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Plastic bag ban begins



Those familiar plastic bags are soon to be a thing of the past in major Somerville stores.

— Photo by Doug Holder

By Amy Swain

September will bring with it the official start of the ban of plastic bags at Somerville checkout counters. Large stores will no longer carry plastic bags as of the first of the month; smaller stores and operations will be allowed to carry them through December. Smaller operations, the city believes, should have a little more time to exhaust their supply of plastic bags and secure a suitable alternative.

Legislation for this act has been in process for some time now, and was formally passed last year. Environmental concerns have been paramount in this decision, as well as the presumed benefit to the city on a more superficial level less litter and trash. While some residents have voiced their grief with the ban, others believe it will simply take some getting used to. Cambridge adopted the same policy earlier this year and has seen no upset, only a lesser amount of waste. City officials will be monitoring retailers to enforce the policy, Continued on page 4

Full service at LBC Boutique in Davis Sq.

By Manna Parker

LBC Boutique is a one-of-a-kind pawnshop and boutique located in Davis Square of Somerville. You may know the shop from its notorious items such as Red Socks championship rings and the Grammy of Peter Tosh.

The shop, which has been open for six and a half years, is a full-service pawnshop. They offer everything from loans, to buying items, to selling designer items such as gold, silver, and diamonds. General manager Merion Yohannes says that the shop is the best of both worlds. "We had an idea to open a boutique and a pawn shop at the same time," he said, which led to many different services for its varying customer base.

The shop also receives items from all over the world. "We have a lot of people bringing in stuff and mailing in stuff. Everyone knows we pay the highest," said Yohannes. This has led to a host of some very unique items. Some of the most notorious are Whitey Bulger collectables, and Peter Tosh's guitar and Grammy



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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 online to www.johns-team.org for all the information regarding this excellent fundraiser for a worthy cause.

Two Board Orders are going in for this Thursday's Board of Aldermen meeting, on August 25. One is specific to the Henderson Street property, the other pertains to the City Solicitor's interpretation of the subpoena power of the Board for property owners like Dr. No Permits Needed. Remember, we told you last week that Dr. No Permits Needed the dentist/developer in Davis Square has stop work orders currently in effect.

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, Tapatio, Gauchao, Blanca's, Deano's Pasta, Joe's Liquors, Amigos Market, and more!

Also, this Thursday, August 25, the Water Department is scheduled to be on the agenda at the Board of Alderman meeting. It's on the agenda because Alderman at Large Bill White has asked for it to be there, hopefully to explain the new tax (sorry, we meant fee) of \$60 per bill. You already received an add-on to your bill in July. Did you notice it? Probably not, but the entire city was sent the extra fee. When the budget hearings were held this past June and the Water Dept. appeared, no one mentioned that there would be this fee. Maybe they were trying to sneak it in? Don't forget, that's \$60 per bill, per water meter. We get three bills a year. Doing the math, that's \$180 extra tax (again, sorry, we meant fee). With an estimated 11K meters, is there going to be an "Add on Charge" by the Water Department? So, either be present at the BOA meeting or make sure you watch on TV or online to Continued on page 11

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The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City speed limits likely to be lowered

Matt says

Lowering the speed is one thing but actually enforcing the speed limits and traffic laws is another. I have complained to the alderman about speeding down streets through residential neighborhoods, blatant running of red lights and not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks countless times. I have yet to see any meaningful change in ticketing offenders.

If you live in east Somerville, you know that during times with low traffic cars and trucks regularly zip down the main streets with loud exhaust and no care for pedestrians or bikers.

MarketMan says:

Agree with Matt. I have complained to our alderman (past and present) in Ward 6. I have asked for speed bumps to avoid people cutting through at high speeds in a residential area where lots of children walk to/from school. The current alderman has not responded to my request. The past alderman said that they put up a device to monitor the speeds and didn't find the average to be much higher than the posted speed limit, therefore didn't require action. I believe the average speed they found was about 33MPH in a 30MPH zone. My response to that is and was that that conclusion was misinformed. Here's why:

Suppose 100 people drive on a road with a speed limit of 30MPH.

Suppose 90 of those people drive at the posted speed limit of 30 MPH, and only 10 people speed through at 60MPH.

What's the average speed that a monitoring device will report? 33MPH

The average doesn't seem high even though 10% of the drivers were speeding at DOUBLE the speed limit!!

I'm not saying that THAT is what I have observed, but I have seen during certain times of the day many drivers speeding through at 10-20MPH over the speed limit.

BMac says:

Agree, would rather see more enforcement of current limits than see limits lowered.

