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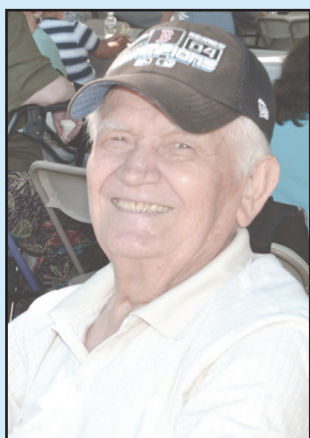
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Green lights granted for Wynn Boston Harbor construction



After years of site preparation and regulatory litigation, the Wynn Boston Harbor resort is finally beginning to take form in Everett.

By Jim Clark

Wynn Resorts announced last Wednesday that it has officially received its Chapter 91 license from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and will immediately start construction on the \$2.1 billion Wynn Boston Harbor resort.

"After three years and one of the most thorough licensing and environmental review processes in the history of Massachusetts, Wynn Boston Harbor has its license in hand and will begin construction. Hiring and building starts tomorrow," said Robert DeSalvio, President of Wynn Boston Harbor. "That's good news for 4,000 union construction workers, their families, and all the local businesses and nearby communities who will benefit from our \$2.1 billion project."

More than 15 cranes have been moved to the site and more than 500 union *Continued on page 4*

A nice 'Night Out' in Somerville

By Charles Lane

On Thursday, August 2, Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) partnered with the City of Somerville, Somerville Police Department, the National Association of Town Watch, and Target, Inc. hosted National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime."

The event took place at Foss Park and included Police and Fire Department demonstrations, participation by city officials, live performances, prizes, activities for all ages, and displays from over 30 local city organizations.

National Night Out is a great way to unite the community in an effort to improve the safety of neighborhoods and heighten drug and crime prevention. Join us on to build spirit within the community, improve partnerships between neighborhoods and police, and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships *Continued on page 12*



Somerville's 2016 celebration of National Night out took place last Thursday at Foss Park.

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Dilboy Stadium on the Alewife is once again hosting the **5th Annual Fight Night at Dilboy**, Friday evening, August 19. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. First bout at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth. Children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission. Tickets can be purchased at the **Somerville Boxing Club**, 11 Otis Street, or at the door the night of the event. Rain date August 20.

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament for the John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund will be held this year once again at the **Falmouth Country Club** in Falmouth, MA. Saturday, September 10. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to play or sponsor go on-line to www.johns-team.org for all the information regarding this excellent fundraiser for a worthy cause.

Coming up shortly, in September on the 13th, **DISCOVER ...** East Somerville's best-kept culinary secrets at 15+ restaurants. From 14 Broadway to 192, join the 2016 Participants: **Maya Sol, Casey's, Connexion, Fasika, Rincon Mexicano, Taco Loco, Los Paisanos, East End Grille, Vinny's, Ola Cafe, La Brasa, Tapatío, Gauchao, Blanca's, Deano's Pasta, Joe's Liquors, Amigos Market**, and more!

This Thursday at 6:00 p.m. or so at the **Visiting Nurses Association** on Lowell Street (up on the third floor) the city's **Condominium Review Board** will be meeting to discuss a new proposed regulation that is being considered. Some say it's a form of Back Door Rent Control here in the city. Apparently the administration, along with certain alderman – in particular **Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang** – as well as the **Somerville Community Corp.**, are in favor of it. We heard that the regulation will try and severely limit the sale of homes here in the city. If you sell a home and it's empty at closing the person buying it must keep it empty for a year, if you're intending on converting it to a condo. Or if you want approval by the Condo Board, you must give your tenants one or even two years notice you're going to do so. If you support it or are against it, show up at the meeting this Thursday evening and have your voice heard.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *City considers regulation of 'Airbnb'*

airedalewoofer says:

You'd think one Somerville politician would acknowledge that paying \$50 for an airbnb is better than paying \$300 for a hotel room. And that less than one hundred airbnbs per square mile in Somerville doesn't affect the housing market in significant ways. But, no-pant, pant, pant-tax and regulate.

Penny says:

A quick search on the Air BnB website brings up plenty being advertised in Somerville. I found a few that advertise free on-street parking with use of their guest pass. I can see Air BnB as a cheap alternative to hotels and I have stayed in a few that were very nice when travelling. However, I do see a problem with them being in residential neighborhoods, especially since the neighbors are unaware of them. Also, using residential parking permits to enhance their business is unfair to the hundreds who pay for business parking permits in the city.

MarketMan says:

I understand the concerns from the "legitimate" hotel/bnbs. I undersand the concern from the residents. But I have to say that airbnb provides a great service, not just to property owners but to travelers AND residents. I have used it while traveling. It's often cheaper, but not always. But also, they generally offer customers residential style living. I enjoy this for 2 reasons. You live like a local while you are there, and it's easier for me to travel with my family (access to multiple bedrooms and kitchen w/o luxury price). As a resident, I also like having access to airbnb units nearby. We have lots of family and friends that visit often throughout the year, and we often don't have enough space in our condo to host them. It's nice to be able to get an airbnb down the block for them and treat that as an extension of our home.

Response to: *Cyclists and motorists share frustrations*

A Moore says:

We are probably pretty much at the best we will coexist as human behavior will allow. I remember registering my bike with the police here in Somerville. Although I do believe that bikers should be registered and have insurance and be responsible for their actions as well. As for trucks since I have biked and driven truck I know enough to stay away from them. There are too many blind spots and trucks have to make difficult patterns to make turns. Best to avoid that problem. My own brother just got a metal pelvis from a tractor trailer. More enforcement may help a tad but I don't see this as solvable.

Freebie says:

It cuts both ways, the number of motorist violations I see in Union Square every day is staggering.

Genie Geronimo says:

I commuted through Boston by bike for 4 years. While vehicles obviously have the potential to do the most damage, that risk can be seriously reduced by careful riding. But the most aggravating and difficult to anticipate threats – and the only collisions I ever had – were with jaywalking pedestrians. They would routinely step right out in front of me, assuming I'd see them in time to yield so they could continue to break the law. I believe most pedestian injuries in the city could be avoided if pedestrians didn't jaywalk and used a little common sense. The most significant improvement in pedestrian safety would occur if the police enforced existing jaywalking laws (and the city / state updated the fine from \$1).

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John Connolly

West Nile Virus risk in Somerville elevated to moderate

By Tom Bannister

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting that mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus, a potentially serious disease spread by mosquito bites, have been found in Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Chelsea, Newton, and Waltham this season.

No mosquito samples in Somerville have tested positive for the virus this year. However, Somerville and the communities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, and Winthrop are now considered to be at moderate risk for West Nile Virus.

The forecasted conditions (rain and continued warmth) are conducive to further spread of the virus across the area. Ongoing mosquito trapping in the area will monitor for evidence of additional risk. August and September are usually the periods of greatest West Nile Virus activity in Massachusetts.

What can you do to prevent mosquito-borne illness?

Avoid Mosquito Bites

• Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors:

Use a repellent with DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concen-

trations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

• Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours:

The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

• Wear Clothing that will cover your body:

Clothing can help reduce mosquito from having access to your skin. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

• Reduce Mosquito Breeding Areas

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in still or stagnant water found in catch basins, roof gutters clogged with leaves, old tires, flower pots, bird baths, swimming pool covers, buckets, cans, barrels, and other places where water can be trapped. You can greatly reduce the city's mosquito population by removing mosquito breeding areas on your property.

• Empty or treat any items that hold water, such as flower pots, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, cans, and barrels. Do not leave water bowls outside for your animals when they are inside; empty the bowl when



Mosquito-borne illness can be avoided by following a few simple safety precautions, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

not being used.

• Clean rain gutters, leaves in downspouts, and pooled water on flat roofs. Remember to use caution when you clean out these items.

• Remove containers that may hold water in places that are hard to see, such as under bushes, porches, decks, or stairs.

Learn About Mosquito-borne Illness

• What is Mosquito-borne illness?

Mosquito-borne illness is illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

In the Northeastern United States, it is usually caused by viruses such as West Nile Virus

(WNV) or Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV). There is a low risk of WNV infection following a mosquito bite. Most people bitten by infected mosquitoes experience no illness or only mild illness, but a small number of people can develop more serious disease.

• How is it spread?

Mosquito-borne illness is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

• Am I at risk of becoming sick from mosquito bites?

The time of the year when mosquitoes are most active and most likely to carry disease is between late July and late September, but if the weather re-

mains warm, the risk period can extend as late as November. People at higher risk for developing serious symptoms from WNV are those over age 50, however EEEV can cause serious illness in any age group.

• What should I do if I get bitten by a mosquito?

Mosquito-borne illness is very rare in Somerville. Most mosquitoes don't carry viruses that cause human illness, and the risk of illness following a mosquito bite is small. However, you should see your doctor immediately if you develop high fever, confusion, severe headache, stiff neck, or if your eyes become sensitive to light.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Suspected pill pusher put out of business

The Somerville Police Drug Control Unit set up a routine surveillance was in the area of the Otis Street Playground last Friday in response to citizen complaints of suspected drug activities taking place in the area.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. a suspicious looking vehicle parked at the corner of Dana St. and Otis St.

A police database query identified the registered owner of the car as Starling Pichardo.

Further inquiry revealed that Pichardo had a criminal record on file. Officers made a visual identification of the driver of the vehicle as being Pichardo, based on a photo provided via the database query.

Police records also indicated that he resided on Otis St., and this was confirmed when he exited his vehicle and proceeded to enter a nearby residence.

Officers noted that he had been talking to someone on

his cell phone prior to exiting his vehicle.

Pichardo reportedly came back out of his residence shortly thereafter and again was speaking to someone on his cell phone. He then entered his vehicle and drove away.

Police maintained a rolling surveillance as Pichardo eventually made his way to the corner of Sycamore and Forster St.

Officers watched as Pichardo reportedly flagged down a vehi-

cle, then entered the passenger side for a short time.

According to reports, the vehicle headed down Forster St. for a short distance then stopped, whereupon Pichardo exited and began walking back to his own vehicle. Police suspected that a street level drug transaction had just taken place.

As Pichardo began to drive away, officers stopped him for questioning. Police noted that he was clutching six \$100 dollar

bills in his hand.

