. If convicted, he or she would be imprisoned for a mandatory sentence of five years on his/her first conviction. A second conviction would carry with it a 10-year mandatory prison sentence and a third conviction would result in a 20-year sentence. The bill wouldn't give judges discretion on sentencing.

According to Aspen Law Offices, a New York City-based law firm that specializes in immigration issues, "Sanctuary city is a name given to a city in the United States that follows certain procedures that shelter illegal immigrants. The term most commonly is used for cities that do not permit municipal funds or resources to be applied in furtherance of enforcement of federal immigration laws. These cities normally do not permit police or municipal employees to inquire about one's immigration status."

Aspen also notes that Massachusetts currently has five sanctuary cities and towns: Cambridge, Chelsea, Northampton, Orleans and Somerville.

In 2013, the Massachusetts House 31-125, voted against a budget amendment that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. The vote was almost strictly along party lines. All Republicans voted for the amendment joined by only two Democrats, Reps. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) and James Miceli (D-Wilmington).

At that time, amendment supporters said cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They pointed to other attacks and argued the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Some amendment opponents said they support sanctuary cities and noted that some individuals are here because of political asylum. Others said they oppose sanctuary cities but do not support cutting off local aid as punishment.

Rep. Shaunna O'Connor (R-Taunton), a co-sponsor of the amendment, said last week that "we are a nation of laws." O'Connell continued, "If communities are determined to make their own set of laws, then that community should be responsible for paying for it, not the law-abiding citizens of Massachusetts. Furthermore, after the recent murders, it is clear that we should be discouraging sanctuary cities."

Some opponents of the amendment express their outright support for sanctuary cities. Others, like Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick), opposed the amendment but also opposed sanctuary cities. "While I do not support the concept of sanctuary cities, denying local aid funds would prevent these cities and towns from hiring teachers, firefighters and police officers as well as withhold-

ing infrastructure funds that would go to fix our roads," he told *Beacon Hill Roll Call* last week. "Passage of the amendment would have endangered public safety and would have taken away public education funding necessary to educate our children."

CUT OFF LOCAL AID TO SANCTUARY CITIES AND TOWNS
Here is the 31-125 vote on which the House defeated an amendment that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that withholds the funds. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Was not yet elected
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

POSSIBLE 2016 BALLOT QUESTION BANNING TAXPAYER FUNDING OF 2024 OLYMPICS - Citizens for a Say and Tank Taxes for Olympics, the two groups that are working toward placing a ballot question prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used for the possible Boston 2024 Olympics, have filed the language of their proposed ballot question with Attorney General Maura Healey's office. The question asks if voters support prohibiting any state official, state agency or other state entity from directly or indirectly spending any state taxpayer funds on the games. The specific language prohibits the state from "issuing any bonds, entering into any guarantees, issuing any tax credits or tax incentives, incurring any liability, indebtedness or obligation or taking any private property by eminent domain to procure, aid or remediate the effects of the 2024 Olympics." The language does allow public spending on the state's transportation system "even if such actions may facilitate procuring, aiding or remediating the effects of the 2024 Olympics."

If the Attorney General rules the question is constitutional, supporters will have to collect 64,750 voter signatures by November 18 2015. The proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 3, 2016, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 6, 2016, in order for the question to appear on the 2016 ballot.

Citizens for a Say is headed by former 2014 gubernatorial candidate Evan Falchuk. Marty Lamb, Steve Aylward and Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) are co-chairs of Tank Taxes for Olympics.

NO HIGH-LEVEL SEX OFFENDERS IN PUBLIC HOUSING (H 1117) - The Housing Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders from living in any state-subsidized public housing building.

Supporters say these high-level sex offenders are often likely to reoffend and should not be in public housing where they are subsidized by the state. They noted that when any sex offender is allowed in public housing, it means a more upstanding person is on a waiting list.

Opponents say that once these offenders serve their sentences, they should be treated like every other person. They note that this is a slippery slope that could result in



banning even more groups of people from public housing.

OTHER HOUSING BILLS - Other bills on the Housing Committee's agenda included a pilot program to assist local housing authorities to help lower-income residents' credit records by reporting their on-time rent payments to credit bureaus (S 697); creating a special commission to study and report back to the Legislature on the prevalence and impact of the bullying of tenants in public housing, with a focus on elderly and disabled tenants (S 709); and excluding veterans benefits and not counting them as income when veterans apply to live in public housing (H 1125).

SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 3659) - It looks like a 2015 sales tax holiday on Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, might be in store for shoppers. The Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies has given a favorable report to a bill allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on those two days without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters of the bill say that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past several years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argue that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill say the state cannot afford the up to \$40 million revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They argue that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others say that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years.

REPLACE “HANDICAPPED PERSONS” WITH “PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES” (H 121) - The Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee heard testimony on a measure that would strike all references in the state’s General Laws to “handicapped persons” and replace them with “people with disabilities.” The measure also rewrites what supporters call old references that do not comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Supporters said the word handicapped is offensive to many. They noted this is another step forward following action several years ago when the Legislature renamed the Department of Mental Retardation the Department of Development Services and struck all references in the General Laws to “mental retardation,” replacing it with “intellectual disabilities or disability.”

SMOKING - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on several bills including one prohibiting local boards of health from banning the sale of legal tobacco products by retailers legally allowed to sell tobacco unless the ban also receives the approval of town meeting or city council (H 1951). The proposal was prompted by a recent effort by the Board of Health in the town of Westminster, Massachusetts, to become the first town in the nation to ban the sale of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes. The board eventually voted 2-1 to drop the idea amid protests by many in the town.

Other proposals on the committee's agenda include prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors under 18 (H 3466); banning the sale of any tobacco product in hospitals and pharmacies (H 1954); and prohibiting smoking in cars in which there is a child who is required to be in a child passenger restraint. Under Massachusetts law, children must use a restraint until they are at least eight years old or at least 57 inches tall (H 1976).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Thanks to an extraordinary outpouring of generosity, I am proud that we, as a community, fulfilled Mayor Menino’s vision to provide meaningful support to those most affected. Although this fund forever changed the model for how to efficiently collect and quickly distribute resources to those in need, we hope that we will never have to create something similar again.” — James Gallagher, president of the One Fund Boston, which has completed its mission to help victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy and will dissolve after raising close to \$80 million to help victims of the bombing.

“We need a binding question that will protect the taxpayers. We will end the Beacon Hill and Boston 2024 double talk.” — *Marty Lamb, co-chair of Tank Taxes for Olympics, on the proposed ballot question that would ban public funding of the 2024 Olympics.*

“While it’s certainly no substitute for the lasting relief of a reduction in the sales tax rate, an annual sales tax holiday is an important way to help parents fit school clothes and other supplies into tight household budgets,

while encouraging others to make larger purchases locally that might otherwise happen out of state and without any benefit to local retailers.” — *GOP Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on his legislation to make Saturday, August 15, 2015, and Sunday August 16, 2015, a sales tax holiday on which consumers can buy most products that cost under \$2,500 without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax.*

“The bill could truly make a life-and-death difference for young passengers and the families who care for them.” — AAA Northeast Legislative Affairs Director Mary Maguire on the bill that would require drivers to seat children under the age of 13 in the back of the car “whenever possible.”

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of July 13-17, the House met for a total of 11 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 26 minutes.

Mon. July 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.
Tues. July 14	No House session No Senate session
Wed. July 15	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. July 16	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Fri. July 17	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Connecting residents with opportunities through jobs trust program



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The people of Somerville embody hard-working persistence. That is as true today as it was when I was growing up on Prospect Hill, among immigrants from around the world who came to our shores seeking a better life for their families, and opportunity. The difference today is that we have a shared set of hopes and dreams, codified in our comprehensive plan, SomerVision. That plan, created after two years of intensive community input, plan asks not what we want to build, but who we want to be. We want to be a vibrant, diverse, regional employment center that's walkable, bikeable, and transit-accessible. In short: we want to create more opportunity for our residents, but it's not just enough to bring more jobs to Somerville. We have to

help our residents so they can advantage of these new opportunities. That's why last week I, state Rep. Christine Barber, and Meridith Levy of the Somerville Community Corporation spoke before the state Legislature on our home rule petition to create a new Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust.