A Moore says:

Somerville is a city where many people drive aggressively. We do not have enough law enforcement to keep up with it. Changing the speed limit on the sign will do little here unless it is enforced. Even speed bumps don't do much. They just pick up speed and hit it at an angle and fly through it. Also you are more likely here in Somerville to speed past a policeman and get away with it compared to other cities as I have witnessed many times.

Joseph Lynch says:

Congrats to Rep. Provost. She's been fighting for this since her Alderman days. Thank you.

Matt C says:

A Moore – I agree changing the speed limit won't help, the only thing that will change behavior is enforcement. Personally I am far less concerned with the major streets (Broadway, Medford, Highland, etc and think the issue is on our smaller, often 1 way streets where the majority of us live. All you need is one distracted, speeding driver and a kid running into the street and you have a tragedy that can't be undone.

As for speed bumps I'm pretty sure that if someone put a speed bump up on my street it would be impossible to avoid because if you try to angle over it you'll end up hitting a parked car!. The determination of a speed bump being installed should be based upon a majority of affected residents requesting it.

I don't expect (or really want) SPD to be focused on speed traps, It would be FAR cheaper to buy a mobile traffic camera and move it around the city each week to a new location.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Mayor: Battle against Wynn casino over

By Tom Bannister

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone appeared before the press and public on Monday to personally announce that the city's struggle with the \$2+ billion Wynn Resorts project has come to an end.

At the news conference, Curtatone stated that the city was satisfied with the Wynn organization's assurances that environmental and traffic congestion issues would be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Legal challenges by the city earlier this year had briefly held up construction of the resort, but the way has since been cleared for the full commencement of development at the site.

The remarks followed a statement issued by the mayor earlier that day:

The City of Somerville successfully resolved a number of our community's core concerns regarding the Wynn casino project through our recent appeal of the casino's Ch. 91 license. For this reason, we will not pursue further appeal of the license via the courts. I want to be clear, our appeal was never about stopping the casino but rather about our civic duty to protect the health, safety, and quality of life of our residents. While we did not get everything we asked for, the appeal did yield significant and meaningful results for our residents, so we feel the process

Most important, the operation of a ferry, which was not previously a condition of the license, is now required for the full 50 years that the license covers. By the Wynn organization's estimates, the ferry should reduce casino road traffic by an estimated 6 percent, and in one of the most congested areas of the country, every bit counts. Every trip shifted off the road and onto that ferry will reduce air pollution in our neighborhoods and traffic delays for all.

We are also pleased that our



Mayor Curtatone made it official on Monday, publicly announcing that the city's ongoing beef with Wynn resorts has been settled.

appeal increased the amount of public open space and decreased the unusually long proposed term of the license from 85 to 50 years. This means current residents will have greater community benefits now, and the next generation will have an opportunity to reassess benefits within a more reasonable time period.

With some of our key concerns now reasonably addressed, we do not see the need to further pursue in court the issues raised by our other legal actions, which will be withdrawn. Our work, however, is not done. Together with Wynn, the state, and other regional partners, we will continue to seek progress on traffic mitigation and mobility concerns and opportunities as they relate to the casino. To that end, I would like to announce that the City of Somerville and Wynn MA, LLC, have entered into an agreement that commits both parties to jointly working to address these needs.

We look forward to collaborating with Wynn MA specifically around the five areas noted in the agreement: Regional Planning, Multi-Modal Mobility and Transportation Funding, Bus Transit Improvements and Bus Rapid Transit, Air Quality and Public Health, and Environmental Sustainability. This is not a financial settlement, but rather a commitment to be good neighbors and to work together to solve the issues that impact both the people and the economy of our region.

Greater Boston faces significant congestion and transportation challenges and also deserves the benefits of a thriving and growing local economy. The successful resolution of our appeal and the commitment of both the City of Somerville and Wynn MA to continue to tackle our shared needs are both a step in the right direction.

LEGAL NOTICE

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OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

In Board of Aldermen

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city, members of the Democratic, Green-Rainbow, Republican and, United Independent Parties will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street; Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;

Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;

Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;

Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;

Precinct 2. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street; Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Francy Road;

Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;

Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

WARD SIX

Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;

Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

WARD SEVEN

Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd - Raymond Ave, Entrance

Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

ON THURSDAY, September 8, 2016

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:

A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, A Candidate for Governor's Council for the Sixth Councillor District,

A Candidate for Senator in General Court for the Second Middlesex District,

A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Ward One and in Ward Two Precinct One)

A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted

for in Ward Two Precincts Two and Three and all Precincts of Wards Three, Five and Six) A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (To be voted

for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven)

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By Jim Clark

Store employee reverse-loads the merchandise

Last Thursday evening, Somerville police was contacted by the Home Depot Asset Protection Manager from the Home Depot store located on Mystic Ave.