The driver of the other vehicle was also stopped and a baggie containing 30 pills identified as Percocet were located inside the vehicle. The driver reportedly told police that he had bought the pills from Pichardo for \$600.

Pichardo was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class B drug, and drug violation near a school.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Frederick Deminico, of 402 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, August 3, 5:09 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on warrant

charges of trespassing and attempt to commit a crime.

Peter Prado, of 21 Better Way, Springfield, August 5, 2:35 p.m., arrested at McGrath

Hwy. on warrant charges of nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle and larceny under \$250.

Starling Pichardo, of 56 Otis

St., August 5, 5:49 p.m., arrested at Forster St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class B drug, and drug violation near a school.

Michael McLeod, of 17 Court St., Boston, August 5, 9:24 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on a warrant charge of larceny by check under \$250.

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Green lights granted for Wynn Boston Harbor construction

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workers are expected to be working daily on the 33-acre development soon after full construction starts.

Five challenges to the development were made by the City of Somerville over the past few years, including one questioning the gaming license granted to the project in 2014. The remaining lawsuits primarily focused on the environmental impact of the casino on the general area, including the City of Somerville.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone contended that the resort's impact on the area would be significant and that policing and traffic regulation issues would be severely impacted.

Steve Wynn, CEO of Wynn Resorts Limited, has characterized Curtatone's efforts as "selfish" and has steadfastly resolved to see the project through to completion.

At Thursday's hearing, both sides questioned one another's expert witnesses, consultants and representatives.

In June of this year, it was estimated that the cost of the legal actions against the Wynn complex has run in excess of \$400,00

at that point in time.

The final license award comes nearly two months after a June 2 hearing where the City of Somerville appealed the DEP's earlier award of a Chapter 91 license to Wynn. Jane Rothchild, DEP hearing officer, issued a 50-page decision on July 15 that maintained the City of Somerville "failed to prove" that the DEP erred in its original license award.

"One does not need to be a casino enthusiast to recognize and acknowledge the benefit that accrues to a city when a long-dormant contaminated waste site is cleaned up and brought back to useful life," wrote Rothchild in her decision. "Chapter 91 recognizes this work as a public benefit."

While the denial of Somerville's appeal was signed by DEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg on July 22, DEP did not issue the license until the expiration of a seven-business-day period for Somerville to file a Motion for Reconsideration.

"My review of the record concludes that the Project as already conditioned served a proper public purpose and



The development will feature the harborwalk, which will include a public park and boardwalk situated between the Wynn Boston Harbor skyscraper and the waterfront of the Mystic River.

provides greater benefit than detriment to the rights of the public in the tidelands," wrote Commissioner Suuberg in his Final Decision.

The DEP ruling is the last state regulatory requirement needed by Wynn to begin construction on the 33-acre Wynn Boston Harbor resort. Chapter 91 is a state licensing requirement for any development that

is on the water and is designed to ensure public access and use of the waterfront.

All Wynn hiring, further site remediation and construction within the Chapter 91 area was suspended when Somerville filed its appeal in February of this year. Wynn Boston Harbor is the largest single-phase construction project in the history of the Commonwealth and will

generate 4,000 union jobs and 10 million labor hours.

A statement on the matter by the City of Somerville released to *The Somerville Times* reads as follows: "The City still has four (4) pending lawsuits regarding the Wynn Resort Casino in Everett. We will continue to evaluate the decision on whether to consider judicial review of the Chapter 91 appeal."

Elder home care wait lists begin September 1

By Louise Carpenter

The Baker Administration has officially announced that starting September 1st, waiting lists for some elders will begin in the home care program. But according to Mass Home Care, the state has enough Federal dollars to avoid the crisis.

Massachusetts calls itself a “community first” state—but the doors to nursing facilities are wide open, while the entrance to home care will soon be limited. Mass Home Care predicts that the monthly caseload for elders will have to drop by 650 to 800 elders per month.

“Due to projected demand exceeding FY17 budgetary limitations,” the Administration said in a memo to Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs), “Elder Affairs will be implementing a managed intake process. This process will be effective as of September 1, 2016.”

The final Conference Committee budget for FY 17 home care

items is roughly \$3.5 million below FY 16 appropriations:

“This is a manufactured crisis”

The maintenance budget for the enhanced home care program is around \$74 million – so the total shortfall is closer to \$7.5 million. “This was an entirely predictable – and avoidable – outcome,” said Mass Home Care Executive Director Al Norman. “The General Court didn’t give home care enough funding to run a maintenance budget, and the Governor filed a supplemental budget that added more federal dollars – but reduced the state share, setting up a wait list situation.”

According to the Executive Office of Elders Affairs, elders who have “a critical unmet need for meal preparation” will be put on a waiting list – regardless of where they live in the state. Every elder who applies for home

care is assigned a “priority level” based on their need for service.

The state is also cutting off funding for the Intensive Care Management program, which helps seniors with behavior health problems to receive care. In addition, a pilot program approved by the General Court to provide up to \$1 million to help seniors with income slightly over the home care eligibility limit been scrapped.

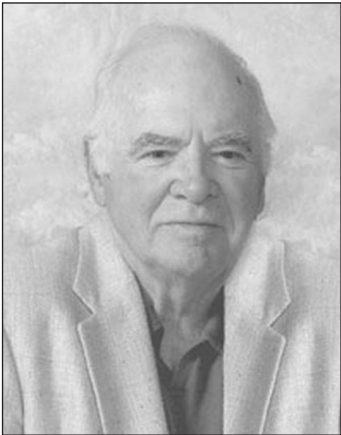
Mass Home Care has written an amendment to the Governor’s supplemental budget to add \$3 million in available federal dollars for home care from the “Community First” Trust Fund.

“This is a manufactured crisis,” Norman concluded. “The state is sitting on federal dollars that were supposed to be used to expand community care. They could end this wait list before it happens.”

“We hope they act quickly—on September 1st we start turning some elders away.”

OBITUARY

John J. Corrigan



John J. Corrigan, a lifelong resident of Somerville, died on August 4, 2016.

John was the beloved husband of Helen (Sampson) Corrigan and the father of John J., Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Brookline, Norma C. Bohrer and her husband Randy of Framingham, James M. and his wife Nicola of Waltham, Joanne C. Corrigan and fiancé Arthur Giannetti of Medford and the late Elaine

C. O’Brien and her surviving husband Justin Donnelly of CT. He was the grandfather of John O’Brien and his wife Sara Kapner, Daniel and Thomas O’Brien, Matthew, Patrick and Megan Corrigan, Michael and Eric Bohrer and Sophia Corrigan. John was also the brother of Paul Corrigan and the late Barbara of West Roxbury, Joseph Corrigan and his wife Marilyn of Melrose and the late Arlene Fusco and her surviving husband, Charles.

John was a veteran of the U.S. Army, Korea, and a volunteer for the Good Samaritans. Prior to his retirement at the age of 61, John worked for the United States Postal Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23453.

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Dear Mayor Curtatone,

We are a group of dozens of public health students and professionals at Boston University School of Public Health - several from Somerville, some from surrounding cities and towns - who have been witnessing the recent debate over the ‘Black Lives Matter’ banner outside of your City Hall with intense interest. We view the deaths of unarmed black citizens by police as well as the tragic deaths of law enforcement officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge with grief and horror. The manner and frequency at which unarmed black citizens have been killed reinforces the truth that

black people in the United States are at increased risk of police violence unlike any other group of people.

Without addressing racism and recognizing biases, the services that law enforcement officers and City Hall workers provide may ultimately end up replicating systems of oppression. These systems of oppression both inform and lead to the distrust of police in certain communities, particularly when officers are not held accountable for actions resulting in the deaths of primarily black citizens who were unarmed.

As a city servant elected to serve the interests of the entire community, we

recognize your influence and power. In committing to not removing the banner, you have taken a principled stance that has brought you much undue attention and criticism, including from a few of the very city employees you work with. As public health students and professionals, we applaud your efforts, thank you, and support you in your dedication to speaking the truth that a person can both declare that ‘Black Lives Matter’ and believe that law enforcement officers’ lives matter as well. We also wish to thank you for not succumbing to the co-opting/deflection that some seek in replacing the current banner with ‘All

Lives Matter.’ Rather, you have affirmed that ‘Black Lives Matter’ is not a claim that ONLY black lives matter but an acknowledgment that, even up to now, the systems we live under (which police are a part of) have not treated black lives equitably or valued them as much as the lives of other races. We have not lived as if black lives do matter.

Thank you for your service to the city of Somerville and for using your platform and voice in this way to make a difference.

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Ignite: a celebration of global street food and fire

To celebrate Union Square’s sizzling food landscape, the latest ArtsUnion event, Ignite, an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment and a raucous celebration of global culture will be presented on Saturday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. in Union Square.



There will be double the food vendors this year, including Pikliz International Kitchen (Haitian), Casa B (Latin American Tapas), India Palace, Union Square Donuts, and the Arts Council’s Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurs (Venezuelan arepas, among other edible delights).

Gracie’s Ice Cream will be doing Fluff Cones, along with ice cream and ice cream sandwiches. Try the Pokemango Hot Pepper flavor. You’ll also be able to graze on Brazilian BBQ while sipping freshly squeezed sugar cane juice, or perhaps a vegetarian Indian dosa is more up your alley. They’ve got you covered.

There will also be food demos, a Global Chip guessing game, food-related crafts for kids, the “Nose Olympics!” and many more foodie activities.

Beyond the global grazing opportunities, the Boston Circus Guild will dance with fire, there will be craft vendors and numerous performers, including Xuchipilli Folkloric Ballet, belly dancers, Taiko drummers and ukelele minstrels in the food court.

The festival will be illuminated in high style by Todd Sargent. From the global menu and fire to an 8-foot tiger head created by Pecan Nut, this festival guarantees thrills, international flavor – and a full stomach.

Suggested donation: \$1.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Walk, bike or take public transport if at all possible. The stretch of Somerville Ave. that abuts the plaza will be partially closed; there will only be one lane of traffic going either way. Webster Ave. will be partially closed.