The Board of Aldermen voted on April 9 to approve the home rule petition to establish a job creation and retention trust and a corresponding linkage program. Like our Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a board of trustees would oversee the jobs trust. We're pursuing this idea because as our community grows, we want our residents to benefit. The community set ambitious goals for us to reach in SomerVision. Among them is the creation of 30,000 new jobs in the city by 2030. We want to expand our commercial tax base to create a sustainable, resilient economy that creates a daytime population and supports independent local businesses.

We also want to create opportunity like the kind that has drawn people to Somerville over the decades. In the first half of

the 20th century, Somerville was an industrial employment center for the region. Today, the vast majority of our residents have to leave the city to find work. Local jobs mean less time on a costly commute and more time with family for our residents. It means the opportunity to walk or bike to work, money saved, and improved personal health and overall public health as we take cars off the road and emissions out of the air.

We have to connect our residents with the jobs that will be created, and prepare them for these new opportunities. So we undertook a nexus study of our existing affordable housing linkage program, and of a potential jobs linkage program, evaluating the impact of the growth we are aiming for in SomerVision. The results of that study are clear: Our existing labor force cannot adequately fill the demand for workers that will be created as our commercial base grows. While many of the new jobs created will match up with our current workforce, the large demand for office and computer skills and for health support—such as health care technicians, nursing

aides, physical therapy assistants and office positions—will likely result in many positions going to non-Somerville residents, the study found. Many of the jobs that will be in high demand are also good sources of entry-level jobs, the study pointed out, that can help our low- and moderate-income residents get started on a career.

Much of our less educated workforce faces existing barriers to benefitting from these jobs, the study also concluded, due to language, reading or math skills, or limited previous work experience. And current workforce development services do not adequately address these barriers. The primary federal workforce program, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), delivers funding to individuals via vouchers, preventing programs from targeting specific development projects and employers. Even then, the demand for WIA vouchers is much greater than the supply. While Somerville Public Schools' SCALE program and the Somerville Community Corporation do tremendous work in connecting our residents to career services,

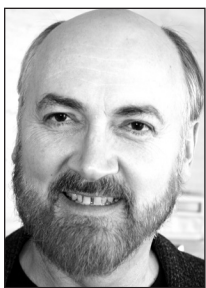
there are gaps in ESL programs and job readiness and placement programs.

By creating a Job Creation and Retention Linkage program, we will be able to fund the services that can address the barriers our residents face to the new job opportunities that are coming. We will be able to fund and connect our residents to job training and development services, building their skill sets and helping them fill the demand that will be created as new businesses open here. And we know in Somerville that all the issues we face—the economy, education, public safety—are connected. If our residents work closer to home, they can spend more time with their kids. Their kids can do better in school. People make better decisions and crime goes down. And our economy improves.

The people of Somerville embody hard-working persistence. So as they work to help themselves, their families and our community, we should act to help them. The creation of this new Job Creation and Retention Trust is one important piece of that puzzle.

Economic terrorism and the siege of Athens

Part 1: What's happening and why



By William C. Shelton

The first wave of Greek immigrants to Somerville arrived from Alatsata, Ionia over a century ago, escaping a devastating depression and Ottoman Army conscription. They and their countrymen who followed quickly became contributing members of Somerville's civil society and remain so.

Yet despite Greece's recent prominence in the news, most 'Villens remain unaware of the extent of current suffering in Greece, why it exists, and why the more perceptive analysts are repurposing Percy

Shelly's observation that "We are all Greeks."

Greek suffering

The unembellished facts are stark. Greek unemployment is running at 25.6%, the worst rate in the developed world and higher than America's at the depth of our great depression. For Greeks between the ages of 15 and 24, unemployment is at 53%. Most of the unemployed have been out of work for at least a year.

Businesses are closing at a rate of 59 per day, made insolvent by plummeting sales and the disappearance of credit. Cash-starved banks are rejecting 95% of loan applications.

A 2013 *New York Times* report documented the hunger and malnutrition spreading among Greek children, of whom Unicef said in 2012 that 41% were living in poverty. Conditions have since worsened.

Athens now experiences win-

ter fog as Greeks who can't pay energy bills are burning whatever they can find to keep warm. The environmental ministry has seized more than 13,000 tons of illegally cut trees.

The need for health services has increased as stress and stress-related illnesses have increased. But hospital budgets have been cut by half thus far this year, along with many preventative care programs, while 2.5 million Greeks have lost their health insurance. HIV and tuberculosis are surging, while malaria is back, after having been extinguished 40 years ago.

Since the crisis began, an estimated 12,000 Greeks have taken their own lives, a 50 percent increase in the suicide rate.

At the Dimosthenes Greek-American Democratic Club, directly across Somerville Avenue from where the Greek community built its first

free-standing church in 1926, George Boretos tells me that life is tougher in the big Greek cities, where job losses from government cuts and large insolvent businesses are greater.

In villages and in smaller towns like Sparta, where he was born, people can grow some of their food on small plots of land. As owner of the Greek Corner Restaurant, George knows something about food and explains to me that Greece imports 70% of what it eats, and shortages are increasing.

George's friend Bill Kesaris still has family on Corfu, island home of Ionian University. He tells me that 15,000 doctors have left Greece in search of employment. This is a small measure of the professionals who have been forced to emigrate, but whose skills could build the economy with adequate investment.

How it happened

Greece adopted the Euro as its currency in 2001, having been a European Union member since 1981. Over the next several years, per capita gross domestic product tripled. With the encouragement of the European Commission, European Central Bank (two of the institutions constituting the "troika" that now has Greece under economic siege) and large private banks, Greece borrowed heavily to invest in extensive infrastructure projects, including the 2004 Olympics.

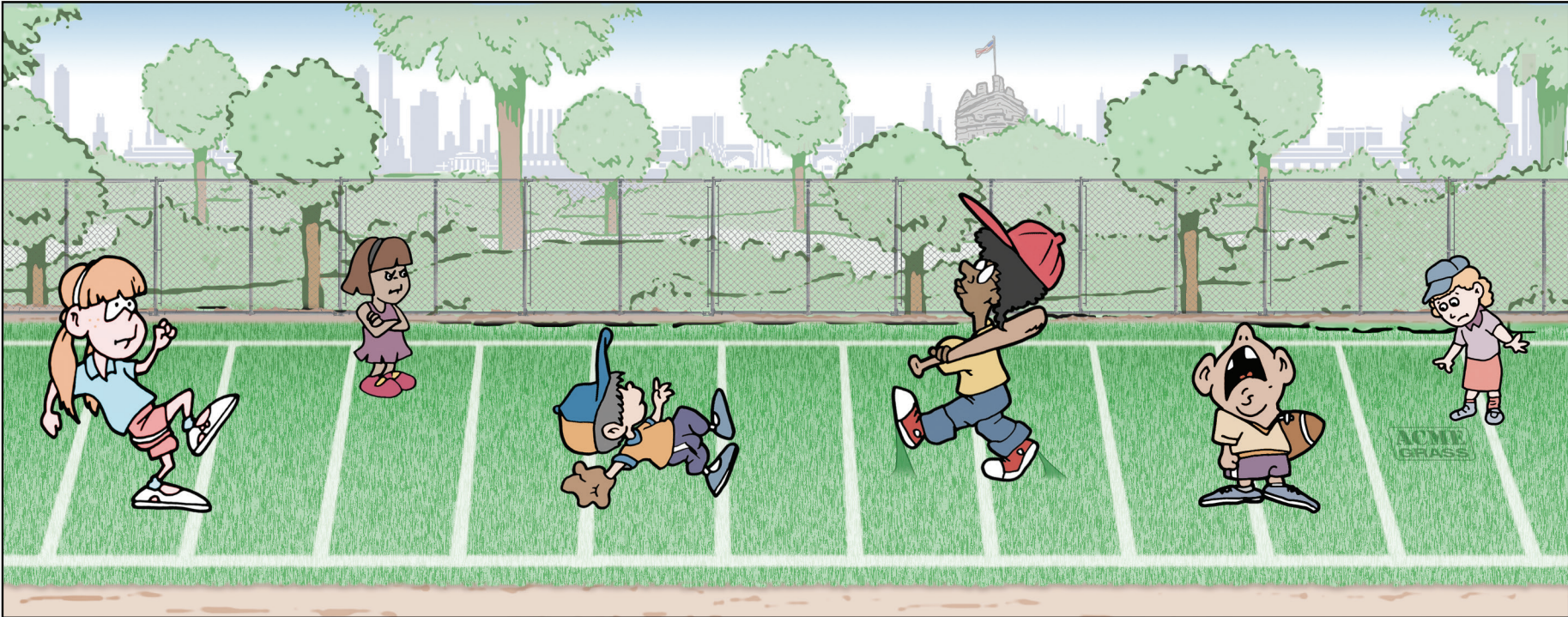
With the self-interested assistance of certain Wall Street banks, Greece was able to conceal the extent of its growing deficits. Goldman Sachs, for example, has been described by Matt Taibbi as a "vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Is this real grass...or...what?

