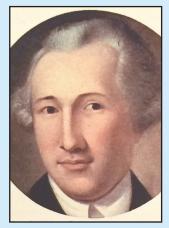


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Dr. Harriet Fields, granddaughter of W.C. Fields, will be sharing her stories of the film legend at a special showing of his film this Sunday at the Somerville Theatre. – Photo © Steve Friedman 2015

#### By Jim Clark

"If I can make them laugh and through that laughter make this old world seem just a little brighter, then I am satisfied." These are the words of one of Hollywood's most successful and beloved legends, W.C. Fields.

Throughout those many decades when he performed both on stage and film, he did that very thing, bringing forth laughter and making this old world so much brighter.

Fields' work will be honored this weekend as the Somerville Theatre hosts a special showing of some of his classic films. Attending and speaking at the event will be his granddaughter, Dr. Harriet Fields. She will be talking through a double-feature presentation of the silent classics, So's Your Old Man and It's The Old Army Game, both co-starring flapper itgirl Louise Brooks.

The special event, featuring live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, takes place this Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Continued on page 6

# Somerville Celebrates the 4th!





**Cooling off** at Gracie's

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Somerville residents celebrated the fourth of July last Thursday night at Trum field. The 215th Army Band, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the Somerville Sunsetters entertained the crowd. A 30-minute fireworks display ended the night's celebration. More photos on pages 12–13. - Photo by Claudia Ferro

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Did you hear the big door slamming sound last weekend? It's all those doors being closed and people running up to NH or down to the cape to have a great summer. Summer's finally here and we wish all a safe and happy time this year. The streets seemed empty, compared to what we're used to.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to one of our own and a great guy, **Doug Holder**. We still think he should have been appointed the city's Poet Laureate. Have a great day for yourself, Doug, you're the best. Happy birthday to **Mary Walker**, who is celebrating this week. She's a great lady. Our good friend **Anne Webster** of CBRB of Beverly is also celebrating. If you're buying a home in the Salem/Beverly area she's the one person to see. Former local resident now in IL, **Crystal Norton**, who is retired from the Air Force. We thank her for her service and send her birthday greetings. Happy birthday to **Michael Terrio**, another Somerville resident. We hope he enjoys his day as well.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Coming up on July 21, **Somerville Community Access TV** and **Cambridge Community Access TV** will hold a joint televised debate from the CCTV facility on Massachusetts Ave, Central Square, Cambridge. **Senator Pat Jehlen** and her democratic opponent and **Cambridge City Councilor Leland Cheung** debate starts at 6p.m. The host is none other than well-known Ward Five resident **Joe Lynch**. It should be fun. The second debate will be with Representative Tim Toomey and his democratic opponent Michael Connolly will begin at 7:30 p.m.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

**Pat Norton** is home from the hospital and thanks to the many friends who sent best wishes. She's doing great and is still grateful to the guys at **Engine #2** for a job well done, as well as the staff at the **Philips House 21st floor at MGH**. They were all great. Nurses are not given enough praise and gratitude for dedication. All nurses who work in a hospital deserve double the pay.

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The **City of Somerville** budget for fiscal <sub>Co</sub>

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### **Response to: SAFD 75th Anniversary celebration**

#### Steve Keenan says:

Congratulations to these wonderful people who give back to the community. I was always impressed when the SAFD members came out at all hours of the day and night to assist the SFD. Captain John, Paul, Rocco, and many others have served with pride and dedication over the years. And let's not forget former Chief Ed. Way to Go!!

#### **Response to:** For Somerville man, swim has special meaning

#### ibcbet says:

More than 320 swimmers are currently registered for the 40th Annual Save The Bay Swim on August

# **Response to:** *Summertime, when road improvements are heating up*

#### MarketMan says:

Good Job! I think what would really help is to make sure that utility companies schedule all their maintenance before the roads are redone. The mayor mentions above that they are doing that with Cedar. It would be good to see that in the future. But if they do need to dig up after the fact, the utility companies should be responsible for repaying curb to curb for the entire section that was dug up... not just a patch.

Finally, it would be cool to consider burying cables when we are redoing roads. We could do it little by little, but would make a HUGE difference in the city.

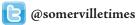
#### **Response to:** Waiting for the STEAM Academy

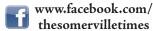
#### Stephanie Grey says:

some notes to the response above...I am a Massachusetts educator in one of the local colleges and I have had the pleasure of meeting several times with the sprout team to discuss plans for the school. I assure you that they do have the knowledge and experience to run a school such as the one they are proposing. They have a deep understanding of what counts in education, pedagogy, curriculums, and how students function best in the kind of atmosphere they are proposing (not a traditional classroom). This is where the sprout team thrives in experience. If you can, take the time to meet with them and ask questions. These are the types of people we need to support in our education systems.

#### Tabby Wheelwright says:

Hi Stephanie! I've worked closely with sprout for the last several years. I agree that they have strong intellectual understanding of education, however they are terrible at managing an organization. A close examination of their tax and financial records will demonstrate this. They also have very minimal experience in actually running programs with young adults, especially high risk young adults. I also have questioned their ability to collaborate with others in the system- they have been extremely rigid in negotiations with the teachers union which has hindered progress for years. Note that they have done very little in the last several years and yet taken in large salaries. They have barely updated their website/twitter/etc and have basically halted existing sprout programs. I agree that they are extremely impressive to talk to about theory and ideas, but where they fail is actual, significant experience as well as organization and judgement.





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# Keeping immigration out of police work keeps everyone safer

#### By Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Recently the Baker administration announced a new policy for how the Commonwealth of Massachusetts handles interactions between state police and federal immigration officials. When asked a question about one specific part of those changes during a radio interview, which involves reporting violent criminals to federal immigration authorities, my initial reaction was that it sounded "prudent" and that it simply followed our existing procedure in Somerville. Violent criminals have never had a free pass in Somerville and never will.

Yet in the wake of answering that question many have asked if the City of Somerville has changed its stance on immigration policy, and I want to state definitively for anyone concerned on that front that: nothing has changed with how we view or treat immigrants in our community. And I am still out there fighting for humane immigration policy and reform both at the state and the federal level. I want to reaffirm here the bedrock principles on which our local immigration policy rests.

First, we do not believe in tearing apart families. Federal immigration policy is a mess of contradictory and sometimes impossible to follow regulations. Many immigrant families find themselves in a situation where some family members have their documentation up to date and others have fallen into undocumented status. Yet we do not believe in ripping apart marriages or separating parents from their children or persecuting grandparents who have come to live with their families. Tearing at those family bonds would be tearing at the very fabric of our community, driving decent people into underground existences. We believe humanity should be our guiding principle when it comes to immigration policy.

Second, we want our police to continue to work with everyone in our city to practice effective community policing. No one should fear reporting crimes to the police, including our undocumented residents, who need to know that they if they are victims or witnesses that they can call on police without fear of immigration consequences. Mixing up immigration enforcement into our public safety efforts undermines our efforts





to keep our community safe. Our local police are responsible for keeping the local peace, not in acting as surrogates for federal immigration authorities, just as they don't act as enforcement agents for the Internal Revenue Service or the Environmental Protection Agency.

This approach is working in Somerville. The data show it. Somerville's community policing efforts have proven extraordinarily effective, dropping violent crime in our city by 31% over the past 12 years and property crime by 11%. We rank well below the state and national averages in every category of violent and property crime. Somerville is far safer because of community policing, and community policing means we prize the safety and well-being of every person in our city regardless of their immigration status.

Third, we do not waste valuable police time and resources randomly profiling people in our community. It would be an impossible task in a city where people speak 52 different languages. Our diversity is our strength and we will not create a climate of suspicion and fear by targeting hard-working, civil people. We're all neighbors and we should treat our neighity is to keep the local peace. We offer no sanctuary to violent and hardened criminals. Persons stopped for misdemeanors regardless of immigration status are subject to state laws and procedures for the misdemeanor in question, but we do not alert federal immigration in these cases. We will not tear apart families over, for example, a traffic violation.

We are still analyzing the details of Governor Baker's immigration policy changes and consulting with organizations we work with regularly including the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), Centro Presente, and other Trust Act advocates to analyze the policy and its implications. If it does violate our core principles or give rise to unintended consequences, we will alert state authorities to our concerns and work to bring the policy in line with our principles. We did this before at both the state and federal levels with the now defunct Secure Communities program, which in classic Orwellian fashion made our communities less secure.

a climate of suspicion and fear by targeting hard-working, civil people. We're all neighbors and we should treat our neighbors with respect. Finally, in cases where we arrest someone for a violent crime and that person's immigration status is in question, we do alert federal authorities. Again, our prior-

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# Steakhouse employee packed her own blade

Police were called to the Outback Steakhouse restaurant at Grand Union Blvd. last Friday on reports of a dispute.

Upon arrival, officers questioned the involved parties.

According to reports, one of the restaurant's employees, Aleyah Childs, of Dorchester, stated that after arriving prior to beginning her shift, she had been treated disrespectfully by one of her coworkers. Childs reportedly told officers that she had arrived at work and parked her vehicle in front of the restaurant. When she saw the coworker in question she began to engage him in conversation and asked him "who is the manager on duty today."

According to Childs, the coworker was rude to her and told her to leave him alone, after which the two began to verbally argue. Childs further reportedly stated that the coworker became extremely aggressive and the two of them began to engage in a physical altercation.