Rain date: Sunday, August 14 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The OPENAIR Circus folds up its tent



Over 120 children of all ages (including a few adults) performed what they have learned this summer in the 31st annual OPENAIR Circus’ closing performances this past weekend. The two-hour show at Nunziato Field included refreshments, souvenirs and circus equipment for the public’s enjoyment. OPENAIR Circus is a non-profit community-based circus. Their primary program is their summer circus, where they offer classes and performances each summer. In addition, they offer workshops and a teen-leadership program, and performance opportunities to people of all ages. For more information visit <http://openaircircus.org/>

— Photos by Kevin Dickinson

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Trina’s Starlite Lounge

I must admit, I’m truly ashamed that I haven’t made my way here sooner. I just think about all the times I craved authentic southern fried chicken and walked away disappointed. I can proudly say, that is no longer the case.

The fried chicken plate was composed of both white and dark juicy meat with a crunchy, light batter that was accompanied by a hot pepper syrup, creamy mashed potatoes, a buttery, flaky biscuit and a side salad with a citrus dressing. In my opinion, a perfect display of textures and palate satisfying that make a

perfect marriage of hot, sweet, and acidic flavors.

There were two side dishes I had my eye on to round off the complete southern experience. The first, collard greens and the second, southern corn fritters. The collard greens held their tender texture and had a slightly sweet and vinegar flavor. The corn fritters were crispy on the outside and very creamy on the inside with a wonderful flavor of sweet corn and a hint of cinnamon that was really hit out of the park with the lavender honey dipping sauce.

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Mystic River's little known landscaping overhaul

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

This season's spikes of hot and cold haven't stopped a whopping thousand people from combing the Mystic River for the invasive water chestnut that hinders activities and harms animal habitats. Businesses and community volunteers went out on canoes to hand pull the invasive plant and clear the Mystic River of the infestation. The zeal and methodology with which Mystic River's neighboring towns operate to clean up the invasive water chestnut from the waterway should be applauded and used in the cases of water contamination nationwide.

There are over 44 lakes and ponds that fill the Mystic River. Twenty-two communities occu-

py the area of the watershed encumbered because of the water chestnut, brought to America by a gardener in the late 1800s. Two intrepid co-workers from Mystic River Watershed Association, Beth MacBlane and Andy Hrycyna worked hard to inspire the groups of eager employees who would love to get away from their cubicles for a summer day well spent, and eco-conscious public folk who wanted to paint the town green.

"Saturday's event was a terrific success. We partnered with Athena Health, Office of Congresswoman Clark, Xcenda, BNY Mellon and Groundwork Somerville. The groups worked together to remove more than 5,000 pounds of water chestnuts from the Mystic River,"



Thanks to the efforts of the Mystic River Watershed Association and its volunteers, the water chestnuts that clog the local waterway are removed annually. — Photos by Lita Vongsavanh



says MacBlane.

"I've always been passionate about environmental issues and attribute that to positive childhood experiences spent outside. I view the Mystic as a terrific natural resource for many, many people, and the challenge is to get them to the river. I enjoy working with the public and engaging people in the life of the river. I think there is great potential for the Mystic and for the Mystic River Watershed Association," MacBlane said.

The Amelia Earhart Dam in Somerville is just one of many endangered landmarks that MyRWA works to save by corraling funding and volunteers to help with the insufferable weed. In past years MyRWA's Patrick Herron was awarded the Environmental Merit Award from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Andy Hrycyna, the Watershed scientist who oversaw Saturday's public event said, "We got great help in running yesterday's community event by crews from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)."

"The amount of life bordering and living in the river is startling. Urban rivers still have abundant life in them. They still provide essential habitat. Based on a program we gave to count fish this year, we estimate that

at least half a million river her-
ring migrated up from Boston
Harbor to the Mystic lakes to
spawn, an amazing urban migra-
tion that not many people know
about," said Hrycyna.

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"I would urge young people to realize that they can make a difference in protecting the natural world, even as we continue to affect it through everything we do. Our shared future depends on sustainably managing our relationship with natural systems. There are so many ways to help make this happen. It starts with knowing what's there, and I'd urge young people to get outside. Experience your urban river. Get out on the water, or walk in a riverfront park. And think about the way this water is connected to so many other things from the life of birds to the health of coastal habitats. And get involved in some way. Positive change depends on you."

"People are drawn to rivers and the parks that border them

for many different reasons. They are wonderful places for people in densely populated areas of cities to experience nature, and to experience the benefits of being outside, of being in contact with the natural world," says Hrycyna, who, along with MacBlane are two role models, both equipped with community spirit and appreciation for God given nature.

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



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



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



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators’ and representatives’ votes on roll calls from July sessions. Some of the roll calls are from both branches’ overrides of some of Gov. Charlie Baker’s 256 vetoes of spending and other items in the recently

signed \$38.92 billion fiscal 2017 state budget.

In his veto message, Baker cites the state’s projected shortfall of \$650 million to \$950 million in the fiscal 2017 budget that the Legislature sent him. He said the vetoes are necessary to help close that gap. “This budget addresses a projected fiscal year 2017 budget shortfall which recently developed as a spillover effect from fiscal year 2016,” said Baker. “Economic trends resulted in a projected \$425 million to \$475 million below benchmark performance in fiscal year 2016 state tax revenue collections, leading to a projected fiscal year 2017 shortfall of \$650 million to \$950 million.”

He also gave a reason for reducing funding for each item that he vetoed. The reasons, however, as has been the case with governors of both parties in recent times, are vague and general. He used three phrases to explain many of his vetoes. “I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.” “I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 [original budget] recommendation.” And “I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended.”

Democratic legislative leaders disagree with Baker and say that all 256 of his vetoes could be overridden without pushing the state budget out of balance. They say that Baker’s cuts would have affected many important programs and hurt many people including minorities, women, seniors and children.

CUT \$20,940 FROM STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (H 4450)
House 120-34, Senate 33-6, overrode the governor’s veto of \$20,940 (from \$2,093,969 to 2,073,029) for the operation of the state’s Ethics Commission. The commission is an independent 5-member state agency that is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the state’s conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws.

(A “Yes” vote is for spending the \$20,940. A “No” vote is against spending it.)

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

CUT ENTIRE \$1 MILLION FOR “REACH OUT AND READ” PROGRAM (H 4450)
House 151-2, Senate 38-1, overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of the entire \$1 million in funding for the Reach Out and Read (ROR) program. ROR is a national nonprofit group that began in 1989 at Boston Medical Center to address the problem that most pediatricians’ waiting rooms did not have books available to read. Nationally, the group annually distributes 6.5 million books.

The Massachusetts ROR program trains pediatricians and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud to their children in order to prepare them for school. The program also funds the purchase of books to give to children who are six months to five years old during their visits to their doctors. Some 254 hospitals and clinics in Massachusetts participate in the program, serving 186,000 children and families.

(A “Yes” vote is for spending the \$1 million. A “No” vote is against spending it.)

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

CUT ENTIRE \$350,000 FOR STROKE PROGRAMS (H 4450)
House 132-21, Senate 38-1, overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of the entire \$350,000 for stroke treatment and prevention programs to provide educational programming on the signs and symptoms of stroke. The program would focus on communities that have the highest incidence of stroke.

The money would fund the operation and administration of designated primary stroke service hospital programs and require those hospitals and emergency medical services agencies to report data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines on the treatment of individuals with strokes.

(A “Yes” vote is for spending the \$350,000. A “No” vote is against spending it.)

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

CUT ENTIRE \$150,000 TO ADDRESS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE (H 4450)
House 121-32, Senate 37-2, overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of the entire \$150,000 for a competitive grant program in public schools from grades 5 to 12, to promote healthy relationships and address teen dating violence. The grants would be awarded to schools in which the majority of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

(A “Yes” vote is for spending the \$150,000. A “No” vote is against spending it.)

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

CUT \$400,000 FROM PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE (H 4450)
House 135-17, Senate 39-0, overrode the governor’s veto of \$400,000 (from \$2,204,578 to \$1,804,578) for the pediatric palliative care program that improves the quality of life for children under age 18 with life-limiting illness and their families who are caring for them.

(A “Yes” vote is for spending the \$400,000. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

\$50 MILLION TO COMMUNITIES FOR SMALL BRIDGE REPAIRS (H 4457)
House 158-0, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a \$750 million package for transportation projects across the state. The package includes \$700 million for highway improvements and \$50 million for a new grant program to fund the repair of cities’ and towns’ bridges that are 20 or less feet in length.

Supporters said the bill would fund critical improvements

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to highways across the state. They noted the \$50 million for bridge repairs would go directly to cities and towns in need of funds to repair bridges that are crumbling.

The lone opponent opposed a provision that exempts from the state’s debt ceiling large amounts of borrowing authorized in a 2014 transportation bond bill. He said this action is fiscally irresponsible.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CLOSE THE GENDER WAGE GAP (H 4509) - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would strengthen the Bay State’s pay equity law by closing the wage gap between men and women doing the same job. The measure requires that women be given equal pay for comparable work unless the variation is based upon mitigating factors including seniority, education, training or experience.

The proposal establishes pay transparency, prohibits screening of prospective employees based on salary history, requires fairness in hiring practices and increases fines for violations. Other provisions prohibit employers from reducing salaries in order to comply with the new law and from preventing employees from talking about their salaries.

Supporters said it is far past time to approve this historic bill and noted women comprise 50 percent of the workforce yet make only 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. Sen. Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville), who first filed the bill in 1998 said, “Our daughters and granddaughters, and our sons and grandsons, will face a fairer work environment than we have. This will help reduce income inequality.”

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (S 2477) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a proposal that would allow workers in Massachusetts to take paid leave to recover from a serious illness or injury, to care for a seriously ill or injured family member or to care for a new child. Employees would be eligible for benefits after 1,250 hours of work. The proposal prohibits employer retaliation against workers who take time off under these conditions.

Under the proposal, employees would be eligible for up to 16 weeks to care for a family member or new child, and up to 26 weeks for his or her own serious illness or injury. Benefits would be funded through employer and employee premium contributions to a new Family and Employment Security Trust Fund. The benefits would begin at 50 percent of an employee’s average weekly wage in 2018, increase to 70 percent in 2019 and to 90 percent in 2020, with a maximum weekly benefit of \$1,000.

Supporters said workers should not have to choose between a paycheck and their own health or their family’s health. They noted nations all over the world offer these benefits and it is time for Massachusetts to join in.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of August 1-5, the House met for a total of 30 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 21 minutes.