Our View Of The Times



A hot topic of discussion in the city lately is how best to deal with development and upkeep of our public recreational playing fields. Specifically, a debate is underway concerning the use of artificial versus natural turf.

Those opposed to the artificial option point to safety concerns based on the chemical composition of the materials used, as well as the perceived unnatural

way the turf responds to the activities of those who play on the fields. So called “heat islands” - i.e., excessive heat given off due to the nature of the turf’s materials - creates further cause for concern, in consideration of possible health risks to those who use the turf, along with larger scale environmental concerns.

Proponents of artificial turf cite durability, cost effectiveness, and long-term

sustainability as important reasons for given this option serious consideration. They also claim that playing on this surface is close enough to the natural option presents only negligible differences.

Of course, the city has to make informed and well-considered choices as it moves forward in its efforts to improve the state of our playing fields. Many feel that overuse of the current existing natu-

ral grass fields is forcing the city to consider an unattractive choice in adopting the artificial option.

Cost considerations are surely significant, but it goes without saying that the health and safety of our kids and the city as a whole is of paramount importance.

Let’s encourage our civic leaders to investigate the issue thoroughly before proceeding with any specific plan.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

would have had someone at least answer the phones for the veterans. The last time we counted there were over 12 employees in Communications, not counting SomerStat.

Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters did a great job last week at the Warren Avenue Building in honoring Betty Medeiros, who was president of the Tenants Association there for 15 years until her passing. He was joined by candidate for the Ward 3 School Committee seat, Lee Erica Palmer, and all four of the Aldermen at Large, M. Rossetti, B. White, J. Connolly and D. Sullivan.

Speaking of Lee Erica Palmer, who is a candidate for the open seat in Ward 3 for the School Committee race, we see her everywhere, almost like she has a twin. She’s all over Ward 3. She must be taking lessons from the good Alderman Bob McWatters. We wish her the best of luck over the summer months, campaigning for the seat.

We’re often reminded here over the years, what loyalty to friends, relatives and political people truly is. We can’t help but think about someone telling

us years ago that loyalty is a two way street. And if you give your word on something you never break it! Today’s world doesn’t seem to hold to those standards anymore. Just saying!

Happy birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends and just friends of *The Times*: Happy birthday to Cheryl Chaille Horan, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a good one. A newbie to Somerville and another one from NJ is good guy John Serpico, who is very popular here in the Ville.

There’s a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The *Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

Last week we mentioned that the only primary election this year will be held on a different day, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. Apparently, the reason for it is that the usual date would be on a religious holiday. Makes for an interesting primary in Ward 6, doesn’t it? We wonder who’s behind the move. It sounds like it’s made to confuse people. We asked a political lady here in the Ville and in her 80 years it’s also been a TUES-

DAY and normally the first one after Labor Day.

A Somerville celebrity passed away this week. Our condolences to the family of Alex Rocco, who grew up here in Somerville. Alex was an actor who played many movies, but a lot of us remember him from his role as Moe Greene in *The Godfather*. He was born Alexander Federico Petricone.

A sign in the window of the Thurston Spa informed the many loyal customers over the years that it will re-open on September 1.

The 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information and to sign up go online at www.johns-team.org. A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape.

This week’s SomerMovie Freeze will be *Gremlins* at Lincoln Park on Thursday, July 23 at Dusk.

Somerville’s 12th annual Nation-

al Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, hosted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) in partnership with the Somerville Police Department and Somerville Office of Prevention (SOP), is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Foss Park, and will include Fire and Police Department demonstrations, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, live performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, Mission Church of Christ Choir, and Teen Empowerment, as well as youth activities, raffle prizes, and information tables from over 30 neighborhood agencies. This year’s event will have a special focus on prevention of prescription misuse and overdose prevention. Residents may bring unused prescription medications to a drop-off site at the Somerville Police Department information table at the event, which will be located near the fire engines. Also, Police and Fire Department personnel will be available to answer questions about the Good Samaritan Law and Narcan administration in the City of Somerville. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalnightout.org/>.

ArtBeat 2015

The Somerville Arts Council presented ArtBeat: Loops this past weekend, to the delight of both patrons of the arts and of...well, loops.

Fun, games, art exhibitions, music, etc., all played out to this years theme – loops, a celebration of all things circular, reciprocal, and returnable.

Participants brushed back the damp weather and jumped right in on the fun.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Somerville track star honored for achievement

By Jim Clark

Odmark Ozit, a Somerville High School graduate and member of the boys track team, who won the State Outdoor Track Meet Triple Jump Event, was honored by the entire Board of Aldermen and the mayor at the July 9 regular meeting of the Board.

“I think the future’s in pretty good hands,” Alderman at Large John M. Connolly said, referring to Ozit, who appeared before the Board alongside SHS Coach Dave Dickerson, who is also a member of the State Coaches Hall of Fame.