The officers then questioned the coworker. He stated that he had just arrived to work and was making his way into the restaurant when Childs, who was still seated in the driver's seat of her vehicle, rolled down the window and began to yell at him and threatened to stab him. According to the coworker, Childs wielded what appeared to be a buck knife with a silver blade.

The two continued their verbal disagreement, according to the coworker, and Childs exited the vehicle, but no longer had the knife in her possession. The coworker was asked if an actual physical assault took place and he stated that one had not.

Police then looked inside the vehicle that Childs had stated

was hers and reportedly spotted in plain sight a buck styled knife with a silver blade located in the center console.

The officers asked Childs if the knife was hers and she reportedly told them that it was hers, but that she had not threatened the coworker with it or ever displayed it during the dispute.

Police then placed Childs under arrest on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

# That was no doctor stealing those tips

While conducting personal business at the Starbucks on Elm St. last Sunday, two uniformed Somerville police officers took notice as a man wearing what appeared to be hospital scrubs approached the counter and placed an order.

When the barista's back was turned the man, later identified as Michael Murphy, reportedly stuck his hand inside the employees' tip jar and removed the cash inside. He then reportedly took off running out of the cafe. Employees of the restaurant reportedly called out, "He stole our tips!"

The officers began a pursuit by foot, calling out to Murphy ordering him to stop. Murphy continued to run, according to reports, and ignored the officers' orders as he ran through the street that was busy with twoway traffic.

One of the officers got into his police cruiser and managed to cut Murphy off and prevent his further flight from the scene.

When Murphy was finally questioned, he reportedly said that he didn't have any identification on him and that he didn't know the date of his birth.

The officers noted that Murphy was wearing a hospital admissions bracelet with his name and date of birth on it. However, when the data was run through the police computer system no match could be found.

According to reports, Murphy said that he was from Colorado

and was currently homeless. Police reported that he was generally uncooperative.

A bag that Murphy was carrying reportedly contained the six dollars that was taken from the Starbucks tip jar.

Murphy was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with larceny under \$250 and resisting arrest.

# SOMERVILLE POLIGE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

**Bao Tran**, of 665 Washington St., Boston, June 27, 12:19 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 by check, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, larceny over \$250, larceny over \$250 by false pretenses, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, utter false check, and forgery of check.

Robert Perez, of 42 Weaver Ct., Roxbury, June 27, 9:10 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of possession of a class E drug, assault and battery on a police officer, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise, larceny over \$250, possession of a class A drug, and larceny under \$250. Raoul St. Pierre, June 28, 9:58 a.m., arrested at Lexington Ave. on warrant charges of breaking into a depository, possession of a burglarious instrument, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

**Christopher Nadeau**, of 3 Summit Ave., June 28, 2:20 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on warrant charges of distribution of a class C drug, felony nighttime breaking and entering, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

William Harrison, of 41B Crescent St., Charlestown, June 28, 10:54 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class E drug, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs. Rebekah Mitchell, of 21 Russell Rd., June 29, 3:04 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, assault and

battery on a police officer, and child endangerment while operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Lorenzo Perkins, of 34 Linden St., June 29, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Merriam St. on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and destruction of property over \$250.

Joseph Dixon, of 543 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, June 30, 1:18 a.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

Ronald Holley, of 45 Center St., Dorchester, June 30, 10:15 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. ing merchandise.

James Theus, of 55 Hovey Ln., Cambridge, June 30, 10:35 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Brian Giguere, June 30, 10:43 a.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of receiving stolen property under \$250, conspiracy, and larceny over \$250.

Mohamed Selmani, of 50 Keys Dr., Peabody, June 30, 2:54 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Omar Abdala, of 655 Concord Ave., Unit 702, Cambridge, June 30, 3:51 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

**Robert Richards**, of 39 Fayston St., Dorchester, July 1, 5:18 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on warrant charges of destruction of property under \$250, felony nighttime breaking and entering, and armed burglary.

Michael Murphy, July 3, 8:41 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of larceny under \$250 and resisting arrest.

**Scott McAlarney**, of 80 Bow St., Medford, July 3, 11:00 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and drug possession

Parris Colon, of 112 South Hampton St., Dorchester, June 30, 10:23 a.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of larceny over \$250, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting over \$100 by conceal-

Aleyah Childs, of 39 Fayston St., Dorchester, July 1, 8:23 a.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. to distribute.

Samuel Conlon, of 3 Auburn Road, New Fairfield, CT, July 3, 11:00 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class E drug.

Adrien Deroche, of 47 Prichard Ave., July 3, 5:21 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.



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# Cedar St. water and sewer project

#### By Louise Carpenter

On Tuesday, July 5, Cedar St. was closed to through traffic at all times between Sartwell Ave. and Elm St.

Abutters within the work zone will not have access to their driveways during working hours. The contractor will work with the residents to provide special access for moving vans, deliveries, etc., when possible.

No cars will be allowed to park on street during work hours (7:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.). This portion of Cedar St. is expected to reopen in the fall.

During the week of July 5, 2016, City employees and city contractors will be working with residents to access water lines on

private property in order to install a water bypass. Please see the attached letter.

As an older city, Somerville's underground infrastructure is aging and in need of replacement. In the area of Cedar St., water mains are approximately 100 years old, or older. The combination of aging infrastructure, the need to minimize the frequency of flooding and continuation of the city's efforts to reduce its reliance on combined sewers, makes this an important project for the city.

In June and July 2016, the City of Somerville and its contractor, P. Giosioso & Sons Inc., will begin these needed improvements to the sewer, drainage, and water systems on Cedar St. (Highland Ave. to Elm St.) and Elm St. (Cedar St. to Somerville Ave.).

Improvements during this project include upgrades to both underground water and sewer infrastructure as well as surface-level roadway improvements for cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. During the first phases of construction, crews will address the major underground infrastructure work (which may mean some temporary water service disruptions, in which case residents will be notified in advance). In later phases, Cedar St. will be repaved, new, ADA compliant sidewalks added, and bike lanes striped. In all, the project will include:

+ Improving the drainage sys-Continued on page 6 tem

# City authorized to prosecute code violations

#### By Rebecca Danvers

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone have reached an agreement under which the City of Somerville's Law Department will be able to criminally prosecute certain code violations.

The memorandum of understanding allows Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro to act as a Special Assistant District Attorney responsible for handling Somerville cases. The agreement coordinates efforts between the City and the District Attorney's office, and will enable the City to pursue problem property owners more efficiently.

Shapiro, a 20-year veteran of the city's Law Department, was sworn in by the District Attorney on May 31. He will be responsible for prosecuting violations of the fire prevention, building, sanitary, and

zoning codes. Shapiro will be a designated liaison to Ryan's office and will handle arraignments and other court dates. Should the case progress to trial, an Assistant District Attorney and Shapiro will serve as co-counsel.

"We appreciate the opportunity to be working with District Attorney Marian Ryan and her office. This cooperative agreement allows the city's Law Department to expeditiously address problem property matters reported to our Inspectional Services Department," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "This will better serve both the residents of those properties and the surrounding neighborhoods."

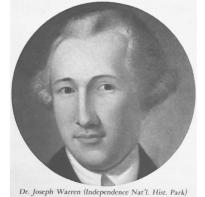
The city's Inspectional Services Division enforces the fire prevention, building, zoning, and sanitary codes. Code violations are administrative, but can become criminal matters if an offender fails to comply. If, for example, a landlord has an unsafe porch or allows too many unrelated persons to live in an apartment, the City issues a violation notice. If citations do not result in a satisfactory resolution of these issues, the City may potentially file a criminal complaint before a clerk magistrate at Somerville District Court. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office reserves the right to resume the primary role in the prosecution of these cases at any time.

# **The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week**

Eagle feathers #107

#### **Two Brief Friends** By Bob (Monty) Doherty

They were two generals fighting for freedom in the American Revolutionary Army. One was newly appointed. He was killed in his first battle and became a national hero. The other was a veteran who fought in many battles, both on land and sea, and died a national disgrace.



In his short 34 years of life, Dr. Joseph Warren studied and practiced medicine in Boston. He was Harvard educated and taught at the Boston Latin School. He wrote about his beliefs. His ideas were revolutionary, and he communicated them

through several societies. They were the political St. Andrews Lodge, the secretive Sons of Liberty, and the Provincial Committee of Safety, of which he was the leader. Paul Revere and others worked under him.

He joined the Minutemen at Menotomy, now Arlington, and Charlestown, now Somerville, while fighting the British on their retreat from Concord and Lexington.

A musket ball almost took his life that day, shattering the hairpin on his head. It was an omen of things to come. He died two months later at the Battle of Bunker Hill, where he was the highest-ranking officer on the field that day. The British later said that Warren's death was worth 500 American lives. They considered him the greatest incendiary in America. Some say that had he lived, he may have eclipsed Washington.

Somerville, at one time, considered naming itself Warren, but it didn't receive the necessary votes. Warren, Massachusetts, and 21 other towns across the country did. Warren Street and the former Warren Hotel in Union Square honored him.