Mon. August 1	No House session No Senate session
Tues. August 2	No House session Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Wed. August 3	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 4	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:33 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.
Fri. August 5	No House session No Senate session

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
12 Woodbine St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	277	\$555,876	\$508,000
22 Harrison Street	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	5	\$629,900	\$712,000
52 Winslow Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$1,195,000	\$1,350,000
50 Elm St	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	74	\$1,249,900	\$1,200,000
58 Newbury St	10 room, 5 bed, 4f 0h bath Colonial	77	\$1,575,000	\$1,450,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
510 Somerville Ave U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	18	\$779,900	\$770,000
197 Washington Street U:410	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	64	\$787,000	\$775,000
96 Ossipee Rd U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	12	\$789,900	\$850,000
510 Somerville Ave U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	0	\$799,900	\$800,000
510 Somerville Ave U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$799,900	\$780,000
12 Bay State Avenue U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	51	\$869,900	\$858,000
935 Broadway U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	64	\$895,000	\$850,000
893 Broadway Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	65	\$979,900	\$955,000
14 Appleton St U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000
126 Orchard Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	35	\$1,099,000	\$1,099,000
7 Durham U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	64	\$1,195,000	\$1,115,000
139 Summer St U:2	10 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	195	\$1,299,900	\$1,237,500
30 Howard Street U:5	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	43	\$1,799,900	\$1,750,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
332 Beacon St	3 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,450,000
9 Jay Street	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	4	\$1,199,000	\$1,217,500
33 Cross St E	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	55	\$1,200,000	\$1,210,000
36 Hudson St	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	12	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
19 Simpson Ave	3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	36	\$1,249,900	\$1,185,000

COMMENTARY

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Three summer essentials: Fun, sun and brain-building books



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It's no secret I'm a fan of summertime and getting outside to have some fun. I spend a lot of time talking about making Somerville a great place to play. Yet there's something just as important to do during the summer as playing: reading.

It is vitally important for kids to make reading a lifelong habit. For most of the year, we have them reading every day in school. Yet the summer is no time to turn off your brain. If you do that, it's a lot harder to turn it back on when school starts. It's one of the keys to academic success. I know television, YouTube videos, video games and social

media are a lot of fun, but for the most part those things aren't going to lead to academic success. Reading will. It is the best way to prevent the notorious summer slide. Every book a kid reads during the summer is a building block for what is hopefully a strong school year.

The good news is here in Somerville we've got an amazing central library and two convenient branch libraries located in the eastern and western sections of the city that are open six days a week. When you're wondering what to do with your kids, a weekly trip to the library should be at the top of the agenda. The kids section in our library is fabulous. It can be hard to convince your kids to leave it. It's especially nice in the summer when you're looking for a comfortable, air-conditioned spot to get away from the heat. You come away from a trip to the library feeling refreshed and with a book in

hand that you're excited to read.

Most of all it builds good habits that last a lifetime. At every age reading activates your brain. Kids improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary. It expands their base of knowledge too. They learn about history and famous figures from our past and present. Reading helps them discover different places and cultures, and better understand the world around them. For those of us who are older, reading keeps us sharp. The smartest people I know are generally the most well-read people I know. They never stop learning.

There's also a wider variety of things to read these days than ever before. You can read an e-book on your phone. You can get access to every newspaper and magazine from around the world with a simple Internet search. If there's a series of books you really like, you can read the fan fiction associated with it.

Comics are also better and

more varied than ever. We have some great comics shops here in Somerville, notably Hub Comics in Union Square and Comicazi in Davis Square. There's comic series and graphic novels for kids, teens and adults. If you're not in the mood for Shakespeare, maybe you are in the mood for the Watchmen or Bone. No one said reading had to be a chore. There's all sorts of things out there to read. Find the stories and topics that interest your kids the most and help them dive into them. Ideally we want kids looking forward to what they're going to read each day.

In our schools, we've poured resources into improving the reading skills of our students, and the writing skills that go hand-in-hand with them. During the past 12 years we've seen proficient and advanced scores in the English/Language Arts portion of the MCAS test rise dramatically from 50% to

85%. Math scores (up from 46% to 73%) and science scores (up from 12% to 70%) have made even bigger jumps, but reading lays the foundation for all of that improvement. Reading is the gateway to learning. You got to be able to understand your math and science textbooks to master those disciplines. Reading really is fundamental.

So set aside some family reading time. Kids who see their parents read are more likely to read themselves. If you go to the beach or to a pool, bring books. It's a great way to pass the time when you're catching rays in a chair or on a beach towel. Ask your kids about what they're reading and what they plan on reading next. If your family has been reading all summer, great job and keep it up. If it hasn't, it's time to kick that into gear. Everything your kids read in August is going to pay dividends when they're back in school in September.

Cory Booker, Jesus and the politics of love



By William C. Shelton

From time to time certain ideologues insist in tones of moral superiority that the U.S. was founded as a Christian nation. The historical evidence clearly contradicts this.

But it's worth considering what our national politics and public policy would be if we really were a Christian nation. The best expert on that is not found among American fundamentalists or the politicians who exploit them. He is Jesus of Nazareth.

Everything that Jesus taught was informed by love for all people. Not because of their individual qualities, or who they are to you, but simply because they exist. Because they, and you, are God's creation.

He told his followers, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." But Jesus's love

wasn't just for those who agreed with him. He said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you."

Yet it is exceedingly rare to hear a politician exhort us to love each other, or to advocate policies that would make loving each other real. So among the dozens of speeches given at last month's political conventions, the one that most captured my attention was by Senator Cory Booker. In it, he said, "We are not called to be a nation of tolerance. We are called to be a nation of love."

He went on to explain that, "Tolerance says I'm just going to stomach your right to be different, that if you disappear from the face of the Earth, I'm no better or worse off. But love—love knows that every American has worth and value, that no matter what their background, no matter what their race or religion or sexual orientation, love recognizes that we need each other...."

His remarks bring to mind Jesus saying, "Whatsoever you have done to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." And his distinction

between tolerance and love evokes a parallel distinction between two kinds of freedom.

One notion of freedom is that of noninterference. This individualistic concept implies that freedom is a fence that protects us from others' restrictions on our actions. But another notion of freedom is the opportunity to most fully realize our potential, which we can only achieve by working together.

Booker invoked this concept when he said, "Rugged individualism didn't defeat the British. It didn't get us to the moon. It didn't build our nation's highways.... We did that together. And so this is the high call of patriotism. Patriotism is love of country. But you can't love your country without loving your countrymen and your countrywomen."

Listening to Senator Booker, I got to thinking about how we would understand and respond to the issues most preoccupying today's Americans if we truly were guided by the principles of love that Jesus taught.

When a lawyer asked Jesus what one must do to enter the kingdom of heaven, his answer

was love: Love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. When the lawyer asked who his neighbor was, Jesus told a parable.

Although we live at a time of growing intolerance and bitterness toward people of races, ethnicities, and geographic origins different from our own, similar hatreds were widespread in Jesus's day. Among the most despised of the "others" were the Samaritans. Yet in Jesus's parable, it was the Samaritan who was the exemplar of love, and whom Jesus identified as the lawyer's "neighbor."

We also live in a time of growing economic inequality, with the wealthiest of us becoming wealthier, and more and more middle-class citizens sinking into poverty. The Democratic and Republican Party establishments both attribute this to globalization and technology, as if these were disembodied forces that just happened to descend from the heavens.

But every policy that regulates trade or the appropriation of technology is a series of choices regarding who will benefit and who will be harmed. A Democratic President and a

Republican Congress, for example, sold NAFTA as a policy that would benefit everyone in North America.

It did benefit Mexican, American and Canadian elites. It also displaced 682,900 American jobs, put two million Mexican farmers out of work, and put 20 million poor Mexicans into "food poverty," swelling the ranks of illegal immigrants.

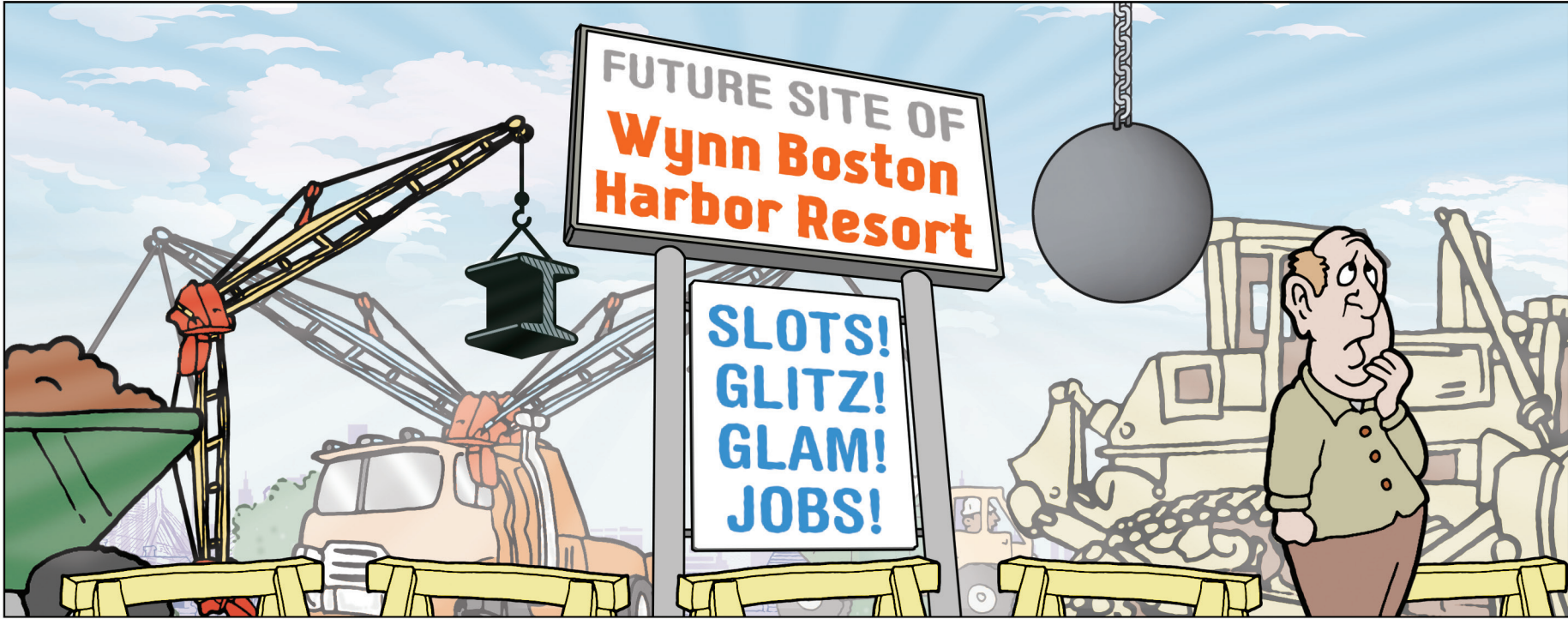
Jesus's love for and loyalty to the poor was unequivocal and repeated throughout the gospels. He told the rich to sell their goods and give them to the poor. When a wealthy young man became unhappy with that admonition, Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

In service to the rich, a Democratic President and a Republican Congress deregulated American banks, leading directly to the 2008 financial meltdown that put 2.6 million Americans out of their jobs, millions more out of their homes, and brutalized working people across the world. Jesus made a whip and drove the money changers out of the temple. *Continued on page 15*

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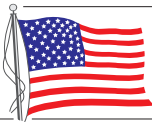
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Our View Of The Times



It looks now as though the Wynn Boston Harbor resort complex is going to become a reality for the city of Everett – and, of course, for its neighbors, like us.