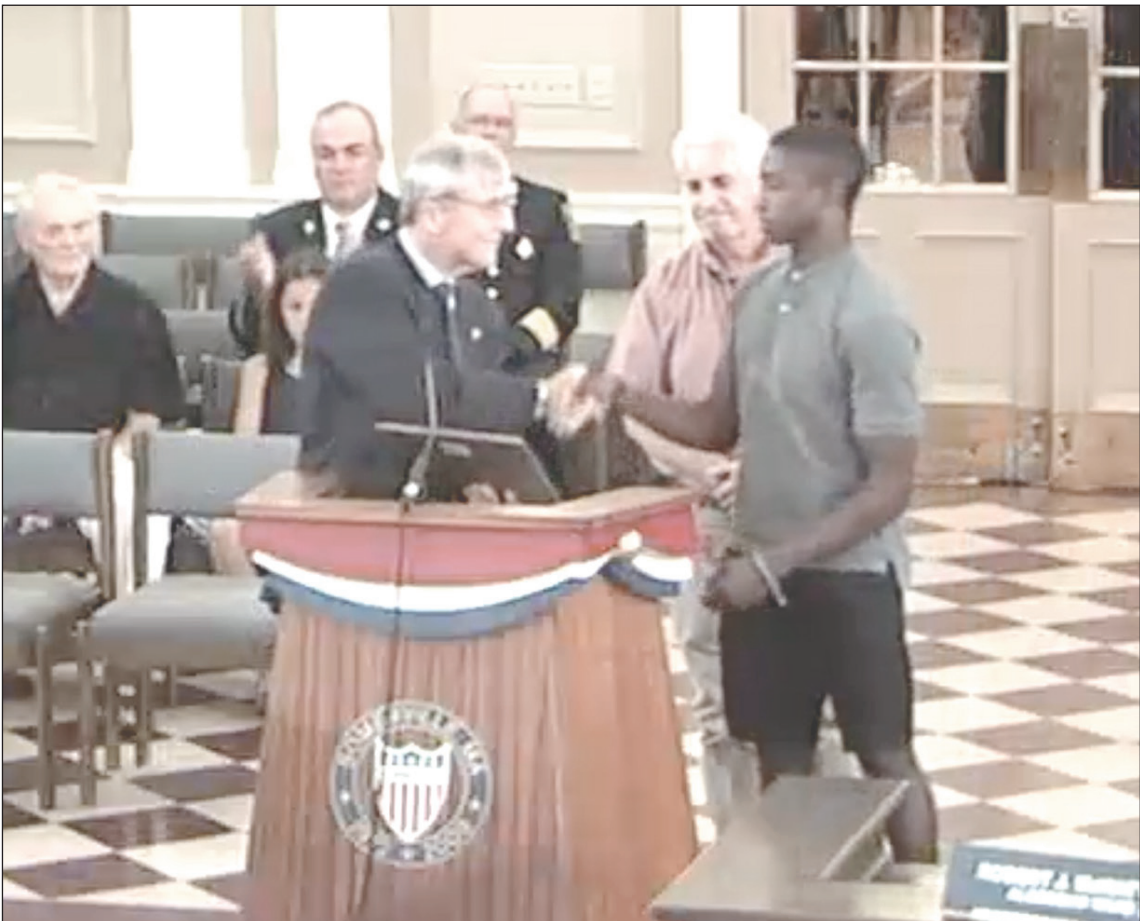
Alderman Connolly presented Ozit with a special citation commending the athlete for his achievement at the track meet.

In praise of Ozit’s accomplishment, Connolly added, “This young gentleman has really

brought some incredible recognition to Somerville High School. We all know there are hundreds of high schools around Massachusetts and there are thousands of competitors in track. Odmark competes in probably one of the most technically difficult of all the track and field events. We’ve heard it called the triple jump, it used to be known as the hop, skip and jump. I think we’ve all seen it. The athlete runs down a runway, jumps off one foot behind a mark, lands on the other foot in the middle of a sand pit and must jump, and the distance is measured from there.”

Coach Dickerson said of Ozit, “If you looked up the word teamwork in the dictionary, this young man’s picture should be there.”

Ozit will be attending Roxbury Community College next year.



SHS graduate Odmark Ozit was given a citation of commendation by the city in recognition of his athletic achievements.

Conte wins silver medal



Somerville resident Kaleigh Conte won a silver medal with the Metro girls hockey team at the Bay State Games. The Olympic style event was held July 9-12 in Foxboro, MA. Conte is a defenseman entering her sophomore year at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Why doesn't a Rattlesnake sink its fangs into its own mouth?

2. Where did John Lennon marry Yoko Ono?

3. What is a peruke?

4. What was the first war in which soldiers wore machine-made uniforms?

5. What is brontology the study of?

6. What were Kleenex tissues originally intended for in 1915 WWI?

7. The groom makes a

toast out of the bride's shoe in what country?

8. What great military leader was an accomplished yo-yo player?

9. In the classical ballet format, there are strictly only how many positions?

10. What group of people invented popcorn?

11. How is Tenzin Gyatso better known?

12. What was Ronald Reagan's last movie?

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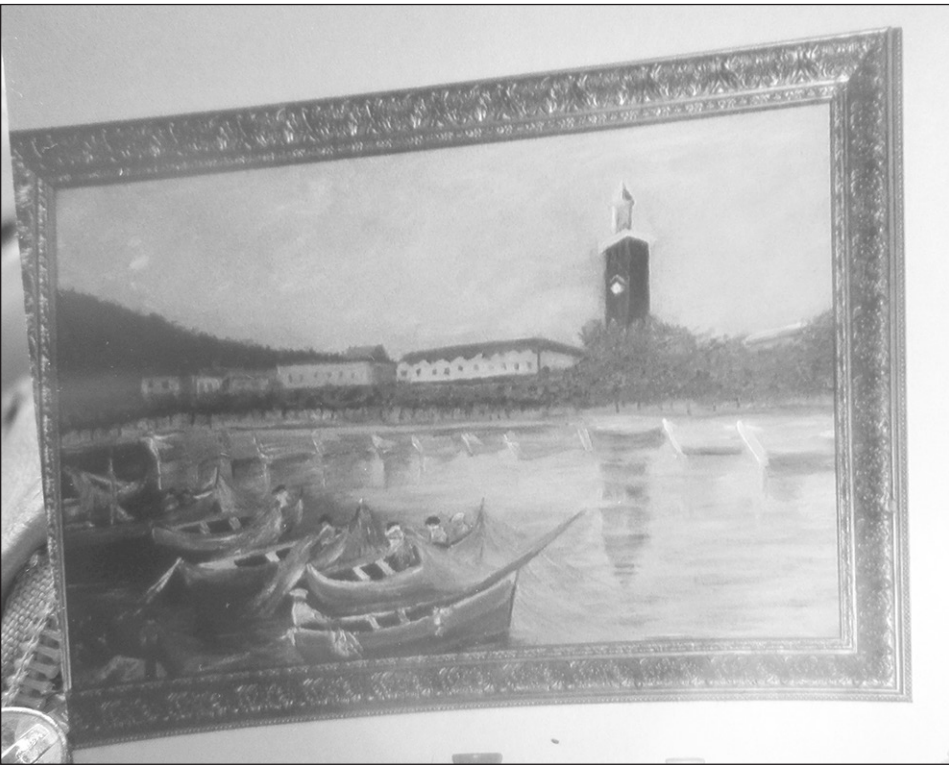
Somerville Doctor walking to save lives

Dr. Nelly Oliver, of Somerville, will be walking with her coworkers as the leader of Center for Cancer Precision Medicine Team in the upcoming Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk. Together, the team of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute caregivers has one unifying goal, to conquer cancer. At Dana-Farber, Nelly and her team members work on tailoring treatment through genetic testing of tumor samples, through their Precision Medicine, a new therapeutic approach. However, Nelly wanted to extend her help and support outside of the research labs and institute to do more for cancer patients. This year will be her second time walking in the Jimmy Fund Walk.

More personally, she lost her mother to lung cancer eight years ago, and her father is being treated for prostate cancer currently. She wants to thank Dana-Farber for providing him with the most compassionate care and support. Her team goal for this year’s Jimmy Fund Walk is to raise \$7,000. The Jimmy Fund Walk is the nation’s largest single-day fundraiser, whose mission is to raise money for pediatric and adult patient care and cancer research. Thousands of walkers join each year for this meaningful day of celebration, with an estimated 8,500 to walk this year.

The walk is scheduled for September 27. Go to <http://www.jimmyfundwalk.org> for more info.

Somerville real estate agent on display



Ida Fasano, a real estate agent at The Norton Group in Somerville, displays her art work at the Meadow Glen Mall in Medford. The Medford Arts Center, where Ida is a member, opened a new art space at the Meadow Glen Mall on Saturday, July 18. Stop by and view some of Ida's paintings, which will be on display for the next six weeks.

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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is one featured news segment from the latest *Somerville Neighborhood Newscast*:

Growing Local & Harvesting Food at South Street Farm

Urban gardening efforts in Somerville have created a collaboration of local groups that put small spaces to work growing produce to share with the community. Volunteers and staff recently gathered at South Street Farm to harvest the first crops of the season just in time to stock the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market for the summer season. The Mobile Farmers' Market makes four stops throughout the city on Fridays and Saturdays through October. Stops bring fresh produce to those who might otherwise find it difficult to access local fruits and vegetables. Income from the markets is reinvested in the growing process. You can find Mobile Farmers' Market locations and times from Shape Up Somerville at 617-625-6600 extension 4321.