Another member of The Sons of Liberty was a militia Captain from Connecticut. He and his men came here after hearing of Lexington. His soldiers, well trained and uniformed, were selected to guard the first prisoner exchange between the British and Americans from Portrait of Benedict Arnold Prospect Hill to the ferry at Charlestown. This was the site of today's Warren Bridge to Boston. The Captain was impressed by one of the escort officers. The officer was Joseph Warren and the Captain of the Guard was Benedict Arnold. Arnold had an idea to force the British out of Boston that was approved by Warren, and the two men put the plan into action. The strategy was to capture Fort Ticonderoga in New York and its over one hundred heavy cannons, guns and mortars. Led by Colonel Arnold's Massachusetts' troops and Ethan Allen's Vermont mountain boys, the fortress fell. Its cannons were hauled to Prospect, Cobble, Plowed Hills and Dorchester Heights, thus forcing the British to evacuate from Boston. Next, Colonel Arnold, with 800 soldiers from Prospect Hill, Continued on page 15



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### Preserving a legendary film legacy

as part of the theater's "Silents Please" film series which brings the magic of the pre-talkie era back to life.

The W.C. Fields event was put together by Dr. Harriet Fields and Jeff Rapsis after they met at The Library of Congress Film Festival, W.C. Fields Tribute To 100 Years In Film in November of last year. After a successful first run of the program, it was decided to bring the event to Somerville.

Although she stresses that it is not her "day job," as Vice President and Director of W.C. Fields Productions, Dr. Fields is kept busy keeping the memory of W.C. alive and preserving his work and standing as one of the great entertainers of the 20th century.

"A year ago, on June 22nd, it was a hundred years and one day since W.C. Fields opened and starred in the Ziegfeld Follies," Dr. Fields reminisces. "They had a beautiful, beautiful tribute to him at the New Amsterdam Theater, which is where the Ziegfeld Follies was on West 42nd St., just west of Broadway and 7th Ave. And in the lobby of that theater is a photo of W.C. Fields, Flo Ziegfeld, Fanny Bryce, Will Rogers, and a few others. It sort of shows that W.C. is rooted in theater, in Broadway history. He performed throughout the world, and then he ended up on Broadway and he'd go across the river to the Astoria Studios and do some silent films."

W.C. was at the Ziegfeld Follies for 10 years, 1915 to 1925. "All those ten years

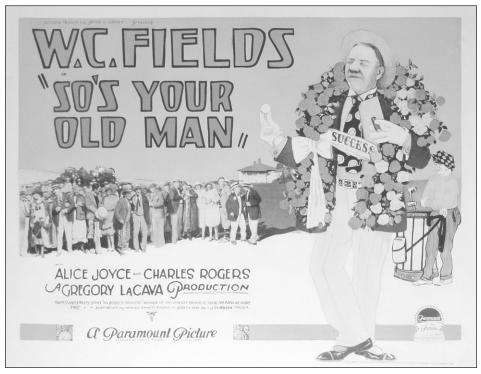
when W.C. was perfecting his act on Broadway that he had tried out in vaudeville all over the world, in every continent, except Antarctica" Dr. Fields explains. "He actually met Will Rogers in South Africa when they were performing. Then they happened to reunite again in the *Ziegfeld Follies* on Broadway, and then again out in the talkies in Hollywood. And they just had an incredibly strong bond and friendship."

"In 1930, when W.C. was 50 years of age, he took a huge risk and went off to Hollywood. Talkies were just coming up then and he didn't know how his voice would translate," according to Dr. Fields. "But of all the comedy icons, W.C. was the only one to succeed in talkies. Charlie Chaplin didn't, nor Buster Keaton or Harold Lloyd." Very ironic, considering how iconic W.C. Fields' voice is in the pantheon of classic film stars.

Dr. Fields is a more than willing participant in these events. "I always consider that just by mere happy accident of birth it's my responsibility to make sure that younger generations, and generations to come, know W.C. Fields."

The former Librarian of Congress who recently retired, Dr. James Billington, once told Dr. Fields, with tears in his eyes, that W.C. Fields is the icon of American culture and humor. "And just by happy chance, I have become the vehicle to spread the word."

Dr. Fields' first exposure to her grandfather's work took place as she watched



his film on television, sitting alongside her father, William Jr. "He looked exactly like his father. It was always strange for a young child to try to figure out where reality should begin," she explains. "Here in this box is this man who looks just like this man who's sitting right next to you." But as an adult, Dr. Fields is resolutely engaged in the work of preserving and advancing W.C.'s legacy. "Universal, for the most part, owns W.C. Fields' films, but we consciously and very deliberately developed cordial relationships with them." Accordingly, Universal reissued the films last year as part of the 100-year celebration."This is a labor of love for us," says Dr. Fields. "Our reward is to know

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that his legacy is known for generations to come."

"I always say there is no instance in the human condition we cannot find some solace in the humor of W.C. Fields," she asserts. "Whether it's teenage children, difficult in-laws, marriage, work, and even death." Such is the universality of W.C.'s characterizations.

"We inherited all of our grandfather's artifacts and memorabilia," says Dr. Fields. "The Library of Congress wanted it. The Smithsonian, and several schools throughout the country." But they instead donated it for public viewing in Los Angeles. "If we had given it to the Library *Continued on page 17* 



### Water and sewer project CONT. FROM PG 5

• Reducing the frequency of flooding events at Hall St.

- Separating sewer & drainage systems
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• Repaving Cedar & (portions of) Elm Streets

The project will be undertaken in three phases. During each phase, a section of Cedar St. will be closed to through traffic at all times. Abutters will be able to access their homes and driveways, however cars may not be parked on the street during work hours (7:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.).

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### Beyond here, there and now

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The Collective C.R.I.T is taking over all eyes, and Earth. The series featured in Washington St. art gallery challenges viewers to partake in the knowledge of the real world and the experience of careful visual artists.

"The members are not just still photographers but also filmmakers, animation artists, graphic designers, and collage makers. In their photography, C.R.I.T. works with both film and DSLR, medium and large format," says Kitty Etheridge, photographer and organizer.



Powers Reappear by Michael Powers.

Opening reception is Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on display July 9, 2016 to July 31, 2016 Saturdays from 12-4 p.m.

The photography whether it Chris Maliga's black and white stunners or Traverse Day and Michael Powers' introductions to soul, and poetry in motion. These are all worth the attendance to the opening reception, without doubt.

"In the series, Missing, Laura Miner creates the scene of a crime in miniature. Inspired by missing persons cases and unsolved murders, the close cropped shots create an eerie mood. Are the images from the point of view of the victim, the crime scene photographer, or the perpetrator?" describes Kitty.

"Michael Powers' photos present the isolation and detachment of home interiors and exteriors. Traverse Day Robinette explores the lack of connection between people and their environment," provides Kitty.



# Here's the Scoop: **Gracie's Ice Cream**



#### By Amy Swain

It's one of Union Square's newer additions, but it feels like it's been there forever. Walking into Gracies' small, white interior, it feels clean and neat, but lived in. Unique and clearly hand picked art hangs scattered on the wall. Several mason jars of toppings sit on shelves behind the register. Flavors are written on the wall in dry-erase marker. And the staff is just the right amount of friendly.

Gracie's opened in November 2014, so this will be its second summer. Owner Aaron Cohen acknowledges that the ice cream world is an up and down business, but says they're doing fine. Cohen is not a Somerville native, but has spent more than a de-Pourri, Salty Whiskey, Goldcade as a resident. When asked en Grahams and Pretzel, and

what prompted him to open the shop he said, "Ice cream is amazing and Union Square didn't have a shop." Short and sweet.

Gracie's staff is part of its charm. Employee Ali Larew has dreams of opening her own ice cream shop someday, so to her this is more than just a paycheck. She has the exclusive privilege, as of now, of making all of the ice cream they sell. Daily! That's right, they churn the sweet stuff not five feet from where they sell it, and change flavors every day.

The flavors they come up with are definitely the best reason to visit Gracie's. Cohen says of the selection, "We try to come up with delicious and creative flavors that will appeal to adults and children alike." Poptart Peach Basil, to name a few favorites. They offer twelve different flavors daily, always keeping one dairy-free option. And you can get it in a toasted, Fluff-dipped cone. They also offer coffee, tea, cocoa, frappes and floats and cookies.

There are a few tables inside, but it's the perfect spot to grab a cup or cone and head outside, as it's in the heart of Union Square.

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Xing & Emily by Hannah Engelson.

"Somerville is a very art-centric city. There is never a lack of subject matter with neighborhoods that are so vibrant and alive. The close proximity to Cambridge only enhances this. What's really wonderful about Somerville is the art community is very supportive of all artists. I've found plenty of room to create as the city and the world is my studio. Since very little of what I do is actual photographed indoors the music I listen to is the beautiful, mosaic cacophony of city sounds." says Kitty Etheridge.

"Beyond Here, There, and Now" as the exhibit is titled makes you ask questions about yourself and your environment that attests to the power of witness, careful enough to be aware from whimsy—but a little closer to home, in Somerville.



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(H 4450)

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. House 150-3, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a conference committee's compromise version of a \$39.15 billion fiscal 2017 state budget. Baker has ten days to sign the budget and to veto sections of it. It would then take a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override any vetoes. The conference committee version was hammered out after the House and Senate each approved different budgets.

The conference committee reduced expected revenues by \$750 million and cut \$413 million in proposed spending. That action was in response to warnings about unexpected ever-decreasing revenue projections over the past several days.

Supporters of the budget said it is a balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

Some opponents said that the budget does not make sufficient cuts and argued that state spending has grown too much over the past few years. Others noted they opposed spending taxpayer money on government services given to illegal immigrants.

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

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

#### NON-COMPETE REFORMS (H 4434)

House 150-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that makes changes in the laws surrounding non-competition agreements. These agreements prevent workers from competing with their ex-employer for a certain period of time after leaving the company.