Police were reportedly informed that the store security staff had placed a Home Depot employee, Daniel Young, of Malden, under video surveillance, due to reports that he was observed carting large amounts of merchandise out of the loading dock without paying for it, and loading it onto the trucks of various persons he met outside the store.

Police were informed that Young was staging a large amount of merchandise at the side loading dock for a delivery, consistent with the pattern of the previous thefts.

Young had then left the store,

according to reports, and began walking around in the vicinity of Assembly Square.

Investigating police officers located Young, who was reportedly pacing back and forth in Fron of the nearby Kmart store, talking on his cell phone.

The investigating officers reported that they felt Young was engaged in setting up a pickup of the Home Depot merchandise.

Young then began walking back towards the Home Depot, and police officers notified the store security personnel so that they would be ready to resume surveillance on the suspect.

Young arrived back at the loading dock area of the store, according to the store security staff, and met with a man driving a truck, later identified as Barem Sharwani, of Woburn.

Police said that the two men immediately began removing store merchandise from the loading dock and into the back of the truck.

Among the merchandise taken was a large amount of moldings, lumber, ladders and power tools, and a bath faucet, police said.

Police officers converged on the two suspects and escorted them back to the Asset Protection Office for questioning.

Sharwani and Young were placed in separate rooms. Officers first spoke with Young. He was informed that he was a suspect in a crime, and was read his Miranda rights.

Young reportedly stated that he understood his rights, had not taken any alcohol or drugs, and held a high school level education. He also stated that at the time he would feel more comfortable talking to the store security staff alone. The officers then reportedly left the room to allow the staff and Young a chance to speak.

Police next spoke with Sharwani, who was likewise advised as Young. Sharwani reportedly stated that he understood his rights, had not taken any alcohol or drugs, and held a high school level education.

Initially Sharwani stated that he did not wish to speak with me. However, as we sat in the room together waiting for security staff to conclude their interview with Young, Sharwani answered a few questions.

According to reports, Sharwani stated that he was helping a friend build a house, which is why he needed the building sup-

plies and tools. He further stated that he had become acquainted with Young on a website known as Offer Up, an application used for buying and selling, similar to eBay. Sharwani stated that he could not produce a receipt for the merchandise.

Ultimately, it was learned that Young had been staging similar thefts, selling merchandise to a few local building contractors at half the sticker value. Police said that Young signed a statement for the store security staff, admitting to the attempted theft that evening, as well as several others. The estimated total value of the thefts was given as \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Both Young and Sharwani were placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy and larceny over \$250.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOC

Arrests:

Carlos Silveira, of 48 Governor Winthrop Rd., August 16, 1:04 a.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, malicious wanton defacement of prop-

erty, assault with a dangerous weapon, and leaving the scene of personal injury.

Filsdyn Modan, of 1 R Memorial Rd., August 16, 6:02 p.m., arrested at River Rd. on a charge of trespassing.

Derek Correia, of 60 Albion St., August 17, 6:14 p.m.,

warrant charges of distribution of a class C drug, possession of a class E drug, drug possession to distribute, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Barem Sharwani, of 33 Mi-

arrested at Highland Ave. on lan Ave., Woburn, August 18, warrant charges of distribution of a class C drug, possession of Ave. on charges of conspiracy a class E drug, drug possession and larceny over \$250.

Daniel Young, of 418 Salem St., Malden, August 18, 10:19 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250.

Jean Welch, of 12 Wall Court, Canton, August 19, 11:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of distribution of a class A drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license, drug possession to distribute, and failure to stop or yield.

Plastic bag ban begins CONT. FROM PG 1

especially for the first year. This is less for policing purposes and more of a means of assistance in the transition.

Information sessions will be held September 13, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., and September 29, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, in the second floor Alderman's chambers. These sessions will help business owners as well as shoppers understand the specifics of the ban. The basics though, are that no plastic checkout bags will be given at registers. This does not include produce bags, or anything similar or specifically unique.

It will be up to retailers to decide the alternative. Star Market will stop carrying plastic September 1, and from then forward will offer paper bags with handles for ten cents. Target will begin giving away reusable shopping bags beginning August 24, and continue until their stock is depleted. At that time, whether the first has come or not, they will no longer carry plastic, and will have free non-handled paper bags. The options are many and different. Check your regular grocer's policy, but bringing reusable bags will always be a good idea.





Somerville businesses will not provide single-use plastic bags.