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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, August 5, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

70 Lowden: (Case #ZBA 2014-45) Applicant, John Tucci, and Owner, Rudy Caruso, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to change rear porches to egress stairs. RA Zone. Ward 6.

620 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-69) Applicant, 620 Broadway LLC and Owner, Somerville Citgo Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish an 11 unit building, a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure per SZO 4.4.1, a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for relief from parking dimensional standards, shared parking, and reduction of required parking for a specific use. NB Zone. Ward 5.

49 Davis Square: (Case #ZBA 2015-31) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corp, and Owner BF Somerville Properties LLC, seek a Special Permit per SZO §7.11.15.3 and §14 to add wireless and ancillary equipment at an existing facility. CBD zone. Ward 6.

198 Central St: (Case #ZBA 2015-34) Applicant and Owner, Dean Casassa, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §8.5 to expand a nonconforming story height to go from 3 to 3 ½ stories and a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4 to expand a nonconforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

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 structure and an approximately 2,000 sf addition and parking relief for 2 spaces under §9.13. RB zone. Ward 2.

7 Sewall St: (Case #ZBA 2015-40) Applicant and Owner, Timothy Norton, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding rear decks. RB Zone. Ward 4.

79 Thurston St: (Case #ZBA2015-42) Applicant, Jonathan Ryan, and Owner, Chikuo Chen and Lin Li Lin, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add dormers on a 3-family. RA Zone. Ward 4.

40 Evergreen Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-45) Applicant & Owner, Burgundy Realty, Vincent Lee, Manager, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two-family structure by adding a second story to the front porch, a window well, and new windows and doors, and increasing the FAR. RA zone. Ward 4.

415 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-46) Applicant, Anna Gaul, and Owner, Double Disco Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish a fast food use per SZO 7.11.10.2 for an ice cream shop and parking relief per SZO §9.4.

9-11 Dresden Crl: (Case #ZBA 2015-47) Owner/Applicant, Newr, LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 2-family structure to increase the FAR and add a rear addition, rear deck, dormer, windows and doors. RB zone. Ward 6.

86 Glenwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2015-48) Applicants, Adam and Lesly Fulford, and Owner Adam Fulford, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

42 Princeton Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-50) Applicant and Owners, Kenneth and Alexandra Greene, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer. RB Zone. Ward 5.


74 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-51) Applicant & Owner, Buster Bronze LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure to add a third floor to the rear porch and add a door to access the porch. RA zone. Ward 6.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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92 Union Square: (Case #PB 2015-08) Applicant, Craig Murphy, and Owner, City of Somerville, seek a Special Permit under SZO 6.1.22.D.5.a. install signage. CCD55 zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No **STV-072015**.

Description of Work:

Supply and deliver NEW Stoves as needed. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Term of contract is 1095 days from receipt of notice to proceed.

Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., on August 13, 2015 and opened forthwith.

If mailed, bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Attention Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified.

Bid Forms and Specification will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville 02152 after 10:00 A.M., on July 27, 2015

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Economic terrorism and the siege of Athens CONT. FROM PG 10

smells like money.” It made \$800 million off of concealing a portion of Greek debt, and ended up doubling that portion in the process.

Still, things would have probably worked out had it not been for the made-on-Wall-Street global meltdown of 2007-2008. All of Europe entered a recession, but debt-burdened Greece’s GDP dropped by 20% between 2008 and 2010. Unable to service its debt, Greece fell into a downward spiral of lowered credit ratings, higher interest rates, and growing deficits.

That spiral was greatly intensified by being bound to the Euro. If this were not the case, Greece could have printed more money and devalued its currency, thereby boosting exports, lowering domestic interest rates, and encouraging investment.

In the few cases where austerity measures have worked, nations employing them were able to take similar steps, such as Canada during the 1990s, or Iceland after the 2008 meltdown, or even Argentina’s decoupling its peso from the dollar.

Instead, the Greek government was obligated to take a €110 billion bailout package from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund, the third member of the troika. With the bailout came a series of five “austerity packages,” reducing government employment by 25%, cutting pensions, slashing other spending, and increasing taxes.

The inevitable result was widespread hardship and an economic depression that made debt service impossible. So the troika provided a second bailout and imposed more austerity, bringing the total bailout to €246 billion, which was 135% of Greece’s GDP in 2013. The same austerity poison produced the same outcome, requiring the third bailout that is the subject of current negotiations.

In January, Greece elected the Syriza governing coalition. Syriza had proposed negotiating reduced austerity terms with the troika so as to enable sufficient economic recovery for Greece to make debt payments. When the troika refused, Prime Minister Alex Tsipras called a national referendum on its brutal new terms, and 61% of voters rejected them. In response, the troika demanded even harsher terms.

And they quietly demanded and publicly obtained the firing of Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis, whose brilliant scholarship in works like *The Global Minotaur* had exposed “the true origins of the financial crisis” and the global financial order.

Varoufakis had called out the bankers, whose irresponsible lending caused the crisis as much or more so than Greece’s irresponsible borrowing. (Sound familiar?) He termed their bailout package “extend and pretend”—extend the same failed policies and pretend that this time they will produce a different result.

The troika bankers and their political operatives like German Chancellor Angela Merkel are not imposing brutal austerity measures because they believe they will work. In fact, an IMF report states that “Greece’s public finances will not be sustainable without substantial debt relief...” including significant write-downs. And in a radio interview on Friday, IMF Chief Christine Lagarde stated unequivocally that the plan “is not viable” without debt reduction.

The Eurozone bankers’ and politicians’ intransigence is, instead, a means of economic terrorism. Its purposes and methods are the subject of Part 2, along with why we are all Greeks.

A taste of the Cross Street Center

By Rebecca Danvers

The Cross Street Center in East Somerville is a hub of summer activity. During the week of July 13-17, participants exercised with the Fit4Life program, worked with local artist Emily Bhargava on an intergenerational art project to create beautiful picture frames using buttons and other decorative materials donated by Beautiful Stuff. They ate delicious individual vegetable frittatas for lunch after a full cooking and nutrition demonstration from the Council on Aging's Nutritionist Mimi DelGizzi.

In addition to the demonstration, DelGizzi introduced a new herb called summer savory, which seemed to combine the tastes of rosemary and thyme. She also used sautéed red pepper, onion, broccoli, and some

low fat cheese for the frittata filling. Many participants added cilantro to the top of their frittatas when they were cooked. "Mimi made cooking this frittata look so easy, and it tasted so delicious. Everyone had so much fun, they can't wait for her next visit and demonstration," said Janine Lotti, Council on Aging Senior Project Manager. DelGizzi will be visiting Cross Street Center on various days throughout the summer.

On Wednesday the 22nd, Emily Bhargava returns with more intergenerational fun, including picture frames, bookmarks, and mosaic stepping stones that will appear in two local elementary school gardens. Thanks again for generous donations of time and materials from Bhargava and Beautiful Stuff.

Finally, on Thursday the 23rd, Mimi will visit again for a "Let's



The Council on Aging's Nutritionist Mimi DelGizzi gave a master class demonstration of cooking techniques and nutritional health last week at the Cross Street Center.



Get Healthy" program promoting fun and healthy summer eating habits.

If those activities aren't enough to fill your days with fun, don't forget to stop by the Somerville Council on Aging's 167 Holland Street site for a Summer Farmers Market on Friday, July 24, and every Friday throughout the summer. This Friday, vegetable offerings will include: baby bok choy, green beans, carrots, cabbage, collard greens, green and red callaloo, chard, cilantro, cucumber, kale, green and red lettuce, squash, parsley, scallion, and assorted herbs including purslane (lemon pepper flavor, lush texture, good for salads or thickening stews). They will also have raspberries, blueberries, and peaches available.