Provisions include establishing a 12-month duration limit for non-competes; requiring that companies provide the non-compete agreement to the future employee ten business days before the employee begins work; and prohibiting non-competes for hourly workers, college or graduate students, interns, employees that have been terminated without cause or laid off and anyone 18 and under.

Supporters said the bill does not ban these contracts but that the bill strictly regulates them so that the conditions are fair to both sides. They noted cases in which employees signed yery broad agreements and ended up not being able to take a job in their field again for years.

is in the National Sex Offender Registry or has been convicted of crimes of violence, sexual abuse, DUI, hit and run or felony robbery within the past seven years. In addition, anyone with one major traffic violation or five minor traffic violations within three years would be ineligible to drive.

Other provisions require accommodation of riders with special needs; prohibit fare increases during emergencies; set rules for insurance requirements; require drivers to be certified; and impose a 10-cent tax on each TNC ride. The tax would go into a trust fund that would provide cities and towns with funds based on the proportion of rides originating in each municipality. These funds could be used by the community for anything related to unmet transportation needs.

Supporters said these regulations were compiled after extensive input from both the ride-hailing and taxi industries. They said the new rules will foster growth and competition while protecting consumers.

Opponents said the bill does not include strong enough restrictions to protect consumers. They argued that consumer protection and public safety must be the high priorities.

The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

## REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING OF DRIVERS (S 2371)

Senate 14-24, rejected an amendment that would require all TNC drivers to be fingerprinted and require the mandatory background check include checking fingerprints with a national database.

Amendment supporters said fingerprinting is one of the best ways to weed out potential drivers who have a criminal record. They noted that fingerprints are already required for teachers and many others in the Bay State.

Amendment opponents said this requirement is another example of overreach by the government and noted that the bill already gives companies the option to do a fingerprint test. They argued that mandated background checks are far more useful than the fingerprinting system.



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

# THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of June 27-July 1.

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

Rep. Christine BarberYesRep. Denise ProvostYesRep. Timothy ToomeyYes

# REGULATE UBER, LYFT AND OTHER RIDE HAILING COMPANIES (S 2371)

Senate 34-2, approved a bill that would regulate Uber, Lyft and other Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by establishing a new state agency, Ride for Hire Division, to oversee all matters licensing the companies and drivers, enforcing penalties and all other issues. A key provision requires drivers to pass a background check by the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### ABOLISH 10-CENT PER RIDE TAX (S 2371)

Senate 9-30, rejected an amendment that would strike the part of the bill that requires TNCs to pay a tax of 10-cents per ride into a new Municipal Transportation Infrastructure Trust Fund. The fund would distribute the money to cities and towns to address the impact of TNCs on municipal roads, bridges, taxicabs or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of TNCs.

Supporters of the tax said it was just a small assessment on these companies but will add up to an amount of money that will help communities solve some local

\$39.15 BILLION FISCAL 2017 STATE BUDGET

The measure prohibits the hiring of anyone whose name

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transportation infrastructure problems. They argued this is another step in helping to repair the state's vast transportation infrastructure.

Opponents of the tax said it is unfair and unnecessary to suddenly tax this innovative business. They argued that the state's roads and bridges will not be repaired with this small amount of money and noted the Legislature is working on comprehensive legislation that will repair the state's infrastructure. They noted the Uber or Lyft driver's car already pays an auto excise tax, gas tax and sales tax when purchased.

(Please note: The vote was on abolishing the tax. Therefore, a "Yes" vote is against the tax. A "No" vote is for the tax.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### PREVENT ANIMAL SUFFERING AND DEATH (S 2369)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit persons from leaving their pet in a car when high or low temperatures could endanger the animal's health and safety. Violators would be hit with up to a \$150 fine for a first offense, \$300 for a second offense and \$500 for any subsequent offense. The bill also leaves open the possibility of criminal animal cruelty charges being brought against the offender in the most egregious cases.

Other provisions prohibit leaving a dog outdoors during harsh weather conditions and prohibit a dog from being chained or tethered outside for more than five hours per day or between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for more than 15 minutes. Violations under the tethering law include penalties of up to \$500 or relinquishment of ownership of the dog.

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Supporters said it is time to crack down on irresponsible and cruel dog owners.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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#### MUST CHECK FOR ABANDONED ANIMALS

(S 942) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would require landlords and owners who are foreclosing on a property to check each vacated unit within three days to look for abandoned animals and to report any to the animal control officer. The measure imposes up to a \$500 fine for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. The money collected from the fines will be deposited into the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund.

Supporters cited several cases of animals being abandoned including a 2-year-old Labrador who was found dead after being left in a vacated home for several weeks. They said the bill will help protect animals and save lives.

PROTECT CATS AND DOGS (S 2370) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that strengthens the Massachusetts "Puppy Lemon Law" to give pet owners more options if they unknowingly purchase a sick pet. Other provisions prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens younger than eight weeks old; establish safety and breeding standards to protect pets; and allow a veterinarian to declare an animal suffering from a significant adverse health condition "unfit for purchase."

Supporters said that Massachusetts is one of a handful of states that does not regulate puppy mills and other

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commercial breeders. They argued the bill would ensure that puppies and kittens are bred and sold in a safe and healthy environment in the Bay State.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bea-

con Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of June 27-July 1, the House met for a total of 13 hours and six minutes and the Senate met for a total of 17 hours and 36 minutes.

Mon. June 27	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.
Tues. June 28	No House session Senate 1:02 p.m. to 3:16 p.m.
Wed. June 29	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:26 p.m. Senate 1:06 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.
Thurs. June 30	House 11:04 a.m. to 6:14 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 8:01 p.m.
Fri. July 1	No House session No Senate session

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
31 Warwick Street	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	23	\$599,000	\$635,000	
8 Spring HillTerrace	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	39	\$725,000	\$680,000	
191 Morrison Ave.	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Other	28	\$899,000	\$950,000	
24 Appleton Street	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	101	\$1,299,000	\$1,300,000	
Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
135 Central Street U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	5	\$319,000	\$335,000	



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5 Waldo Avenue U:6	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	14	\$379,000	\$395,000
7 Waldo Avenue U:6	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	16	\$384,900	\$440,000
32 Chester Street U:10	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	26	\$389,900	\$410,000
17 Gordon St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$399,000	\$450,000
13 Bartlett St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$399,900	\$401,000
17 Langmaid Ave U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$439,000	\$450,000
3 Heath St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Detached	33	\$449,900	\$449,900
49Temple Street U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	7	\$458,000	\$483,500
416 Medford Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$469,000	\$480,000
61 Cherry St U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$469,900	\$495,000
	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
10 Florence Ter	2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	39	\$589,900	\$540,000
5 Montgomery Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$627,000	\$615,000
26-28 Kensington Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$674,900	\$675,000
55 Partridge Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$699,900	\$761,000
0 Wigglesworth Street	3 unit, 21 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	22	\$739,900	\$739,000

# COMMENTARY

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# Tragedy stresses importance of bicycle safety



#### By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville and Cambridge share many things, including how we get across our common border. We share fourth place on the League of American Bicyclists' list of American cities with the highest share of bicycle commuters (7.4% each), and we're the only two Northeastern cities on that list. We're proud of that achievement.

The cities now also share a bicycling-related tragedy. Both mourn the loss of Amanda Phillips, a beloved barista at Diesel Cafe in Somerville who died in a crash June 23 while riding in Inman Square, Cambridge. Amanda, who lived in Cambridge, was just 27.

It should never, ever have to come to this, but Amanda's death should serve as a wakeup call to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike - as well as to our engineers, planners, police, leaders, lawmakers, and officials. With the exception of limited-access highways, our roads in 2016 no longer belong solely to any single mode of transportation. This means each of us must be more alert and more aware as we move around the city. We must each be more informed about the multi-modal rules of the road. And our communities must design for and enforce safe sharing of our streets.

munity, striving toward these goals. I'd like to share what we've been doing and encourage you to let us know where we can do more. I offer this information in a sincere and serious attempt to keep these efforts and this conversation moving forward. I do so with a sense of humility – the City of Cambridge is widely regarded as a national leader in transportation policy, but right now that matters little to a grieving family and a griev-

In Somerville we are, as a com-

ing community. Along with our diverse community advocates, I have worked tirelessly as Mayor to make Somerville streets friendlier to bikes, wheelchairs, and pedestrians. And you agree: the Somer-Vision plan we crafted as a community calls for 50% of our trips to be made by bike, walking, or transit by 2030.

Our efforts to make Somerville more bikeable have taken place in tandem with record increases in local bike commuters, which have more than doubled in the last decade. Since 2010, the City has painted 40 miles of bike lanes (space marked exclusively for bicyclists) and sharrows (road markings indicating a shared environment for bikes and vehicles). We have 2.75 miles of off-street paths, and we're working to extend the Community Path alongside the Green Line Extension. We've added hundreds of bike racks and strategically located bike corrals. And to help more residents, workers, and visitors put two wheels on the road, the City joined the bike-share program Hubway in 2012, and now has 12 stations and plans for four

#### more in 2017.

You've probably seen the painted green squares on the road at key intersections. Called "bike boxes," they allow bicyclists to line up ahead of motorists at a red light and get a safer head start once the light changes. They're new, so motorists need to learn how to give priority to bicyclists using them. We also started Somerville Neighborways, a community-driven pilot program on residential streets such as Willoughby Street, Spencer Avenue, and Madison Street. Bump-outs, pavement stencils, and public art reduce car speeds on these streets, giving priority to non-motorized users who want a low-stress alternative to their destinations. Our next big step in making Somerville safer for bicyclists takes place on Beacon Street, a route Amanda took regularly between her home and the Diesel in Davis Square. We have just begun a full-depth reconstruction of Beacon funded by MassDOT, and when it's finished it will have the city's first protected bicycle facility, an exclusive space for bicyclists that is physically separated from autos and pedestrians. Beacon Street is among the Commonwealth's busiest bike corridors; we've counted 500 bicyclists an hour during the commutes. We must design for their safe passage.