Somerville residents arrested for allegedly robbing nun

By Jim Clark

On Sunday, August 21, at approximately 2:05 p.m., the Quincy Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery. The investigating officer spoke to the victim, a Sister at The Daughters of Mary of Nazareth Convent.

The victim stated that she was walking, in civilian clothing, on Phipps St., by Water St., when a female approached her and attempted to take a small satchel out of her left hand. She told the female suspect, now identified as Vanessa Young, 26, of Somerville, that she didn't have any money.

A small struggle ensued between the victim and Young. At one point, the victim reportedly noticed that there was another female standing approximately 5-10 feet behind her looking back and forth as a look out.

The victim reportedly stated that she observed that Young was holding a small knife, and said to the victim, "I'm not going to hurt you."

The victim tried to calm down the suspect down, opened her satchel and showed Young its contents of rosary beads, a key, and a small memento. Young reportedly told the victim, "I guess I'll take the rosary beads". The victim then fled the area and ran back to the convent.

The victim provided police with a description of the two suspects, which was broadcast to area units.





Vanessa Young (L), Crystal Young (R). - Photos courtesy Quincy Police Dept.

The investigating officer then began to search for the suspects. As he was driving, he observed two females exiting the back seat a vehicle that was stopped on Phipps St. Both females matched the description provided by the victim. The officer approached two women and advised them that they were suspects in an earlier robbery. According to police reports, both women denied any involvement in the incident.

Officers searched the suspects and located a small locking knife, 6 cellphones of various make and models, and a checkbook belonging to a resident of Weymouth, but did not find the rosary beads.

The victim responded to the officer's location and positively identified both suspects, as well as the knife that was used in the robbery.

Young was placed under arrest and charged with armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Crystal Young, 26, of Somerville, was arrested and charged with armed robbery and accessory after the fact.

Reflections from a **Meals-on-Wheels driver**

By Guillermo Gonzalez

I became a Meals-on-Wheels driver in 2010, not really expecting the social and spiritual impact I'd experience from joining that very special community.

Working as a driver for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) was among the most pleasant experiences in my lifetime. I love to be in contact with people, listening to their problems, their emotions and their deeds. It was always interesting, that reflection of what I am or what I am not.

One highlight was identifying with my

workmates, the other drivers I gradually came to know. Despite the daily ups and downs, cooperation as a team was one of our pillars.

Our team sacrificed hours of sleep, getting up early to have everything ready by 8 am. Their spirit and fortitude created an amalgamation between them. Listening to their concerns, their desires, aspirations, dreams (most in Spanish) broadened my point of view beyond physical needs, transcending to moral and spiritual wishes.

The most inspiring aspect was seeing this group of young Continued on page 17



Meals on Wheels driver Guillermo Gonzalez pictured here with Community Meals Program Director

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor:

The fight against the addiction epidemic in Somerville is a true community effort. We all have a role to play in ending the overdoses, reversing the stigma, and supporting those who are struggling with addiction or who are in recovery. Our elected leaders must be a part of these efforts, and in this election season it's important to support the people who have shown that they are personally invested in this fight. I know that Tim Toomey is one of those people.

In 2014, I helped organize Somerville Overcoming Addiction (SOA) as a response to the spike in overdoses that we were seeing in our community. I had witnessed how the stigma associated with addiction was keeping people from seeking the help that they so desperately needed, and I began working alongside other SOA members to change that. Through our many community events, vigils, and celebrations, SOA has worked to put a human face on the problem of addiction in Somerville, and has helped people find the strength that exists within themselves to acknowledge and address this disease. Addiction is a deeply

personal and often very painful issue for many, and while others may find it easier to do something else with their time, Tim has always been there for us. As a mother of a son who has lived this struggle, I can't stress enough how important it is for us to know that community leaders like Tim are with us in this fight.

It's also important to acknowledge that Tim is not just with us in the community, but he's also with us in the work that he does on Beacon Hill. He is fighting for more resources, more treatment beds, and laws that will help prevent opiate addiction before it starts. He's helped pass a law that is holding the people who traffic fentanyl accountable. And although we know that fentanyl has been responsible for two thirds of Massachusetts overdose deaths in 2016 so far, Tim has been criticized for that vote in this election. He needs our support, and I'm proud to stand with him, just as he stands with us. I hope that all of my friends and neighbors will get out the vote for Tim on Thursday, September 8th.

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OBITUARY

Major Joseph "Joe" Alexander McNeill Jr.



Alexander Jr. 79, died surrounded by his family on July 25, 2016 in Kentfield, CA.

He proudly served his country as a Master Navigator, Vietnam veteran, and career Air Force officer.