For more information about activities at the Cross Street Center or the Farmers Market, contact Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300.



A talk with BOA President William A. White Jr. CONT. FROM PG 5

White seems content in his role as president of the Board of Aldermen, where he runs the meetings and helps his more junior colleagues understand how the Board works. According to White, the job of alderman has grown since he was first elected in 1998. Back

then, he only had to go to four or five meetings a month. Now, largely because of the all the development underway, aldermen often find themselves at meetings four times a week. For White, who has a full time law practice, fitting in time for everything is "difficult."

But despite the time commitment, White, who has already announced his reelection campaign for this fall, clearly isn't planning on quitting any time soon. "I'd like to continue as long as the people want me and I can do the job," White said.

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Ms. Cam's

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Olio

Answers

1. The fangs on the upper jaw fold inward when the snake's mouth is closed

2. Gibraltar

3. A wig

4. The American Civil War

5. Thunder

6. Gas mask filters

7. Hungary

8. Napoleon's nemesis, the Duke of Wellington – at the time, the yo-yo was known as a Bangalore

9. Five

10. The American Indians

11. The Dali Lama

12. The Killers

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|July 22

East Branch Library
A Visit from Local Hero LT Firefighter Ken Lippens
Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970
11 a.m.-12 p.m.| 115 Broadway

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

Thursday|July 23

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

West Branch Library
Historic New England presents Henry and the Cannons Story & Craft
Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000 x2977
3 p.m.-4 p.m.| 40 College Avenue

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

Central Library
The Beautiful Stuff Project
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000, x2950
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|July 27

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball-617-636-9033
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|July 28

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

Central Library
Earth Watch Urban Forestry Program
Greg Hanafin-978-461-0081 x265
9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 29

Central Library
Interviews for paid Teen Library Leader Positions
Marco Jean-Baptiste-857-237-4206
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|July 22

Johnny D’s
Jeff Jam Dance Party|5 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
The Jeremy Kittel Band|7:30 p.m.
Comedy @ 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Matthew Azrieli |9 p.m.
Hollywood Ghosts
Janas Fault
TBA
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

Thursday|July 23

Johnny D’s
Front Country + Mile Twelve (Bluegrass)
Afropop Night feat: Paa Seck Diery
Band CD RELEASE PARTY
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Mt Peru, Found Audio, Baxter Wolf|79 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Jess Labus|9 p.m.
Bellwire
Hannah Judson
Penn Johnson
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Reggae
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday
Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-Faced Shakespeare
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
The Loop
7:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Friday|July 24

Johnny D’s
Steeleye Span featuring Maddy Prior (Folk Rock)
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Seismic Gaps, Alen of Dale, Big Bad Wolf \$10 |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Black and Blue Morning |9 p.m.
Marianne Toilet & The Runs
Gingerwulf
Excrementals
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ McRiddleton
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Layers And Frames
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|July 25

Johnny D’s
Jazz Brunch
JP McDermott & Western Bop (Red Hot Rockabilly & Vintage Honky Tonk)
Rising Artist Series presents Machine
475 FREE SHOW (electro-experimental pop)
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
BYOBluegrass Jam |2 p.m.
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
The Shambolics, Jay Berndt & The Orphans, Birch Hill Dam|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.’s Lounge
Wild Surfaces |8 p.m.
Bronson
The Limit Club
The Shallow End Divers
Paragn Theorum
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe’s
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Casey’s
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Rick, Dave, & Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Bigfoot Research Organization
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
ComedySportz Boston
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday|July 26

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Natalie Flanagan & the F-Bombs, Embrionic, Trusty Sidekick|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Battle of the Bands
4 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|July 27

Johnny D’s
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

P.A.’s Lounge
Americana Mondays
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Tuesday|July 28

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Honkytonk Masquerade|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.
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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
Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 29

Johnny D’s
Yani Batteau and the Styles w/ Special Guests: Brook Batteau and the famous Robin Batteau (Vintage Country and Originals)
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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
Frances Black with Aoife Scott & Eoghan Scott|7:30 p.m.
Comedy @ 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Rejiem|8 p.m.
Green Bastard
Ramlord
Barghest
345 Somerville Ave

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|July 23

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

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 25

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 26

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

Monday|July 27

Central Library
Begin Again and Again: A Poetry Workshop with Somerville’s Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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 28

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

Wednesday|July 29

Central Library
Creative Writing Class
Amy Shea -617/623-5000 x2942
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street
Monday through Friday 9 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.

The Farmers Market is back – 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.

Picture Frame Making –Wednesday, July 22– at our Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway. During this FREE event you will be making picture frames from recycled materials – Intergenerational Art Project – Hands on workshop with Artist Emily Bhargava of Connectionlab. Limited to ten – please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information or to register.

Summer Fun Fridays – The Anderson Auto Museum / July 24 – The Fruitlands Museum / July 31st – Institute of Contemporary 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.

Castle Island – Friday, July 24 – Department our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 9:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 2:00 P.M. Join us for the day as we take a little walk around the castle. It’s a great opportunity to exercise, meet other older adults or just sit back and enjoy the day. Lunch is on your own, you can bring it or have some at the world famous Sullivan’s. A fee of \$5.00 will cover transportation. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions. Don’t forget your sunscreen.

Painting as a Tool for Stress Management and Wellness - Mondays, July 27 and October 26 — at our Holland Street Center. Mind Full or Mindful? – A series of quarterly workshops with Patty Contente, LICSW, that helps use your creative side to manage stress. This workshop is free and space is limited. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 or email JLotti@Somervillema.gov to reserve your

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, July 28 – 12:30 P.M. in the atrium of our Holland Street Center – The movie is St. Vincent starring Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy and Naomi Watts – runs approximately 1 hour and 42 minutes – rated PG13 – Please sign up with Josephine by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

35th Annual Old Time Senior Picnic – Wednesday, August 5 – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Powderhouse Park. Join us for the 35th Annual Mayor’s Senior Picnic and enjoy a day filled with dancing, music, entertainment and prizes. Tickets are available at the following locations: Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street, Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street, Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway and The Mayor’s Office at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. All Senior Housing Building clients must sign up for tickets at your building. For additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun – Monday, August 10 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:00 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:15 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. A \$25. Fee includes transportation and bonus package. Please contact Connie at 617-625-

6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have questions.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Please note our Cross Street Center is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and the events are listed in the “UPCOMING SCHEDULE.”

The Castle Island Day Trip scheduled for Friday, July 24 is BOOKED SOLID.

The Fun Friday trip to the JFK Museum for August 14 is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled on August 26 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Hart’s Turkey Farm, “Turkey Train”, scheduled for October 8 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7 & 8 is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, August 10 – 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. Please note the July meeting has been cancelled.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, August 10 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. To date, the August menu has not been released. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - 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 Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|July 22
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Computer Lab (C)
2:30 Intergenerational Picture Frame Making (C)

Thursday|July 23

9:30 Let’s Get Healthy with Mimi (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)
10:30 Fit-4-Life (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:30 Lunch (C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)
1:30 Computer Lab (C)

Friday|July 24

11:00 Farmer’s Market (H)
11:00 Individual Nutrition with Mimi (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)
Fun Fridays at Fruitland
Castle Island

Monday|July 27

8:30 Walking & Talking Group (H)
10:00 Painting for Stress Reduction (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:00 Individual Nutrition with Mimi (H)

Tuesday|July 28

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Senior Housing 101 (C)
10:30 Fit-4-Life and exercise(C)
11:30 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:30 Lunch (C)
12:30 Afternoon at the Movies (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Gardening (C)

Wednesday|July 29

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Computer Lab (C)
6:00 Bingo (H)

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#SomerBliss promotion winner announced

By Tom Bannister

The first-ever #SomerBliss local shopping promotion has a winner: Daddy Jones in Magoun Square.