Bike and pedestrian access is also being improved at McGrath Highway, where complicated and congested intersections with Washington Street and Somerville Avenue have long discouraged walking and biking. New accessible curb ramps, new pedestrian signals, and new bike boxes and bike lanes will help break down the barriers separating East Somerville and Brickbottom from Union Square.

Somerville saw a decrease in bicycle-related crashes in 2015: 56 compared to 63 in 2014 and 75 in 2013. Half of the crashes involving bicycles last year resulted in an injury, compared to injuries in just 10% of crashes involving only vehicles. The laws of physics favor the motor vehicle operator, so we must do more to even the odds. Recently, some of our larger City trucks have become equipped with side guards, which prevent victims in bike and pedestrian crashes from falling under the vehicle.

Along with other Greater Boston mayors, our Board of Aldermen and our excellent state delegation, I'm pushing for legislation on Beacon Hill allowing municipalities to set their own speed limits instead of the state. Studies have shown that injuries from a crash are significantly less likely to be severe or fatal when a vehicle is traveling at 20 mph versus at the common speed limit for most city roadways of 30 mph. As more cyclists and pedestrians of all ages take to our roads, we should be allowed to calm traffic to protect them.

But engineering goes only so far. We also need education and, when necessary, enforcement.

Over the last two years the Somerville Police have not only strictly enforced serious traffic infractions, such as when cars cut off bicyclists, they are out on the streets actively working to educate drivers and bicyclists on how to share the road. Officers have stopped hundreds of travelers and handed out pamphlets as well as citations. They were stationed at some of the city's trouble spots for bicycle-vs.-vehicle crashes, like Beacon Street, Davis Square, Somerville Avenue, and Webster Avenue. And bicyclists running red lights are pulled over and warned or ticketed just like motorists.

We're also teaching our children how to navigate the streets. Every fifth-grader receives bicycle riding and safety training in physical education class, and pedestrian safety training is available to second-grade classes.

Getting the word out matters. Our police are taking life-saving, share-the-road information right to the commuters who need it most. Our planning staff have printed thousands of educational safety posters in four languages and distributed them through the public schools and other public buildings. The volunteers serving on our Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee work tirelessly to host monthly commuter breakfasts, happy hour "Bike Talk" lectures, and even hand out fliers to motorists waiting at red lights. New voices and volunteers are always welcome.

At the end of the day, we are a group of 80,000 neighbors, and each of us can commit to stay informed, alert, and responsible on our streets. As Mayor, I commit to you that the City will continue to redouble its efforts to promote safety and accessibility for all. Please be safe, be respectful, and remember the families and friends who are grieving Amanda Phillips and others like her in Somerville, Cambridge, Boston, and beyond.

# Senate passes omnibus energy bill

#### By Charles Lane

Last week Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) and her colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate voted to engross an omnibus energy bill to diversify the state's energy portfolio by procuring additional clean energy resources to replace aging power plants that are going offline and move the Commonwealth closer to its emissions reduction goals under the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act.

The bill, S. 2372 - An Act to promote energy diversity, re-

quires electric distribution companies to solicit long-term contracts for at least 2,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2027. Additionally, distribution companies would be required to purchase a minimum of 12,450,000 megawatt-hours of clean energy from hydropower and other resources such as onshore wind, solar, anaerobic digestion, and energy storage. An amendment to the bill, sponsored by Senator Jehlen and unanimously adopted by a vote of 39-0, prohibited the Department of Public Utilities

(DPU) from approving electric company contracts for pipeline capacity. The amendment would restrict energy suppliers from charging electric ratepayers to pay for the costs of natural gas pipeline expansion.

"Massachusetts ratepayers should not be subsidizing the corporate bottom line," said Senator Jehlen. "Residents from all over the Commonwealth came together, reached out to my colleagues and I, and told us that they did not want to be responsible for shielding electric companies from *Continued on page 17* 



# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



# **Our View Of The Times**



ers BBQ, Ward 7 (1-3 p.m.).

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

Saturday, August 16th at Mystic Development, Ward 4 (4-6 p.m.).

All walking events 4-6 p.m. For additional information contact John Norena at jnorena@teenempowerment.org.

We applaud the Somerville Police Department's collaboration with the Center for Teen Empowerment in implementing their "Walking Dialogues" program.

Police, youth and community members are invited to join in a series of and community social events. There will be multiple locations to share your thoughts and

#### **Newstalk** CONT. FROM PG 2

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

We wish a happy belated birthday to Mayor Joe Curtatone, who is now officially middle-aged. He turned 50 recently. Some of his closest friends threw him a birthday party way down on the cape. A few notables were invited, and we hear the party was nice.

\*\*\*\*\* There's a new website in town. Check

identify concerns for action.

This event brings law enforcement officers and teens together to dialogue and find common ground while fostering mutual respect.

As a reminder, future meeting are scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 19 at Dickerman Play-

ground, Ward 3.

Tuesday, July 26 at Trum Field, Ward 5. Tuesday, August 23 at Brown School, Ward 6.

Social events are also scheduled and include food and entertainment for residents:

Saturday, July 16 at Claredon Hill Tow-

the State Trooper and Environmental Police showing up at the WHYC? Or was it the part about it being against the rules of the WHYC to have more \*\*\*\*\*

than one boat at the club? Maybe it was the fact that the Executive Board at the WHYC did not do anything about it, even though they knew the mooring was illegal. Or was it about this perpetrator of illegal moorings using Mayor Joe Curtatone's name all around the club? You are right JACK, none of that is classy at all, but it is not our fault if we simply report the facts. Not to worry sioner Stan Koty needs to get down there and make sure the square gets cleaned. It'd be a shame for it to get a reputation as being dirty!

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

better than those sold at franchise places. Also, you can pick up a copy of The Somerville Times there as well.

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Local guy and business man Zachary Zasloff, who is SVP of www.shoebuy. com, was recently appointed by the mayor to the Condominium Board of Directors. He's a good guy who we know will bring new enthusiasm to that board. \*\*\*\*\*

Drop over to Sally O'Brien's any night and see live entertainment and, of course, get some great burgers. Lots of friend-

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

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Answer: This just in from a post on The Somerville Times website. From "JACK" at the Winter Hill Yacht Club - you know - The Winter Hill Yacht Club For Convicted Felons. We think JACK is a member, but who knows. Maybe he is the one who placed the illegal mooring in the river in front of the club. He said we weren't being classy when we told you all about the illegal mooring last week in Newstalk. We here at The Times are still trying to figure out where we were not being classy. Was it the part about

JACK, we will be keeping a close eye on the future happenings at the Winter Hill Yacht Club. After all, they are located on publicly owned land that we, the taxpayers, are paying for.

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The Somerville Times is in the process of putting out some more boxes, approximately 12 more in strategic places to make it more accessible. There will be some new boxes at Assembly Square as well. A list of boxes will be out with a map showing where you can get the paper, even outside the boxes. If you would like to see the paper at some location near you, call us at 617-666-4010.

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What's going on in Davis Square? The popular square is in need of cleaning and emptying of trash. DPW Commis-

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For the best coffee and Donuts again we hope you consider Demet's Donuts on Mystic Avenue in Medford. We need a real donut shop here in the Ville that is similar. Don't forget, their egg breakfast sandwiches are made fresh and much ly people there, and you can enjoy some good conversation and be entertained at the same time. The other night we tried their famous hamburger and fries that we have been hearing about, hands down the best anywhere in the city. Try them out you'll love them. By the way, if you like to play poker they have a tournament every Wednesday night as well. On Thursdays it's open mic for any bands that want to get up there and let people hear them. Liam is the best, he has something going every single night of the week!

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Next week's episode of America's Got Talent will feature a contestant from Somerville, Jon Bernhardt. The program airs Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on NBC.

# Somerville Celebrates the 4th!

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Photos by Claudia Ferro





# **SPORTS**

# 'OPENAIR Circus' is in full swing

#### By Kevin Dickinson

The OPENAIR Circus is a Somerville based non-profit organization, offering classes for children in the summer, workshops for children and adults, and performance opportunities for its students.

As a community based organization, the OPENAIR Circus works to encourage neighborhood participation in the arts, and to promote leadership and self-esteem for children and teens.

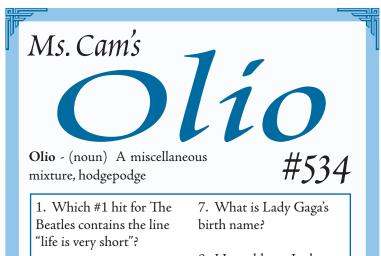
Students have performed in Somerville's ArtBeat Parade and Spice of Life Festival, Cambridge's Riverfest, Caribbean Carnival and Summer in the City Program, Boston's First Night Parade and Harvest Festival, WGBH's Ice Cream Festival, and King Richard's Faire in Carver, MA.

From the end of June through the end of July they teach circus and performing skills in a non-competitive atmosphere. Classes are one hour long in the afternoon. For more information about their summer program go to http://www.openaircircus. org/index.asp.