In spite of the best efforts by representatives from Boston, Somerville, and elsewhere to grind the project to a permanent halt, the casino giant has prevailed in the

end. For better or worse.

So, now that it looks like a done deal, perhaps it would behoove us to make peace with the inevitable and seek out the possible silver linings.

Lots of jobs for...somebody. Let's hope that more than a few of our own folks get hired. One never knows what to expect in

new situations like this one.

What else? Well, lots of visitors to the resort should be spilling over to our side of the river from time to time, invigorating the economic standing of Assembly Row and other nearby attraction. We hope.

Free drinks at the gaming tables? We

haven't confirmed that possibility yet, but we're standing by.

All in all, it's going to be interesting, to say the least. We may as well look on the bright side and try to make the most of it. It remains to be seen whether or not traffic snarls or the crime rate goes up.

May the odds be ever in our favor.

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Have you heard about the new “Add-on Charge” by our **Water Department**? It seems as though **the mayor** and the Water Department want to add a new surcharge to your bill of \$60. You receive a bill three times a year, so that would be an add-on charge for each water meter of \$180. Thanks to **Alderman at Large Bill White**, who has put in an order to bring the Water Department before the **Board of Alderman** and explain the reasoning behind it. On top of the high prices homeowners and businesses already pay, they want to do an add-on surtax as well. Our question is can they just do that without a public hearing? Remember, they will call it a fee, not a tax, and there are about 11K water meters in the city at \$180 for a grand total of just under \$2M extra in revenue to the city.

This Saturday, the 13th, is **International Left Handers’ Day**. Celebrations are planned worldwide observing diversity and superior minds. Even **President Obama** is a leftie, as is **Bill Clinton** and many other famous politicians and persons, now and in the past. Several of us here at the paper are left handers as well, so to all our good left hander friends out there, have a great day on Saturday and

celebrate our right to be heard. We think we should have a flag or national holiday. Stop the discrimination and make more things LEFT friendly. If you’re a left-hander or know of someone who is, enjoy the day and celebrate by finding a left-hander restaurant.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to **Marcia** over at **Demet’s Donuts** this week. We hope she had a good day. Happy birthday to one of Somerville’s finest historians, **Brandon Wilson**. We hope she has a great day for herself. A good guy, successfully specializing in mortgages, **Robert DeVasto** is celebrating this week. Long time Somerville lady **Maria Mancini** is also celebrating this week. We hope she has a great birthday. Two local realtors over at **Remax Andrew** are celebrating this week, **Carol Fontana** along with **Carol McDonald Macri**. We wish the both of them the very best of birthdays. Both ladies are experienced realtors in the area.

Primary Day is September 8 for our state delegation. The senate has **Senator Pat Jehlen** running for re-election in this her 11th year in office. She’s very popular in the district, but she has a Democratic challenger from **Cambridge**, which is

part of the district. **City Councilor Leland Cheung** is giving her a run for her money. He’s actually knocking on doors throughout the district. FYI: The senatorial district includes parts of **Cambridge**, the entire **City of Somerville** as well as the entire **City of Medford** and a part of **Winchester**.

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

Our condolences go out to **the Corrigan family** here in the city on the passing of **John Corrigan**. He himself and the family have contributed much to the city over the years. His wife **Helen** is still very active at the SCC and was an alderman here.

We told you these past few weeks what the outcome of the email ballot from the **City Democratic Ward** and **City Committee** members would be. How surprised are we or you, not? Yes, **Senator Jehlen** won with what the committee said was 97% of the votes cast. Notice the lack of number of votes cast here.

The so-called transparent, open-minded of today’s City Democratic Ward Committee leadership. They delivered for Sen. Pat and no one should be surprised. First time in the history of the Ward and city committee a ballot was sent out by email for endorsement. Not even in the days of old fashion Democrats here in the city would they have attempted to do this. Imagine the committee sending a letter and asking you to vote by mail. Same effect. This was nothing less than a bag job. Do they think the voters here in Somerville are this stupid? No wonder that many individuals have changed party affiliation right here in Somerville. More and more Independents than Democrats. The last time the city wards met collectively they had their meeting at the High School library. That says a lot. If you’re a registered Democrat, especially an older one, don’t feel compelled to follow like sheep. It’s actions like this that are disturbing, to say the least. Sen. Jehlen didn’t need to get the endorsement under these conditions. After all, she is a well-known person. She’s just afraid of the competition, that’s all. The leadership of the City Ward Committee should be ashamed of themselves for continuing to spoil the process.

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A nice 'Night Out' in Somerville

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Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic

The 36th Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic was held on Wednesday, August 3, at Powderhouse Park. There was food, dancing, music, entertainment and prizes galore.

Among those in attendance along with Mayor Curtatone were several city, county, and state officials, as well as host Jimmy Del Ponte. The Sun-setters performed, and the mayor invited a number of attending politicians up onstage to do some singing.



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SPORTS

2016 Yawkey League playoffs underway

Courtesy of Yawkey
Baseball League

In 2015 they were the top 2 seeds in the YBL tourney and battled in the Championship Round. This year they will meet again, but this rematch takes place in the first round.

Once again the #2 seed, Somerville Alibrandis has not been quite the dominant force as we've seen over the past decade-plus. But they once again led the league in team pitching with a 2.14 ERA and 242 strikeouts. Offensively, Bernie Driscoll and Cam Lynch's Alibrandis were second only to the record-setting efforts of the

Athletics, scoring 226 runs with a .334 average and leading the YBL with 88 stolen bases.

After a league-best 25-5 record in 2015, the East Boston Knights stormed into the Finals with high expectations but were swept by Somerville. And while the Alibrandis were able to improve upon their record, 2016 has been a much different year for the Knights.

After starting the season 4-1, Eastie lost their next 4 and never again got themselves on the fun side of .500. But Coach Bellavia's team fought their way through the season and made the playoffs knowing that once you get there, the regular season record



Somerville Alibrandis face off with the East Boston Knights in the first round of the 2016 Yawkee Baseball League championship playoffs. — Photo by Kevin Dickinson

doesn't matter anymore. Everyone around the league knows that you can't sleep on this team with their offense that can light up the scoreboard at any time.

Despite their record, East Boston still finished the year in the top-5 in both batting and pitching, and they have the tal-

ent on the roster to beat anyone in the league.

The Knights vs. Alibrandis playoff match-ups continue this week through Saturday, August 13, as follows: Wednesday, August 10, East Boston Knights at Somerville Alibrandis, 7:30 p.m., St. Peters Field; Thursday,

August 11, Somerville Alibrandis at East Boston Knights, 8:00 p.m., Maplewood; Friday, August 12, Somerville Alibrandis at East Boston Knights, 8:00 p.m., Maplewood; and Saturday, August 13, East Boston Knights at Somerville Alibrandis, 2:00 p.m., Maplewood.

A rematch two years in the making

By Ed Kapp

It's one of the more unorthodox title fights you'll ever see, a rematch between two fighters who say they don't believe in rematches with the champion, not the challenger, carrying the big chip on his shoulder.

Woonsocket, R.I., native Andre Soukhamthath (10-3, 6 KOs), now fighting out of Boca Raton, Fla., defends his CES MMA Bantamweight Title for the first time Friday, August 12, against Cambridge vet Kin Moy (8-2, 2 KOs), who fights out of Somerville, in the main event of "CES MMA 37" live on AXS TV from Twin River Casino in Lincoln, R.I., a rematch of their back-and-forth war in January of 2014 in which Moy won by unanimous decision.

Two and a half years later, Soukhamthath, not Moy, is CES MMA's inaugural bantamweight champion — the region's highest honor in his weight class — after beating Kody Nordby in March, while Moy is hoping to keep the momentum going



Andre Soukhamthath and Kin Moy will battle it out for the CES MMA Bantamweight Title on Friday, August 12, at Twin River Casino in Lincoln, R.I. — Photo by Will Paul

following back-to-back wins in 2015 with Bellator.

Having already beaten Soukhamthath once, Moy would've had no reason to grant his adversary a rematch were it not for the possibility of snagging Soukhamthath's CES MMA title, which is the only real incentive to step back into the cage with a fighter he admits is a "real champion" and a "devastating" striker.

"I've never asked for a rematch against someone who's beaten me because if this were real martial arts," Moy said, "I'd be dead."

Though Soukhamthath isn't playing the "revenge" angle in next Friday's rematch with Moy, the reigning champ, who also says, "I don't look for fights and I don't go around saying, 'I want a rematch!'" is still a bit sour over the fact Moy called him out prior to their

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 2. What contest of team strength was an official Olympic event from 1900 to 1920? | 7. From 1984 to 1988, Spiderman wore a black costume with what on his chest? |
| 3. In what year was the first summer Olympiad televised live? | 8. What is Samsøe? |
| 4. What procedure did the IOC begin after a Danish cyclist died during the 1960 Summer Olympics? | 9. What French cheese is ripened in caves? |
| 5. How many minutes does an Olympic basketball game last? | 10. What U.S. president installed solar panels on the White House roof? |
| 6. What part of their vehicle's equipment are | 11. What New England state was originally claimed by both New Hampshire and New York? |
| | 12. The human body has 45 miles of what? |

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Wednesday Night League winners



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Cory Booker, Jesus and the politics of love

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A Democratic President and a Republican Congress created a new growth industry that expanded the prison population by 673,000 Americans during the Clinton administration alone. Jesus said that he had come to free the prisoner. He rescued a woman from being stoned to death for a victimless crime and told her, “No man condemns thee, neither do I.”