During the month of June, residents and businesses were encouraged to tweet using the hashtag #SomerBliss when eating or shopping local to promote local retailers after a difficult winter, a promotional

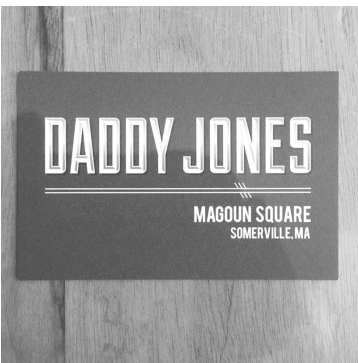
collaboration between the City of Somerville, East Somerville Main Streets, Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Somerville Local First, and Union Square Main Streets.

The promotion brought approximately 200 business mentions and uses of the #SomerBliss hashtag on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, with 65 businesses mentioned or using the hashtag. By earn-

ing the most hashtag mentions on social media from residents, the Magoun Square restaurant has won a #SomerBliss banner that heralds their triumph and free memberships with the Chamber of Commerce, East Somerville Main Streets, Somerville Local First, and Union Square Main Streets. To celebrate, an after-hours open house will be held at Daddy Jones on Thurs-

day, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Tying for second place in resident mentions were fellow Magoun Square restaurant Olde Magoun’s Saloon and Slumbrew, with locations in Assembly Square and Boynton Yards.

After a snowy winter, the City, Chamber of Commerce, Main Streets organizations and Local First banded together to create the #SomerBliss social media promotion and



kick off summer while putting behind a difficult winter shopping season for local retailers.

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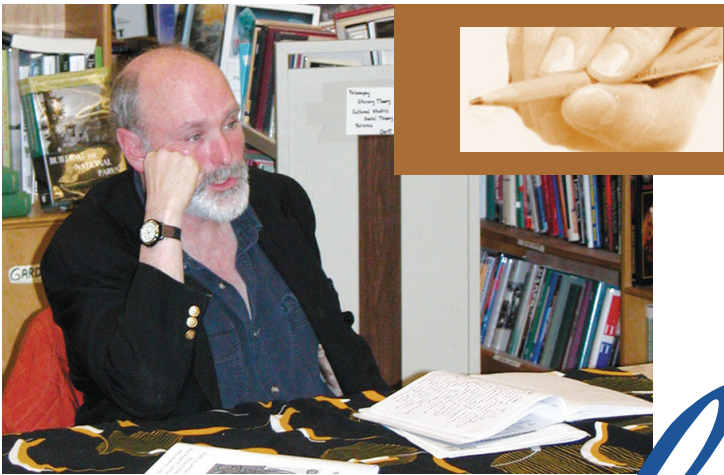
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6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The White House Chronicle	4:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
9:00am	Legacies	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00pm	Art as Protest	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
10:30am	Art at SCATV	Friday 7/24		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
11:00am	Youth Media	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Creative Somerville	5:30pm	Literati Scene
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Ville Pirates
1:30pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Youth Programing
2:00pm	SCATV Art bloc	9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	7:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Abugida TV
5:00pm	Energy Theater	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:	Sunday 7/26		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:00pm	Ville Pirates	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
7:00pm	Art as Protest	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday 7/28	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:00am	Evangelico	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	10:30am	Active Aging	9:00am	The Struggle
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
10:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	11:00am	Road to Recovery
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	Ablevision
Thursday 7/23		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Dance Group	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Art as Protest
7:00am	The Struggle	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:00am	Creative Somerville	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters	3:00pm	Tele Galxie
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:30pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
11:30am	Ablevision	Saturday 7/25		5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	Creative Somerville
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (L)
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	Monday 7/27		8:00pm	Dead Air Live
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	9:00pm	Energy Theater
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00pm	Honk Festival	7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News		
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday	1:00pm	Art as Protest	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		4:05pm:	LGBTQ Flag Raising	9:45pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	11:00pm:	Capuano School Spring Concert
Wednesday, July 22		6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	10:15pm:	Taste of Somerville Senior Circuit	Sunday, July 26	
9:00am:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00am:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	12:00am:	SHS Graduation 2015
12:00pm:	SomerViva an Kreyol	9:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	2:00am:	Public Domain Theater
12:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:30pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	1:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00am:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell
2:00pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	Sunday, July 26		1:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	10:00am:	WSNS Summer Concert
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	12:00am:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. – 6.24.15	3:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	11:30am:	Capuano School Spring Concert
2:45pm:	BOA Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	1:40am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		12:30pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	2:40am:	SomerViva en Espanol	Wednesday, July 22		1:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
7:00pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	3:10am:	Taste of Somerville	9:00am:	SHS Graduation 2015	2:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
7:30pm:	Congressional Update	9:00am:	Senior Circuit	11:00am:	SHS Class Day 2015	3:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
8:00pm:	BOA Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	Argenziano School Heritage Night	4:30pm:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015
9:30pm:	Jane's Walk – Union Square	12:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	3:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club	5:00pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell
Thursday, July 23		1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	4:30pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	6:00pm:	WSNS Summer Concert
12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	5:00pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics	7:30pm:	Capuano School Spring Concert
12:30am:	Family Fun Day 2015	3:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	6:00pm:	SHS Graduation 2015	8:30pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
12:45am:	Taste of Somerville	6:30pm:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	SHS Class Day 2015	9:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
1:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:00pm:	Argenziano School Heritage Night	10:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
2:40am:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	7:30pm:	Art Beat 2015	Thursday, July 23		11:00pm:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015
9:00am:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	12:00am:	Kennedy School Drama Club	Monday, July 27	
9:30am:	SomerStreets: Carnaval on Broadway	Monday, July 27		1:30am:	SHS Multicultural Fair	12:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Championship
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:30am:	WSNS Science Fair	1:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship
12:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	12:30am:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	9:00am:	Class of '15 Scholarship Awards Night	2:30am:	Public Domain Theater
1:00pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00pm:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015	9:00am:	WSNS Summer Concert
1:45pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. – 6.24.15	2:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	11:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
3:25pm:	Congressional Update	3:00pm:	Art Beat 2015	2:00pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	12:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
3:55pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	4:00pm:	El Sistema: A Night at the Movies!	1:30pm:	Capuano School Spring Concert
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	9:30am:	Art Beat 2015	5:00pm:	Class of '15 Scholarship Awards Night	2:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
7:00pm:	Art Beat 2015	12:00pm:	Family Fun Day	8:00pm:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015	3:30pm:	WHCS Spring Concert
8:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	12:15pm:	SomerViva an Kreyol	9:00pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	5:00pm:	WSNS Summer Concert
9:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:35pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	10:00pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	7:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
10:35pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	1:35pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Friday, July 24		8:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
Friday, July 24		3:10pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	12:00am:	El Sistema: A Night at the Movies!	9:30pm:	Capuano School Spring Concert
12:00am:	Art Beat 2015	6:30pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	1:00am:	Public Domain Theater	10:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
1:30am:	Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	7:30pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	3:00am:	Public Domain Theater	11:30pm:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015
3:00am:	Taste of Somerville	8:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	9:00am:	SHS Graduation 2015	Tuesday, July 28	
9:00am:	Art Beat 2015	9:00pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	11:00am:	SHS Class Day 2015	12:00am:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell
12:00pm:	Congressional Update	10:00pm:	Family Fun Day	2:00pm:	Argenziano School Heritage Night	1:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball 2014-15
12:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	10:15pm:	LGBTQ Flag Raising	3:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club	1:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball 2014-15
1:00pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	Tuesday, July 28		4:30pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	2:00am:	Highlander Football 2014
1:30pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	12:00am:	Taste of Somerville	5:00pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics	9:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Championship
2:45pm:	SomerViva an Kreyol	12:15am:	LGBTQ Flag Raising	6:00pm:	SHS Graduation 2015	10:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship
6:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:30am:	Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	8:00pm:	SHS Class Day 2015	12:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
7:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	2:00am:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	11:00pm:	Argenziano School Heritage Night	1:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club
8:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	3:00am:	SomerViva an Kreyol	Saturday, July 25		2:30pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics
9:35pm:	Art Beat 2015	9:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	4:00pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics
Saturday, July 25		9:30am:	Taste of Somerville	1:30am:	Public Domain Theater	5:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Championship
12:00am:	Congressional Update	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:30am:	Public Domain Theater	6:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship
12:30am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	12:30pm:	LGBTQ Flag Raising	9:00am:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	8:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
1:30am:	Somerville en Espanol	12:45pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	10:00am:	Connecting Communities - NNO 2015	9:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club
2:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:45pm:	Taste of Somerville	11:00am:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	10:30pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics
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OFF THE SHELF
by Doug Holder