— Photos by Kevin Dickinson



2. Who was the first group to hold the top two US and UK album places on the week of release?

3. What's the only US

8. How old was Lady Gaga when she wrote her first piano ballad?

9. What is the oldest soft drink in the US?



state to border Maine?

4. What two countries border the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere?

5. Who invaded Afghanistan in 1979?

trained for which profession although he didn't

6. Giorgio Armani

qualify?

10. If you suffer from cynanthropy what do you think you are?

11. What U.S. president advised, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen"?

12. What country maintained an official state of emergency from 1933 to 1945?

Answers on page 17

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# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Saying Good-Bye to Plastic Shopping Bags

#### By Laura Onyeneho

In November 2015, the Somerville Board of Alderman approved a ban on plastic shopping bags to encourage solid waste reduction, protect marine environment, and waterways. Once the ban begins, retail establishments will have to find alternatives to plastic shopping bags at checkout points.

The ordinance will be implemented in a two-tier roll out beginning September 1st for businesses of more than 10,000 square feet, and December 1st for smaller retail establishments.



The city held two information sessions for business owners at city hall in May. Maxwell MacCarthy, Urban Revitalization Specialist for the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning told Somerville Neighborhood News the city's goal is to help business owners reach compliance, not punish them.

"If an inspector sees that you are using plastic bags that are not allowed under the ordinance, you'll first get a warning," he said, "They give you 14 days to comply. If you have another complaint or some issue, it will be a \$50 fine and then it will escalate to a hundred."

James Kontos owner of McKinnon's Meat Market in Davis Square, is preparing for the December deadline. He recently found himself on the consumer side of a similar ban. "I was at Staples the other day to pick up some stuff in Cambridge, and they told me that I had to pay for the bag. Ten cents," he said,"I hope the customers are receptive to that."

Cambridge recently became the largest municipality in Massachusetts to pass a plastic bag ban ordinance. Customers have the option to bring their own reusable bags or pay ten cents for a paper bag at check out. In Somerville, paper bags will be offered free of charge.

Porter Square Books in Cambridge has received some backlash due to the ban, but not from local residents. "The only time we get push back is sometimes from people who are from out of town," said bookseller Jessica Jordan, "If people come from Texas or something and they're like 'I'm buying four books and I can't get a bag?"

Joe Amaral, Store Manager of Market Basket on Somerville Ave. says the supermarket will be offering customers alternatives at check out. "We provide the boxes at the checkout areas, so they can have those free," he said. "We still provide the paper bags, so those are free. So it isn't like your hands are tied, there are a couple of options."

Many larger stores already have reusable shopping bags for sale and some offer discounts for bringing your own bags.

You can watch SNN online at somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or Tuesdays

# SomerMovie Fest 2016

Get ready to laugh this summer. Somerville City Cable has curated a Somer-Movie Fest line up full of comedies. *Spaceballs* kicks off the series on Thursday, July 7 at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square. The series continues as follows:

The Peanuts Movie – July 14, Seven Hills Park, Davis Square

Napoleon Dynamite – July 21, Perry Park, Washington Street

Airplane – July 28, Nathan Tufts Park, Powderhouse Square

The Seven Year Itch – August 4, Baxter Park, Assembly Row

– August 11, Hodgkins Park, Holland Street

Zootopia – August 18, Seven Hills Park, Davis Square

Viewer's Choice\* – August 25, Seven Hills Park, Davis Square \*Vote at SomervilleMA.gov/MovieFest





at 7:00 p.m. on SCATV Ch.3.

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led a failed attack on Quebec in which he was wounded. He was promoted to Brigadier General at this time, but he expected more.

In the battle of Saratoga, Arnold fearlessly led an attack in which he was again wounded. After recuperating, he returned to the Army at Valley Forge where he was greeted as a hero. A trusting General Washington honored him with a promotion and gave him command of the fortress at West Point. It was here that he committed treason by attempting to surrender West Point to the British.

Notwithstanding this, he is remem-

bered for one redeeming consideration. He took great care for the family of his briefly known friend Joseph Warren. At the time of his death, General Warren was a widower with four children. Benedict Arnold gave 500 pounds for their education and successfully petitioned Congress to pay for their welfare until the youngest was of age.

Despite the honors bestowed upon him, he betrayed his country. He died in England on June 14, 1801, America's Flag Day, with his name forever branded as a traitor against our flag ... a man without a country. **The Norton Group Real Estate** 

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

> LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, July 13, 2016</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 Allen Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-68) Applicant and Owner, John E. Langwig, seeks Special Permits to increase the number of dwelling units from one to three under SZO §7.11.1.b, substantially alter a non-conforming structure under SZO §4.4.1, and parking relief under SZO §9.13. RB zone. Ward 2.

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

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

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

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



Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installation at Various Developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new shower surrounds, plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost **\$90,000.00** 



#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on <u>Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 6:30</u> <u>PM</u>, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of the JN Phillips Company Inc., dba JN Phillips Auto Glass, for a Garage License at 47 Webster Avenue, for repairing vehicles, for 5 vehicles stored inside and 3 vehicles stored outside, operating Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday 8AM-2PM, Sunday Closed.



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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from general contractors for the Highland Gardens Somerville Hot water heater replacement at 114 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts, 02143, in accordance with the documents prepared by Consulting Engineering Services, LLC.

The project consists of: Removal of the existing 700 gallon hot water indirect tank and replace it with (3) 119 gallon indirect hot water tanks, connect to the existing cold, hot and hot water return piping systems in the basement mechanical room. Work shall be limited to the basement mechanical room. Existing boilers and boiler pumps shall be existing to remain replacement of the recirculation pump and the addition of a tempering/mixing valve shall be added. Work has to be completed in such a way that the hot water system is down for one day.

The estimated cost of the project is: \$30,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

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

#### General bids will be received until 2:00p.m on Thursday, July 20, 2016 and publicly opened online forthwith.

All bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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

Bid forms and Contact documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested).

There is a plan deposit of \$25.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$25.00

A prebid meeting will be held at Highland Gardens, 114 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143 on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or requested for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Brian Langton at (617) 635-1152 Ext 331 or Email at <u>brianl@sha-web.org</u>.

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

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General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2016** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

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

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bids can also be obtained electronically by contacting Gabriel Ciccariello at <u>gabec@sha-web.org</u>

A prebid meeting will be held at The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on <u>Monday July 18, 2016</u> at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at <u>6:00PM</u> on the application of Soba Ya, LLC d/b/a Sugidama for an All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License at 260 Elm St., Suite #106, Somerville, MA

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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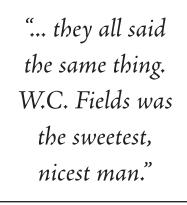
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# The Somerville Times — Preserving a legendary film legacy

of Congress it would still be in boxes," Dr. Fields jokes.

Dr. Fields has done professional work in Rwanda, and in her travels there she had occasion to participate in some special screenings of her grandfather's work for film students, young people who had lived through terrible experiences of genocide and political upheaval. During a screening of It's A Gift, Dr. Fields was taken by how much laughter the film evoked. "I asked them, what made you laugh throughout the film, and they said, 'W.C. Fields is kind. The film is about family life. It's about reality. W.C. Fields is patient, he never gets angry.' And I though to myself, this is profound because they're really talking about themselves. That country could have turned angry, but their model of reconciliation is to do better, to move forward, and all work together. And they saw that insight in W.C. Fields. Without a doubt, W.C. Fields' work and art through humor is timeless. And I think more so than anyone."



Dr. Fields confirms that W.C. was indeed a kind and generous man. "We've talked with some of the people he performed with, like Margaret Hamilton and Grady Sutton and others, and they all said the same thing. W.C. Fields was the sweetest, nicest man."



### Senate passes omnibus energy bill

risk by paying for the construction of gas pipelines."

In 2015, DPU determined that an electric company can assess a surcharge on rate payers to construct gas pipelines under Ch. 164 § 94A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Attorney General disagreed with DPU's interpretation of the law, believing that § 94A included no such power and, further, that a pipeline is unnecessary based on the amount of energy Massachusetts uses and needs. Jehlen's amendment reinforced the Attorney General's interpretation by clarifying that electric companies cannot force rate payers to pay for gas pipelines under § 94A. "The inclusion of this amendment in the final Senate bill speaks volumes about the power of community advocacy and our constituents' ability to impact policy," continued Jehlen. "I'm very proud that the Senate took strong action to protect ratepayers in our state from subsidizing the corporate bottom line and I hope that it is adopted in the final conference committee report."

The bill also increases the percentage of renewable energy that must be purchased by retail electric suppliers under the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) from an additional 1% annually to an additional 2% annually beginning in 2017, putting the state on track to reach an energy mix of 37% renewables by 2030. The bill also supports fuel cell and waste-to-energy technology by including them in the Alconsider setting appropriate targets for distribution companies to procure cost-effective energy storage systems by 2020.

Additional provisions of S. 2372 include:

• Directing DOER to study the need to modernize the electric grid with the goal of reducing demand, reducing energy costs to ratepayers, integrating distributed energy resources, reducing carbon emissions, and

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nificant environmental impact when construction on a public way exposes such a leak, and directing DPU to investigate specific criteria for the identification of the environmental impact of gas leaks; and

• Establishing an Oil Heat Energy Efficiency Fund into which funds are deposited and expended for providing financial incen-

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Part of what Dr. Fields and her siblings inherited among W.C.'s memorabilia was comments on his scripts. "He was always defending what he thought were the lines the public would laugh at," she says. "He was always really fighting with producers and directors because he maintained the integrity of his art, and he believed in that. And I admire that as well.