Although crime has been steadily declining in the U.S. for 25 years, demagogues now seek political advantage by inflaming Americans’ fears. But law-and-order buffoonery will neither reduce crime nor calm the frightened.

Public policy that is guided by love might. In last year’s apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis wrote, “Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality within society and between peoples is reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence.”

Jesus did not inveigh against the evils of big government. When a fisherman asked Jesus whether he should pay his taxes, he said, “Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s, and unto God that which is God’s.”

In case after case, we find that those politicians who most frequently insist that America should be a Christian nation adopt policies that are directly at odds with what Jesus taught, policies that treat us as isolated individuals and families, without mutual obligations and with no connections other than through the market place.

But as Cory Booker suggests, we need each other if we are if we are to achieve our highest aspirations. He sums this up with an African proverb often quoted by Nelson Mandela: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

A rematch two years in the making

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first meeting in 2014.

“They had to find a late replacement and they wanted to fight me in two weeks and I still took it because I’m a man,” Soukhamthath said. “I don’t back down from fights.”

The Soukhamthath-Moy rematch is one of three, five-round title fights on the televised main card. Stafford Springs, Conn., vet Matt Bessette (19-7, 5 KOs) battles Stephen Cervantes (6-1) of Albuquerque, N.M., for the vacant CES

MMA Featherweight Title and Providence’s Greg Rebello (20-6, 12 KOs) faces Oklahoma’s Ashley Gooch (9-4, 6 KOs) for the vacant CES MMA Heavyweight Title. Tickets for “CES MMA 37” are priced at \$40.00, \$55.00, \$100.00 and \$125.00 (VIP) and can be purchased online at www.cesmma.com, www.twinriver.com, www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at 401-724-2253/2254 or at the Twin River Casino Players Club. All fights and fighters are subject to change.

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What’s on Somerville Neighborhood News

Rallies and the conversation on race and community relations

In August 2015 the City of Somerville hung a Black Lives Matter banner outside City Hall in support of the movement bringing attention to the police killings of several young black men across the country.



Almost a year after that banner went up, Somerville Police Association President Michael McGrath wrote an open letter to Mayor Joseph Curtatone asking that the banner be removed in support of police following the recent killing of officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas.

The city had already hung a banner at Police Headquarters in commemoration of the fallen officers and in support of all police. Mayor Curtatone’s response was swift and unyielding stating that both banners will remain. “Both banners hang for the same reason,” the mayor said at a press conference, “Too many people have died.”

Curtatone emphasized the need for conversations about race and policing in every community. Two days later rallies occurred in Union Square sponsored by the Cambridge Black Lives Matter organization and at City Hall the Massachusetts Municipal Police Coalition held a rally in support of police and McGrath’s request. Local activists and officials want to continue the conversation on race, racism and community relations going forward.

Somerville Neighborhood News was at all the events and brings you several stories from the week.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 10, 2016
City of Somerville
93 Highland Ave
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617-625-6600

On or about August 18, the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Somerville Storefront Improvement Program (SIP), for the purpose of commercial rehabilitation focused on improvement to the exterior of the property. The target area for this program is East Somerville this includes Broadway between McGrath Highway (Route 28) and the Sullivan Square MBTA Orange Line Station, greater Union Square and Somerville Ave. west of McGrath O’Brien Highway (Route 28) and the Central Broadway corridor west of McGrath O’Brien Highway (Route 28) and extending south to Medford St. Individual reviews will be conducted and available for review as addresses are identified The total estimated project costs for planning years 2016 -2017 is \$150,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by August 17, 2016 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.


RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville’s certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 16-95August 5, 2016

Petition of the City of Somerville for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §134.

On June 27, 2016, the City of Somerville (“City”) filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program. Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to “opt-out,” in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-95.

The City has retained Good Energy, L.P. (“Good Energy”) to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist with implementing the municipal aggregation program. The City’s filing includes an electric service agreement that will be negotiated with potential competitive electric supplier(s). The City seeks a waiver, on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the municipal aggregation program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.06(4) (c).

A copy of the City’s petition is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department’s offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department’s website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department’s website may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 16-95) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. A copy of the petition is also available for public viewing at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department’s offices located at One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Two copies of all written comments must also be sent to Ryan M. Hawkins, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the attorney for Good Energy, Scott J. Mueller, Esq., 16 Conant Road, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and to the Hearing Officer, Ryan M. Hawkins, Ryan.M.Hawkins@state.ma.us, or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 16-95); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding the City’s filing should contact Scott Mueller, Esq. at (978) 460-0693. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Ryan M. Hawkins, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3652.

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Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Another email went out to the **Democratic Ward & City Committee members** from the **Chair, Diane Masters**. It said, “Please vote in the poll of the Somerville Democratic City Committee survey in the State Senate Race. We would like to endorse a candidate in the race, citywide, not just at the Ward level. So please vote in the Google document below before August 1st. Thank you in advance.”

For all those following the goings on at the **Winter Hill Yacht Club for gangsters**, we are in the possession of some very interesting stuff that was given to us by one or two members of that club who don’t like what’s happening down there. We can’t say for now what it is, but please don’t think we have given up. We’re just checking over some legal jargon and may go public with it, or just

turn it over to the appropriate authorities. Keep it coming. We know there are quite a few members of the club that are not happy with the current situation with certain individuals.

Sally O’Brien’s on Somerville Avenue is a great place to stop in and visit with some friends and have a bite to eat and enjoy the variety of entertainment that **Liam**, the owner, brings in every night. Wednesday is poker night, with lots of fun. Come and enjoy. Say “Hi” to **Liam, Zack and Rob**.

Just an update: there is now a possible contender seriously considering a run in **Ward One** for **alderman**. An individual who we hear is making some serious moves in the direction of running. Now, the other news coming out of the woodwork: we hear the same about an indi-

vidual in **Ward Five** who is considering. She’s new to politics, but we know she’s a hard worker. We are also hearing about **School Committee** candidates in **Ward Three** and **Ward Four**, so far. Maybe it will be the year of surprises in 2017 here in the city. Maybe some more ward fights and maybe some jumping into the **Alderman at Large** race. It seems like that salary increase for a part time job at 40K plus a year sounds good to a few people.

The next meeting of the **Somerville Garden Club** will take place on Wednesday, August 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the **Tufts Administration Building**, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Somerville Garden Club members will bring in home grown vegetables and fruits that they have prepared for meeting attendees to sample. Taste dishes made from garden harvests such as kale salads, zucchini breads, to-

mato slices, cucumber salads, and maybe even rhubarb ice cream. Wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop.

Autistic Spectrum Slam Poetry Team will be held Thursday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Central Library, Auditorium**. Poets of the autistic spectrum write and share their poetry. Open to the public.

Somerville’s cleanest monthly comedy show returns. **Clean Comedy Showcase** is premiering Friday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the **Dante Club** in Somerville. Hosted by local comedians **David McLaughlin** and **Joe Medoff**, this show features some of Boston’s most talented comedians. All of the jokes on this show are free of swears and crude subject matter.

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Colantonio Inc. is the Construction Manager for the project. A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 485 Mystic Valley Parkway, Somerville, MA 02144 on Thursday, August 18th at 10 AM. All bidders are encouraged to attend. Bidders should meet in the small parking lot across Capen Street from the Mystic Water Works building and can park in the upper Capen Court lot in any visitor spaces.

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| 2. Tug of war | 8. A type of cheese |
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|August 10

Sunsetters
141 Hudson St.|7 p.m.

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

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

Thursday|August 11

Somermovie Laugh Fest
Pee-Wees Big Adventure
Starts after Sunset|Hodgkins Park|Hol-
land St

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

Central Library
Autistic Spectrum Slam Poetry Team
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Open House in the Children’s Room!
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Friday|August 12

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

East Branch Library
Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|August 15

Sunsetters
Little Sisters of the Poor (indoors) |7
p.m.

Central Library
PAWS to Read with Certified Therapy
Dog, Daisy!
2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
5:45 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Tuesday|August 16

Sunsetters
7 Maple Ave.|7 p.m.

West Branch Library
Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Pajama Storytime & Craft: Gardens!
7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 17

Sunsetters
Capen Court VNA (indoors)|7 p.m.

East Branch Library
Summer Storytime: Teddy Bear
Picnic!
11 am. -11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Open House in the West Branch
Children’s Room!
2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

MUSIC|ARTS
Wednesday|August 10

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
Backroom Series Dallahan|7 p.m.
Comedy Night With Jordan Han-
dren-Seavey|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Ed White
See Through Casper & the Ghost
Boys
Second day Venom
Ten Dollar Mistake (long set)
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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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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-
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Moth: True Stories Told Live
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 11

Sally O’Brien’s
Nancy Hewitt & The Hot Toddies
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-
666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm
Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Red-
necks|9:30 pm
Backroom Series
Scattershots|10 p.m.
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Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday
Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road
Harsh Armadillo (Funk/Soul)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Rock Fête des Femmes
Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers,
Abbie Barrett & Band, Stars Like Ours,
The Other Girls
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Sophie the Musical
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Friday|August 12

Sally O’Brien’s
Hashtag Hoedown |6 p.m.
The Gypsy West, Proper Company,
Sidestep Complex \$10 cover |9
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series:
Red Square|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Injury
Burning Satellites
Blame Shifters
TBA
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
TBA
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045

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

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

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Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Crush – A Tribute To The Dave Mat-
thews Band
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Rock Fête des Femmes
Sarah Borges, Jenny Dee & The
Deelinquents, Andrea Gillis Band,
Ruby Rose Fox - solo with The Stein-
hams
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Davis Square Theatre
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado
About Nothing|7 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
On Not Screaming - Eloisa Amezcua
7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|August 13