Interview with Donald Norton:
Managing Editor of The Somerville Times

Donald Norton has lived in Somerville all of his 68 years. And if there is one thing that most people can agree on about this important figure in our city, it is that he has an unabashed love for Somerville. Norton, once the owner of *The Somerville Times*, is now the managing editor. The ownership of the paper is now in the hands of his longtime friend Ross Blouin. I met with Norton at my usual spot at the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square. Norton is a fount of information about the “Paris of New England,” and he had a plethora of anecdotes about the old city, and his view of things to come.

Doug Holder: Donald in back of us is an old church. I think it houses condos now. Union Square has changed—the city has changed—you have experienced this change in your years here.

Donald Norton: I am 68 years old—so I can go back to the late 50s. At that time there were a lot of stores in Union Square. Any type of shopping you wanted to do; you would come to Union Square. The streets and sidewalks were very busy with people. The Square was laid out very differently back then. There was a different traffic pattern. Somerville Community Access TV was a fire station. The city changed very rapidly in the early 60s. One of the reasons was that there was a massive flight from the city of Boston. If people remember, the Boston Redevelopment Authority was tearing down the West End of Boston. A lot of the folks from the West End were moving into Somerville. The predominate ethnic group in Somerville at the time was the White Anglo Saxon Protestant. A lot of the churches were emptied and people moved out to places like Stoneham, as more Catholics were coming into the city. The vibrancy in Union Square lasted till the early 60s, until the malls came into play.

DH: I heard there were slaughterhouses in Somerville?

DN: I remember “Squires” which was located where Target is today. Squires was a slaughterhouse. Back in the day there were a number of slaughterhouses in that part of the city, on the outskirts of Union Square. My parents told me that the cows from the farms outside the city were marched down College Ave., through Davis Square, down Elm Street, and down Somerville Ave. to Squires. There was a fire at Squires that lasted a week. As kids we would go down every day to watch it burn. It was a really good smell, well, like a barbecue of sorts. After Squires a lot of big stores like Bradlees, and Stop and Shop moved in.

DH: With all this change, what do you see as the future of the city?

DN: I don’t know. I think it is challenging. Of course it depends on the economy. I see young couples that come into my office that are pre-approved for an \$800,000 home and make \$200,000 a year. But it is hard for people to sell in Somerville. The whole area is hot, and getting another home is just as expensive. People have to go farther and farther out. Anyway, as I said, the city changed in the early 60s, and by the 70s there was an influx of Portuguese. My mother once told me that at one time Somerville was a huge Republican city. Of course, that has changed also.

Somerville is not on the right track as far as a price-wise city. As far as keeping the city divers, well, a lot of people are going to move out because they can’t afford to live here. But what younger

folks don’t realize is what goes up, must come down. So the million dollar home and the high paying job you have today can be gone. Your home can be greatly devalued. I have been in real estate since 1977, and I have seen many booms and busts. The generation of people in their 20s hasn’t really experienced this as adults. People should keep this in mind.



DH: Can you talk about the term “Slummerville” that has thrown around a lot over the years.

DN: This originated from people on the outside, because of the perception of Somerville as a hotbed of criminal activity. I never thought of Somerville this way. I was never insulted by the name “Slummerville.” People who used this word obviously didn’t know anything about the city. Over the years I have worked in organizations that have contributed to the welfare of the city. And how things have changed! For instance I run into people who have not been back to Somerville since the 60s and were once embarrassed to be from it, and now they wish that they never moved. They read all the press about the city, so now they wear Somerville proudly on their puffed out chests.

DH: Can you talk about the history of *The Somerville Times*?

DN: It was started in the 60s by an attorney who was running for mayor. It started out named *The Somerville Times*, later it became *The Somerville News* and now it is known as *The Somerville Times* again. *The Times* was started as a counterpoint to *The Somerville Journal*. *The Journal* was locally owned, unlike now. *The Journal* had a huge staff. It is now relegated to a shoebox space just off Highland Ave. When Bob Publicover took *The Times* over, he changed the name to *The Somerville News*. It was monthly paper. It was a hands on operation. Bob had a popular column titled *Bluntly Speaking* where he announced he had AIDS. That was a big deal back then. In 2002, when his health declined, he sold me the newspaper. At that time my real estate company was very successful. I put a lot of money into the paper, and we never made much from publishing it. For a while we had a partner, but he left. Two years ago I sold it to Ross Blouin, an old friend of mine. I am now in the role of Managing Editor. *The Somerville Times* is going to be around a long time. We are the number 1 paper in Somerville. We get between 14,000 and 17,000 readers (online and print) a week. We deliver to 160 locations throughout city and we are putting out more boxes. We plan to put 4 or 5 boxes in Assembly Square Mall. Recently, Tufts University Marketing students studied us, and gave us many recommendations to improve the paper, some of which we will implement. I am glad that we have a diversity of writers with different viewpoints.

DH: On a final note, what about the story we broke about Obama’s unpaid parking tickets he got in Somerville when he lived here while attending Harvard Law School? Give me the inside dope.

DN: Well we had some inside information about that from a source that I can’t reveal. Hillary Clinton’s people called us about the story during her campaign. The story got so many hits it almost crashed the website.

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Poet Dan Demarse writes the *LYRICAL*:

“The aim of the poem is simple enough, that is, a celebration of having an aim towards which to journey, perhaps as TS Eliot said, ‘Having to construct something / Upon which to rejoice.’ In this case, we dive straight into metaphor: the small amount of warmth given from a fire constructed by a man, or figure, limping through his nameless tundra. In a similar way do we scale the poet, as readers, to the light of her meanings, and leave all else a frigid plain, unknowing. I like to think that there is a sense of, if not futility, then the odd sort of Stevensian dominant blank here. A desperate crisis to convey the imagination. Some place where from one cannot escape but must, by doing the thing, making, and warming oneself by the fire of creative impulse.”



ONE OF THE MAGUS

Blank tundra. And spruce trees up to the tip with
Frost, taken by the snow’s moil. Miles going still to
The icy gorge for him: place of respite or death, that

Avalanches have basked over over ages, letting nothing
In ever in trails of snow. And an insignificant man wanting
To get there, aching his axe and snowshoes through the white

Plain, nearly violet plain. Where goes he? And the beard
Specked too with white flecks. Where goes he? One of the
Magus whom is blessed by having journey, one who rakes

The flat frost. Go to him, inside his head. Find
A particular shelter in his going on himself, for what plans
For favors could he have in doing this, a winter storm? He favors

His right leg. Holds the pain in dominion to still it out of aggression,
Which would have been, if the left leg ignored merely. The spasm
Of a cleft muscle buckles him at the hamstrings. He hunkers,

Makes a little fire out in the wide, white place.
How must he grapple upon receiving one tough question
After another, from his heart; how must he wish to leave this
Spacious brokenness, seeing his own; how meandering the slate

Of these conditions; how marvelous the head between dusky,
Red ears, hovering over that single light!

— Dan Demarse

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