Dr. Harriet A. Fields, the only granddaughter of W.C. Fields, currently teaches Health Care Policy, but is an ardent advocate for her grandfather's legacy.

Dr. Fields also has high praise for her collaborator, accompanist Jeff Rapsis, a regular participant in events at the Somerville Theatre. "To me, there's about a half dozen people throughout the world who have this talent. They'll look at a silent film – sometimes they've never seen it before – and they will have the piano or organ in front of them, or they're with an orchestra, and they can pick up the sense and the emotions of what's going on and from their brain to their fingers, to the piano. And then it comes to the audience and it's just such a joy. It really enhances the experience of watching silent films. It's lovely."

Silents Please, the W.C. Fields double-feature presentation with guest speaker Dr. Harriet A. Fields, with musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, takes place on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Sq., Somerville. Admission is \$15 adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

Please visit www.wcfields.com for more information about the life and legacy of W.C. Fields.

> tives for residential and small business demand-side management programs that improve energy efficiency and reduce oil consumption for residential and commercial customers.

> The bill will now be reconciled with the House version though a conference committee to work out the differences between the two bills.

ternative Portfolio Standard. The bill would expand the use

of the MassSave program, a highly successful home energy efficiency assessment program available for free to residents, which also offers significant rebates for energy efficient updates to homes. The bill further establishes a task force to develop recommendations for a next-generation energy efficiency program to be implemented at the expiration of the current 3-year efficiency plans.

Investments in energy storage help to maximize the value of new clean energy generation and reduce costs to consumers during peak energy usage. To that end, the bill tasks DOER to enhancing reliability and resiliency;

• Creating a small hydropower tariff program for hydropower facilities with 2MW capacity or less. Distribution companies would pay the facility monthly for electricity provided to the grid, with an aggregate capacity of 50 MW;

• Clarifying the authority of the Attorney General's Office of Ratepayer Advocacy to intervene in DPU proceedings, and, in exercising such authority, may retain experts and obtain information from companies subject to DPU's jurisdiction;

• Requiring gas distribution companies to repair grade 3 leaks identified as having a sig-

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### •••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|July 6

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

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

#### Thursday|July 7

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

East Branch Library Lego Club 3:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library** Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Computer Programming for High Schoolers 6 p.m.-8 p.m./79 Highland Ave

#### Friday|July 8

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

East Branch Library Fun Friday: Story and Craft! 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### **Monday|July 11** Central Library Creative Drama for Kids 4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday|July 12

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

**Central Library** Books and Ballet Basics with Ann 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|July 13

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

**Central Library** Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|July 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room 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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

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

#### **Thursday|July 7** Sally O'Brien's BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

The Burren Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Silver Arrow Band|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge James Walker Front and Turner Brayzen Youth August Is Ours 345 Somerville Ave

666-3589

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road Chameleon Culture (Folk/Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at the Armory Café 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | July 8 Sally O'Brien's Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents The IV, The Humble Cheaters, VAT \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 **The Burren** Backroom Series: Kevin So, Shawn Taylor|7 p.m. Ripcord|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Burning Satellites 9177 **Casey's** 

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Thunder Road

Booty Vortex (Funk/Disco)|6 p.m. Crush – A Tribute To The Dave Matthews Band|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Ivardenshere, Cyanotic,& Iszoloscope 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Saturday|July 9

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Big Giant, John Powhida International Airport \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Backroom Series Rakiya - World Music of the Balkans|7 p.m. Spitting Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Grow The Scene Presents: Summer Breakout Matinee|2 p.m. Mallcops|8 p.m. oldsoul Ultra City Vivid, Complex 345 Somerville Ave

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

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Thunder Road Luther "Guitar JR" Johnson (Blues)|6 p.m. Scope & Figure (Indie/Rock)|9 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Sharon Knight & Winter Live! 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|July 10 Sally O'Brien's Bar Bucky & The Titanium Hipsters |6 Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Monday|July 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|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|6 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Tuesday|July 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar TBA

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

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

**PA's Lounge** Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. Back Room

Backroom Series: Mally Smith & Julia Mark|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Max Clark A Dangerous Affair Fiona Corinne Andrew O'keeffe Stains of a Sunflower 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

#### CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|July 6

Central Library Ibbetson Street Press Poetry Reading and Potluck 6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|July 7 East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Family Yoga Story Time with Erin

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. 79 Highland

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

weekly to discuss their work

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

First Church Somerville

Saturday|July 9

**Central Library** 

**Bagel Bards** 

Holland St

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Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

p.m.

Thaddeus Merritt Trio|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### PJ Ryan's

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m. Sonny & the Sunsets 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|July 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren** Front Room Exile on Elm 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

#### Monday|July 11

Sunday July 10

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

#### Central Library

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

#### Tuesday|July 12

**Central Library** Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|July 13

**Central Library** Income Inequality Reading Group 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

#### All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street \*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 \*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on

Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

buffet. Cruise historic Gloucester harbor on board the Beauport Princess. The Beauport Princess has two dance floors, three full service bars, an open-air top deck and comfortable indoor seating. Includes New England Clam Chowder, steamed 1-1/4 lb. lobster (limit 1 per person but all other menu items are all you can eat), grilled barbeque chicken breast, corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, cole slaw and dessert. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you need additional information.

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

The Norman Rockwell Museum & Parker's Maple Barn – Tuesday, August 16 – A fee of \$80 includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, admission to Norman Rockwell Museum, lunch at Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Tampa & Orlando – Monday to Monday, September 12 to 19 – 8 days & 7 nights – A fee of \$1099 / pp double or \$1435 / pp single includes deluxe motor coach transportation with 2 nights stopover accommodations en route, 2 nights in beautiful Tampa, 3 nights in exciting Orlando, 5 sumptuous dinners, 3 day Disney Park Hopper Pass includes The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, MGM and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The BBQ at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, August 22nd is SOLD OUT.

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

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

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information. Monday, August 15th – Safety Seminar Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th – LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

#### STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### Mondays:

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

#### **Tuesdays**:

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Exercise
\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

#### Wednesday|July 6

11:30 – 12:30 Forming Friendships (H)

#### Thursday|July 7

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, C)
12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Friday|July 8

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

#### Monday|July 11

9:00 Gardening Club (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 – 11:30 Social Service Drop In Hours (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

The Hay Day of the Big Bands & Pop Goes The

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

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

**Gloucester Harbor Cruise & Lobsterbake** – Thursday, July 28 – For a \$82 dollar fee you will receive motorcoach transportation, harbor cruise and a lobsterbake \*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming LGBTQ Events: Monday, July 18th – Ice Cream Social Vine to Wine

#### Tuesday|July 12

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Yoga (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### Wednesday|July 13

11:30 – 12:30 Forming Friendships (H)