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
WEMF + presents Fossil, Wild Mne-
monist, Governor \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sun-
day Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Backroom Series: Tracy Grammer
Spittin’ Vinnies |10 p.m.
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P.A.’s Lounge
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Karaoke
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Thunder Road
Hayley Jane and the Primates (Fol-
kadelic Americana/Jam/Soul)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
ONCE Midsummer Mix Tape, a feast
from the heart 7 p.m.
The Appice Brothers|9:30 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Jujartu Arts Fest
12 p.m.|Performance Hall
KC Harris
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Joe Matarese & Friends
7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday|August 14

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Josh Lederman & The Country Plea-
sures |6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3
p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sun-
day Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8am - 2:30pm
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5
p.m.
Burren Lantern Series|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
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Sunday Brunch Live Country &
Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Monday|August 15

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Come-
dy|7 p.m.
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

P.A.’s Lounge
Free Music Mondays
Stains of a sunflower
Alli and I
Bear Salon
ThreeDayWeekend
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets
Monday Night Series
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|August 16

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

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The Ghetto People Band
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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
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Simpsons Trivia
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Cafe Show with Ulster Landing
7:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|August 10

Central Library
Income Inequality Reading Group
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 11

East Branch Library
Night Owls’ Lego Club
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

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with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30
p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
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Saturday|August 13

Central Library
Solarize Somerville Volunteer Meeting
1 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|August 15

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

Monday|August 15

West Branch Library
Drop in Knitting at the West Branch
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|August 17

Central Library
Catherine Siller Film and Talk on the
Media, Gender, and Identity
7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging’s new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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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.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 11th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. This trip includes transportation only for \$13. Lunch, shopping and \$5. Admission fee is on your own. Lots

to do or just relax and enjoy the beach. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please call 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.

Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City, NJ – Tuesday through Saturday, October 11th to 15th – 5 days & 4 nights – A fee of \$509 / pp double or \$669 pp single includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, 1 night accommodations at resort casino, 3 nights accommodations in Lancaster, 3 great breakfasts, 3 yummy Amish feasts, reserved seating at theater featuring Samson, tour Hershey Chocolate World, Landis Valley Museum and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

New York City – Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6 - \$170 per person / double or \$250 per person / single – Seats sell fast and are very limited - \$50 deposit required upon reservation. Check in time is 5:45 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Saturday the 5th with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. on Sunday the 6th. Motorcoach transportation, one night’s stay at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford, CT – Shopping, sightseeing, visiting the 9/11 Memorial on Sunday and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.

Cape Cod Cranberry Days – Monday & Tuesday, November 28 & 29 – 2 days / 1 night – For a fee of \$195 / pp double and \$225 pp single this trip includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 1 night deluxe accommodation, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner and several guided tours including The Cranberry Harvest Experience, Sandwich Village Glass Museum, Chatham Village and Plymouth Winery just to name a few. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more 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 Castle Island scheduled for Friday, August 12th is BOOKED.

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.

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, 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|August 10
Lowell Spinners

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

Friday|August 12
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)
Castle Island

Monday|August 15
9:30 Veterans Group (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
4:30 LGBTQ Event Night (H)

Tuesday|August 16
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)
Norman Rockwell Museum

Wednesday|August 17
Outing: Floramo’s

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6:00am	Life Matters	6:00pm	Villain News Network	11:00am	Haitian Poetry
6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Mass Climate Action Network	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine
9:00am	Middlesex Senate District Debate	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series
9:30am	Middlesex Representative District Debate	10:00pm	Middlesex Senate District Debate	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	11:00pm	Middlesex Representative District Debate	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	Friday, August 12		7:00pm	Gay USA
1:30pm	Physicians Focus	6:00pm	The Literati Scene	8:00pm	Creative Somerville Series
2:00pm	Road to Recovery	6:30pm	Life Matters	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
2:30pm	Blokesworld	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
3:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	7:30am	Color in your life	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, August 14	
5:00pm	Art At SCATV	9:00am	Middlesex Senate District Debate	6:00am	Faith Show
5:30pm	Messier Mantra	10:00am	Middlesex Representative District Debate	6:30am	Eckankar
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry	10:30am	Somerville Good Old Days	7:00am	Nossa Gente's e Costumes
7:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	11:00am	Somerville Story Tellers	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Aging Well
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	1:30pm	Aging Well	10:30am	International Church of God
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Chef's table Series
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:30pm	Carven Salsa Dancing	12:00pm	Blokesworld
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:30pm	Rare Groove Revolution	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Greater Somerville
Thursday, August 11		5:00pm	Reeling Review	2:00pm	Mass Climate Action Network
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	5:30pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Monday's at 9
7:00am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	3:00pm	Infinite Momentum
7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Finger on the Pulse	3:30pm	Legacies
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Greater Somerville	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
9:00am	Esoteric Science	7:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	5:00pm	Dead Air Live
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	8:00pm	CTBS	6:00pm	Abugida TV
10:00am	Dead Air Live	10:00pm	JuPrey Promotions	7:00pm	African Television Network
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	8:00pm	Telemagazine
11:30am	Legacies	11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Cinema Somerville
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	Saturday, August 13		11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:00am	Life matters	11:30pm	Somerville Good Old Days
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	Monday, August 15	
2:00pm	Eat Well be Happy	7:00am	The Folkorist	6:00am	Health is Wealth
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	7:30am	Wild Tales - Song of the River	6:30am	Villain News Networkd
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Villain news Network	7:00pm	The Struggle
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	8:30am	Somerville Story Tellers	7:30am	Aging Well
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
5:30pm	Creative Somerville Series	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Duck Village Stage
		10:00am	Tele Galaxie	10:00am	Baystate Biking news

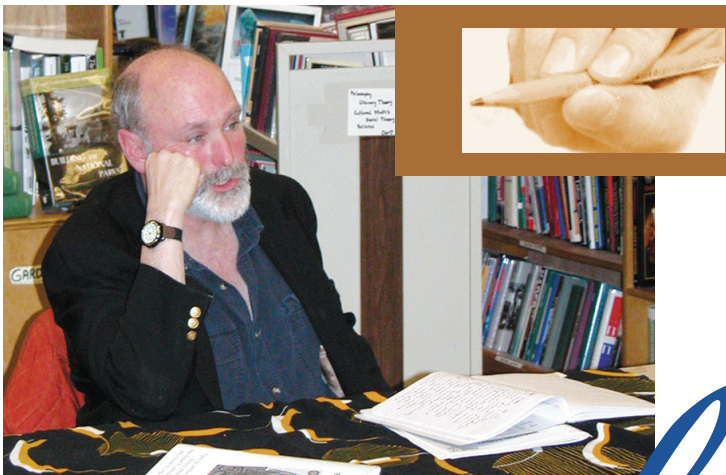
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Wednesday, August 10					
9:00am	Art Beat 2016	9:00pm	Congressional Update	1:46pm	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"
10:00am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:30pm	SomerViva em Português	2:51pm	Senior Picnic 2016
12:00pm	National Night Out 2016	10:00pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	6:30pm	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"
1:30pm	Congressional Update	Friday, August 12		7:35pm	Talking Business
2:00pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	12:00am	National Night Out 2016	8:00pm	Open Space Open House
2:46pm	SomerViva em Português	1:30am	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market	9:38pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards
6:30pm	National Night Out 2016	2:00am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	Sunday, August 14	
8:00pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	2:30am	Haitian Community Meeting #3 - 7.17.16	12:00am	LOCUS Meeting - 7.21.16
8:30pm	Taste of Somerville	9:00am	LOCUS Meeting - 7.21.16	1:30am	Congressional Update
9:00pm	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market	12:00pm	Congressional Update	2:00am	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market
9:30pm	B2Green Expo - 7.7.16	12:30pm	Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour	9:00am	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market
9:43pm	Talking Business	2:00pm	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Mayor's Senior Picnic"
10:05pm	SomerViva en Español	2:30pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2016
10:30pm	Taste of Somerville	6:30pm	Open Space Open House	1:30pm	Congressional Update
Thursday, August 11		8:08pm	Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour	2:00pm	National Night Out 2016
12:00am	Haitian Community Meeting #3 - 7.17.16	9:35pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	6:30pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
1:13am	Senior Picnic 2016	10:04pm	Talking Business	7:00pm	Senior Circuit "Mayor's Senior Picnic"
2:13am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	10:30pm	SomerViva en Español	7:30pm	Senior Picnic 2016
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	10:50pm	Family Fun Day	8:30pm	Art Beat 2016
9:00am	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market	11:00pm	Taste of Somerville	9:30pm	Congressional Update
9:30am	National Night Out 2016	12:00am	Art Beat 2016	10:00pm	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Preventing Fraud"	Saturday, August 13		10:30pm	SomerViva em Português
12:30pm	Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour	1:00am	Open Space Open House	11:00pm	Talking Business
2:00pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards	2:38am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	Monday, August 15	
3:30pm	Talking Business	9:00am	Senior Picnic 2016	12:00am	Senior Circuit "Mayor's Senior Picnic"
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	LBGTQ Flag Raising	12:30am	LOCUS Meeting - 7.21.16
7:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:10pm	Talking Business	2:00am	SomerViva Haitian Creole
7:30pm	National Night Out 2016	12:32pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:23am	Haitian Community Meeting #3 - 7.17.16
		1:00pm	History of Somerville Lumber	9:00am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.18.16

Wednesday, August 10					
9:00am	SHS Girls Soccer v Lawrence	10:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	12:00pm	SomerViva en Español
10:30am	WSNS Science Fair Winners	Friday, August 12		12:30pm	National Night Out 2016
11:00am	SHS Multicultural Fair	12:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	2:00pm 2016 Historic Preservation Awards	Senior Picnic 2016
12:00pm	Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night	1:30am	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston	7:30pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
3:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016	4:00am	Public Domain Theater - 8/16	8:00pm	Congressional Update
4:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball	9:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	8:30pm	Art Beat 2016
5:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball	10:30am	Healey K-2 Spring Concert	9:30pm	SomerViva em Português
6:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Lawrence	11:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	10:00pm	Open Space Open House
8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	12:00pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	Tuesday, August 16	
9:30pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	12:30pm	ESCS Spring Concert	12:00am	Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour
10:00pm	Healey K-2 Spring Concert	1:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016	1:30am	Taste of Somerville
10:30pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	2:00pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert	9:00am	Congressional Update
Thursday, August 11		4:00pm	Healey K-2 Spring Concert	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Mayor's Senior Picnic"
12:00am	Brown School Spring Concert	4:30pm	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2016
1:30am	Argenziano Community Heritage Night Concert	6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	1:30pm	Open Space Open House
9:00am	2016 Youth Peace Conference	7:30pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	3:08pm	SomerViva en Español
11:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	8:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert	6:30pm	Connecting Communities - Mobile Market
1:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	9:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016	7:00pm	Senior Circuit "Mayor's Senior Picnic"
2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston	7:30pm	History of Somerville Lumber
4:00pm	2016 Youth Peace Conference	Saturday, August 13		8:16pm	Talking Business
6:00pm	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	8:38pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
7:30pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	2:00am	Public Domain Theater - 8/16	9:06pm	SomerViva en Español
9:30pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	9:00am	SHS Volleyball v Waltham	9:30pm	LOCUS Meeting - 7.21.16
		11:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover	Wednesday, August 17	