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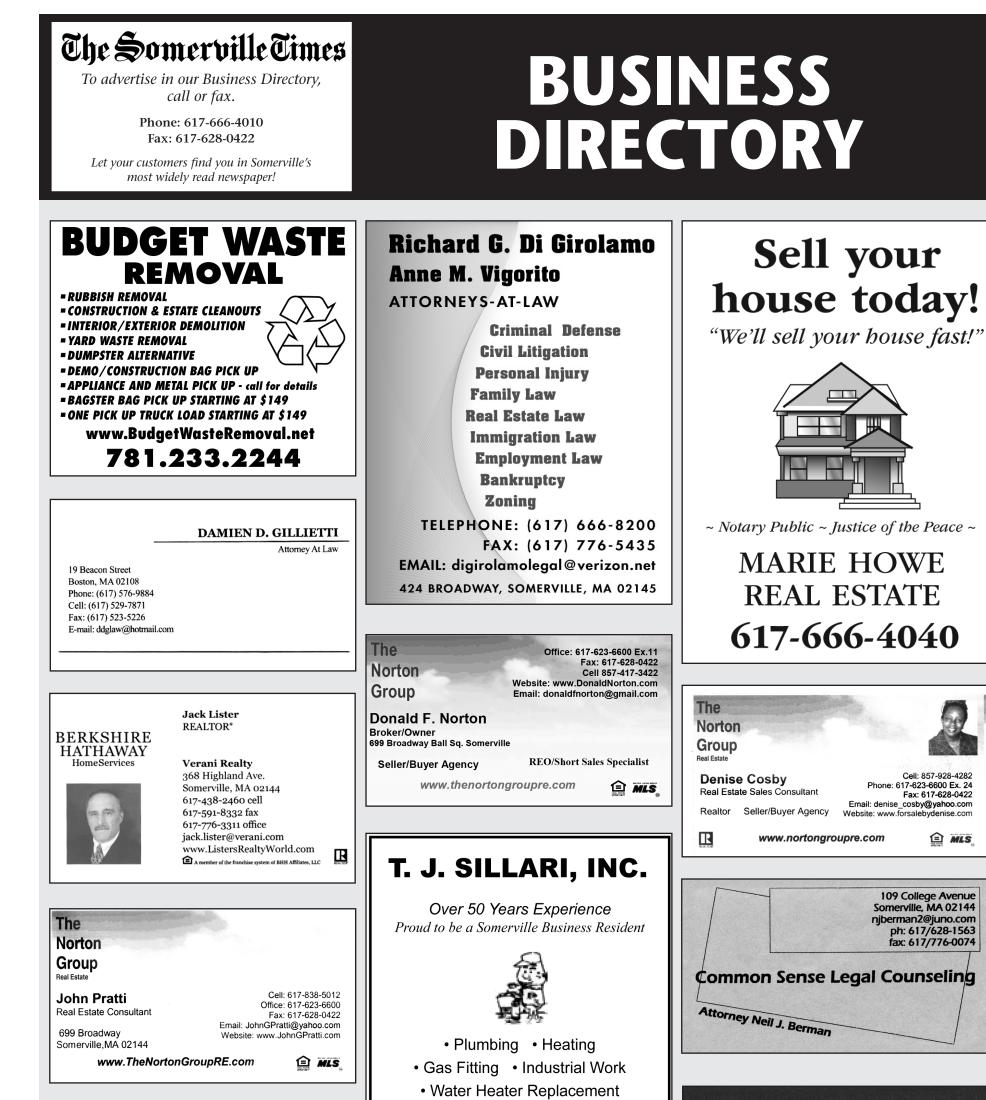
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Wednesday	, July 6	1:20pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016	11:30pm	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"	Monday, J	uly 11
9:00am	History of Somerville Lumber	2:05pm	Congressional Update	12:35pm	Congressional Update	12:00am	Senior Circuit "LGBTQ Programs"
10:00am	St. Catherine's Church Tour	2:36pm	SomerViva en Español	1:06pm	History of Somerville Lumber	12:30am	Independence Day & Fireworks
12:00pm	Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour	6:30pm	Independence Day & Fireworks	1:52pm	Taste of Somerville	3:30am	The Mayor's Report
1:30pm	Congressional Update	8:52pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:18pm	Family Fun Day	9:00am	SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016
2:01pm	Taste of Somerville	10:25pm	SomerViva en Español	6:30pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:00pm	Budget FY2017 Public Hearing 6.21.16
2:30pm	LGBTQ Flag Raising	Friday, Jul	ly 8	7:30pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards	6:00pm	Independence Day & Fireworks
2:40pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00am	Memorial Day Parade 2016	9:01pm	Independence Day & Fireworks	8:00pm	SomerViva em Português
3:00pm	The Mayor's Report	2:03am	2016 Historic Preservation Awards	Sunday, Jul	y 10	8:30pm	Congressional Update
5:30pm	History of Somerville Lumber	9:00am	Independence Day & Fireworks	12:00am	Porchfest 2016	9:01pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
6:16pm	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	St. Catherine's Church Tour	12:46am	SomerViva Haitian Creole	9:30pm	Connecting Communities - Boathouse
6:55pm	Census 2016 PSA	12:48pm	History of Somerville Lumber	1:10am	Haitian Flag Day Celebration	10:00pm	St. Catherine's Church Tour
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### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

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9:00am	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation 2016
10:00am	Kennedy School Spring Concert
11:00am	SHS Multicultural Fair
12:00pm	Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night
2:30pm	Connecting Communities - The Boathouse
3:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016
4:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball
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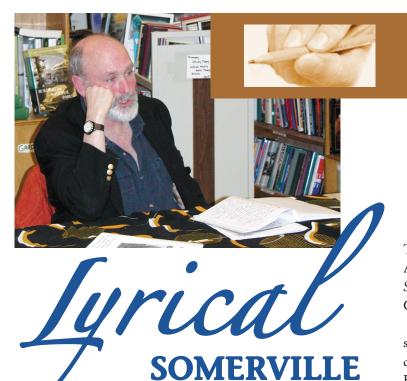
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9:30am	SHS Cheer Highlights 2015-16
10:00am	Healey Grades 4-8 Instrumental Concert
11:00am	Somerville School Day Games 2016
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### **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

# **Steve Glines:** Winner of the Ibbetson Street Press Lifetime Achievement Award

The Ibbetson Street Press Lifetime Achievement Award was started back in 2003 as part of *The Somerville News Writers Festival* that Timothy Gager and I founded (it ended in 2010).

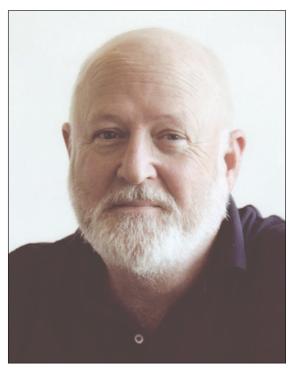
Since the award's inception, we have awarded such literary figures as Robert Pinsky, Afaa Michael Weaver, Louisa Solano, Jack Powers, Robert K. Johnson, Sam Cornish, Gloria Mindock and Harris Gardner for their writing, but more importantly for their lifetime of contributions to the literary community.

Steve Glines, a founding member of Somerville's Bagel Bards, publisher, editor and designer, fits perfectly in this template. Steve has designed countless magazines and books for the Ibbetson Street Press, the Bagel Bards, and the Wilderness House Press, often donating his time for free – though he now gets a small stipend twice a year because of the Ibbetson Street's affiliation with Endicott College.

He has been instrumental in publishing books for Ibbetson Street, the Endicott College Young Poet Series, and has birthed many books for the fledgling and established author. In the 70s Steve had a print shop in Harvard Square. He worked for *Sail* magazine for a while, and later in the high tech industry – both writing columns and consulting – and wrote a highly touted text on Unix, an ancient computer operating system.

He also founded the Wilderness House Literary retreat in Littleton, Mass, which during its short life hosted poets and writers such as Robert Creeley, Lois Ames, Afaa Michael Weaver, Kathleen Spivack, Hallie Ephron and others.

Steve's participation in the poetry scene dates back to his friendship with Gordon Carnie (the



original owner of the Grolier Poetry Book Shop in Harvard Square) that has since passed hands from Louisa Solano to Ifeanyi Menkiti. Steve has been a regular at Stone Soup Poets, and befriended the founder the late Jack Powers for many years.

For myself, I couldn't have done all that I do without the steady hand of Steve Glines. His encouragement, his skills as a writer and a graphic designer, his friendship, have given me the confidence to keep on keeping on. And I think many people in our community of small press writers and poets can say the same thing.

Glines will be presented with the award July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ibbetson Street Press Issue 39 reading at the Somerville Public Library, Central Branch.

### Rhett Miller of the Old 97's at ONCE Somerville with Syd Straw supporting

Though they have both been influential in the alt-country scene for years, Rhett Miller of the Old 97s has never met backing and solo vocalist, Syd Straw. The pairing of these two fantastic, country influence songwriters promises to deliver an evening of musical greatness.

Rhett Miller has been playing in touring bands (most notably, The Old 97's) for the better part of 20 years. This fact alone certainly qualifies him as someone allowed to title his latest solo album titled The Traveler, which will be released on May 12th.

Poet John E. Howard writes: "I was born and raised in Maine, going on 6 years living in Somerville, a Professional Counselor and Coach by training, a mentor, husband and teacher. Poetry, among other things, can be a great balancer in a world often bent on distraction or self-destruction."



#### Unspoken

Broken bodies hit the ground Blood around, crying, tears- pop, pop! Pop! Bodies lined up on the floor, Gunman keeping score, runaway malice This is what hate looks like, Smiling lovers gunned down in the early morning Dance floors stopped by bullets flying Young, Latino, gay, friends dying.

Yield to the American terrorist, That maven of social media, Consuming culture, motivated by his selfie-15 minutes Of infamy-poser infidel, steady aim, unhinged, No gain.

Tragedy breeds solidarity, leads to women Standing shirtless to stop the bleeding, breeds Politicians sparring Over the meaning of the massacre, gun laws, No pause.

Busted bodies on the ground, spirits unleashed, Normally quiet, filling the air with sound-Love more dormant in the city of Orlando now On parade, awkwardly limping, wounded Yet impassioned, nobody laughing.

Long love propping up a grieving mother, Son lost with his lover, and the stories roll on One after another- Angel, Juan, Chris, Luis, Stanley, Edward, Eric, Kimberly, Akrya, Alejandro, Anthony, And Mercedez- among many others, brothers, sisters, Amigos, lovers.

Spirits unbroken, messy, necessary love, humbling Unknown token, nothing but his name unspoken.

— John E. Howard

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu Although the album was written and performed by Miller he also had some help, most notably by the members of Black Prairie, a band based in Portland that plays everything from bluegrass to klezmer to country and shares members with the Decemberists. The band (Black Prairie) entered the studio with the singer (Rhett Miller) and briskly recorded the songs that make up this album (The Traveler). Additional guitar work was also added by Peter Buck and Scott McCaughey of REM.

The daughter of actor Jack Straw, Syd Straw began her career singing backup for Pat Benatar, then took her distinct voice to the indie/alternative scene and joined the Golden Palominos (also including Michael Stipe, Matthew Sweet, and Anton Fier). She released her first album, Surprise, in 1989, and a second album, War and Peace, appeared in 1996. In 2008, she released a third album, entitled Pink Velour, on her own label, Earnester Records.

A frequent backup singer and contributor to duets with other musicians, Straw has also maintained an intermittent acting career, appearing on the television shows The Adventures of Pete & Pete and Tales of the City. Syd Straw can be heard singing harmony and backing vocals on the Rickie Lee Jones albums Traffic From Paradise and The Evening of My Best Day. She is also featured on Leo Kottke's Peculiaroso.

In 1994, Straw teamed up with Wilco to contribute the song "The T.B. Is Whipping Me" to the AIDS benefit album Red Hot + Country.

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 p.m. at ONCE Somerville, 156 Highland Ave, Somerville. \$20 - \$25



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