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Wednesday, August 10					
9:00am	SHS Girls Soccer v Lawrence	12:30pm	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert	1:00pm	String Camp & Camp HONK
10:30am	WSNS Science Fair Winners	1:00pm	Somerville Rocks! 2016		Summer Concert
11:00am	SHS Multicultural Fair	3:00pm	All City Middle School Spring Concert	2:30pm	Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night
12:00pm	Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night	5:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	5:00pm	SHS Class Day 2016
3:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016	7:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover	8:00pm	Argenziano Community Heritage
4:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball	8:30pm	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert		Night Concert
5:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	9:00pm	String Camp & Camp HONK
6:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Lawrence	Sunday, August 14			Summer Concert
8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	12:00am	SHS Football v Cambridge	Tuesday, August 16	
9:30pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	2:00am	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation 2016	12:00am	Capuano Kindergarten Spring Concert
10:00pm	Healey K-2 Spring Concert	3:00am	Public Domain Theater - 8/16	1:00am	Somerville Rocks! 2016
10:30pm	Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am	WSNS Spring Concert	2:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16
Thursday, August 11		10:00am	Argenziano School Spring Concert	9:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK
12:00am	Brown School Spring Concert	12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover		Summer Concert
1:30am	Argenziano Community Heritage	2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
9:00am	2016 Youth Peace Conference	4:00pm	Capuano Kindergarten Spring Concert	1:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball
11:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	5:00pm	WSNS Spring Concert	2:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball
1:00pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	6:00pm	Argenziano School Spring Concert	3:00pm	Argenziano School Spring Concert
2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover	5:00pm	String Camp & Camp HONK
4:00pm	2016 Youth Peace Conference	10:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell		Summer Concert
6:00pm	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	Monday, August 15		7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
7:30pm	SHS Spring Concert 2016	12:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	9:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball
9:30pm	2016 World Language Awards Night	1:30am	Public Domain Theater - 8/16	10:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball
		9:00am	SHS Class Day 2016	12:00am	String Camp & Camp HONK
		12:00pm	Argenziano Community Heritage Night Concert		Summer Concert
				1:30am	Healey K-2 Spring Concert



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'Age of Wonders'

Poems by Lawrence Kessenich

Poet and State Rep. Denise Provost reviews a new poetry book by Somerville Bagel Bard Lawrence Kessenich:

Age of Wonders, poems by Lawrence Kessenich
(Big Table Publishing, 2016)

Reviewed by Denise Provost

Lawrence Kessenich's newest book of poetry, *Age of Wonders*, is itself a wonder. Its poems, few exceeding a single page, are deceptively simple. The reader enters a description of an ordinary situation, only to hit a line that opens, as if on hinges, into unexpected revelation; the kind of magic door found in the mythic stories we read in youth.

In *Black Swans*, for instance, the setting is straight out of a fairy tale – a visit to a daughter spending “a semester in a castle –transformed/into a college campus ...” Contemplating the black swans (“known to chase visitors/across the broad lawns, honking madly”) in the moat, the narrator contemplates the grown child who has “we suspect, taken a professor/ for a lover.”

What to think of such a turn? What is the device that will move us from here to the happy ending we've been primed to anticipate? With a profound and subtle turn the narrator reveals that “[p]art of me would like to be

angry at this dark prince of learning, but I
can't be sure I'd be able to resist,
if I taught young women, the temptation
to wind myself around them like

the lithe, muscular neck of a black swan.
Besides, our sons and daughters sail their own
moats, honking madly if we get too close.
It's their castle and they will defend it.

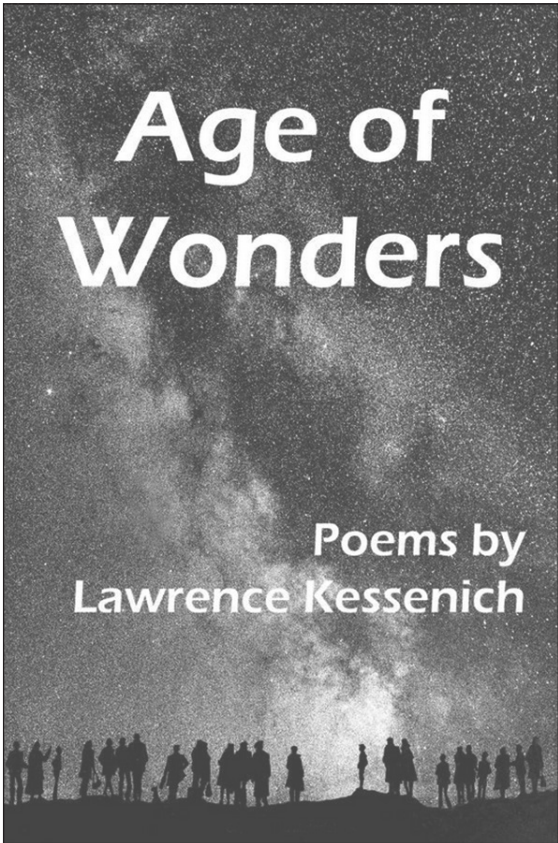
Like so many of Kessenich's poems, *Black Swans* is a masterpiece of equipoise, its elements twining into a perfect balance of emotional insights. It's evident in *The Buddha's Shoulder*, one of two meditations on the narrator's relationship with a wooden figure of the teacher whose name is almost synonymous with enlightenment. This statute is one which has, quite literally, been lightened: “faded by morning sun./The nut-brown wood has turned blonde,/like a washed out dye job.” The narrator confesses:

Being less compassionate, and more attached
to things remaining as they are, I'm bothered
by these blond patches on the Buddha's image.
I've considered retouching him with a stain....

The great teacher's lessons having been? seen as?
too powerful for such interference, the narrator
considers that

Perhaps I'll learn to meditate on his
imperfect shoulder, his marred knee, come to
accept that life is a long, slow fade toward death.

There is no self-pity, no melodrama in the tone of this poem, or in other poems contemplating the trajectory of life to its end – or even beyond.



A poem which undertakes the latter course is the extraordinary *Afterlife*. I know of several readers whose reaction to this breathtaking poem has been to say that they wanted to read it at the memorial service of a loved one, or have it read at their own. *Afterlife* reimagines the Biblical seven days of creation as a creative deconstruction:

Day 3
Your individuality begins
to melt like the Wicked
Witch of the West, all your
beautiful wickedness –and
you do see its beauty as
it goes –melting in a puddle
at what was once your feet.

It's surprising to find such a spirit of equanimity in any collection of contemporary poetry, but it consistently manifests in this collection. When, in the poem *The Zen of Mescaline*, the narrator says “[m]y identity slips the leash of form,” we recognize the cast of mind that unifies this work. It is one which is open to the particulars of experience, its marvels and mysteries, with a deep acceptance and a self-aware, sly humor.

In the title poem, a scene of natural beauty at an ancient cultural site is interrupted by the rumble of a jet:

...Immediately
my mind goes to dissatisfaction
with the world of whining engines and progress.
It is then the ancients speak to me: “You live
In an age of wonders. Enjoy them!”...

It may not be possible to read these poems and not absorb even a little of the attitude of even-handed appreciation they convey. Lines from these poems may bubble up into the ordinary, the tedious, the vexing, and even the painful episodes of life, with little breaths of patience and peace. Who knows? Wider dissemination of these poems may help make America grateful again – for, after all, we live in an age of wonders.

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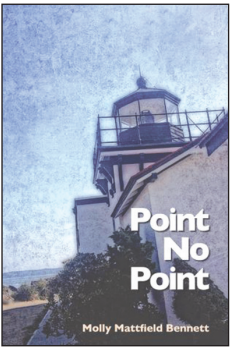
SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Somerville Bagel Bard Molly Mattfield Bennett has a new book of poetry out – so we decided to excerpt a poem from it.

Point No Point is about people who live on the edges, who travel from place to place; at home nowhere, who wander through life's journey. It is about all of us who are outsiders, Pilgrims, immigrants, homeless on the streets, Masai on the Serengeti, those who seek enlightenment. We are all outsiders. These poems dwell in paradox: with beauty amid horror that can change in an instant from one to the other; with the light that shines through pain; that daily the bush that shelters is on fire.

Molly Mattfield Bennett has published in the journals *Knock*, *Antioch* (Seattle, WA.), *Constellations*, *Ibbetson Street* (Somerville, MA.), *Off the Coast*, *Wilderness House Review* and the Bagel Bards. For years Molly has combined writing poetry with teaching young children and their teachers, raising daughters, being a Unitarian minister's wife and leading a writing group. She lives in Quincy, Massachusetts and is an active participant in the Boston poetry community – honored to read at the Boston Public Library during the Boston National Poetry Month Festival and to be one of three poets invited to participate at the June 2012 Jeff Male Memorial Reading at the William Joiner Institute's Writers' Conference, the University of Massachusetts, Boston.



Speak

Of the courage of those who do not pretend
that all is well

Of those who labor
whose hands and feet move in sleep

Of the shadow figures who shuffle endless streets
past store fronts and vacant lots

Of those who sit with the suffering, days stretch
through the night – cool cloths soothe, but do not heal

Of the one million in the Diaspora from the lower 9th
of the five thousand families displaced

Speak of the stubbornness of an old man
yet again – laying tile in an intricate pattern

Everybody living in different places
All scattered, nobody together – but I ain't about to leave

— Molly Mattfield Bennett

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