Joe was born on Feb. 9, 1937 in Somerville, Massachusetts to Joseph Alexander McNeill and Agnes Bridget Beatrice Donnelly.

He was the youngest of three siblings, his brother, Daniel Francis, sister Margaret "Peggy" Helen, and their half-sister Claire Frances McNeill.

Both of his parents were children of Irish immigrants, his paternal grandmother Annie Tracy Murray from Cushendall, Antrim and grandfather Daniel Francis McNeill from Ballycastle, Antrim and his maternal grandparents James Donnelly and Mary E Silk were from Kiltulla, Castlerea, Roscommon, Ireland.

Educated in Catholic schools, St. Anne's in Somerville and Christopher Columbus HS in Boston, he graduated in 1958 with a BA from Providence College in Rhode Island. His friends included Lenny Wilkens and John Thompson from the basketball team and he remained a dedicated Friar's fan. At his 50th reunion, "Satchmo" and his college buddies picked up as if no time had passed.

Returning to Somerville after graduation, he married the love of his life, Frances Jean Butler in September 1958 and began a career teaching in Somerville. After the birth of his daughter, Leslie Anne, he joined the Air Force and moved his family to Texas for Officer Training & Navigation School. His son Joseph "Jose" Alexander McNeill, III joined the family at Harlingen AFB. Mather AFB was next for Advanced Navigator Bombardier Training.

Joe's first assignment was the 7th Squadron at McChord AFB on C-124 later to the 22nd Military Airlift Command at Travis AFB and C-141s. Joe served in Vietnam and then moved with his family to Hawaii, where he worked on mission planning at Hickam AFB, residing on Wheeler AFB. Moving to Vacaville, California. In 1976, Joe realized a long-held dream to run a restaurant when he managed the Travis AFB Officer's Club.

In his 20 years of service, he worked in many roles from navigating Air Force Two for Lyndon B Johnson and an unofficial trip to China before Nixon, to missions and planning and his role on the advisory staff to the South Korean military. Joe retired from the Air Force

in 1981, starting a career in real estate as an agent and eventually building McNeill Real Estate with his son.

He returned to his original profession at Solano Community College. He loved teaching real estate and his classes were popular and packed. Ill health forced him to retire from teaching.

He always faced challenges with a positive attitude and a strong will; his response to the doctors was always "fix it." When dialysis finally failed in 2016, he slipped away peacefully.

Joe is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances; daughter, Leslie; son, Jose (Stacey Kopp) McNeill; two beloved grandsons, Joseph Alexander McNeill IV and Connor Patrick McNeill; brother, Daniel Francis (Mallie Fannie Katz) McNeill; brother-in-law, Paul Kidder; and nieces, Lydia Tamar McNeill Campenella, Rebecca Veronica McNeill Vousboukis, Kathleen Kidder Calkins.

A memorial service with full military honors was held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please thank a veteran for his or her service. Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, VALLE-JO 707-552-6696, www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=-JOSEPH-ALEXANDER-MC-NEILL&pid=180969984#sthash. CnH3W1wT.dpuf

Long journey home for lost soldier

By Jim Clark

Corporal Ronald M. Sparks, United States Army, from Cambridge, MA, became Missing in Action (MIA) while his unit (Co. D, 1st Bn, 38th Infantry Regt, 2nd Infantry Div.) was clearing a road block held by the opposing forces in the vicinity of Hoengsong, R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) on February 12, 1951.

A repatriated American Prisoner of War (POW) reported that PFC SPARKS died while in captivity at POW Camp 1, Changsong, Democratic People's Republic of North Korea on May 26, 1951.

Corporal Sparks was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device (for valor) prior to becoming an MIA Soldier in August 1950, and was also a Purple Heart Medal recipient.

Corporal Sparks' remains were never returned to U.S. soil, until his nephew, Robert Sparks, undertook an initiative to locate them and bring them home.

Robert Sparks contacted the U.S. Army's Past Conflicts Repatriation Branch, provided them with photographs,



family biographies, dental records and most important DNA samples. He attended meetings and kept in close contact with his uncle's case file officer who was located at Fort Knox, Ky.

In his efforts to locate his uncle's remains, Robert learned that, as an irrefutable principle of military protocol, no soldier is ever left behind either on the battlefield or as a missing combatant.

He took great comfort in knowing that in the search for his Uncle Ron, a 20-yearold boy from River Street in Cambridge, the United States military never gave up.

After an 11 year quest, Cpl. Sparks' remains were located and returned to the U.S., where he was finally laid to rest with his parents and little brother Clifford in Woodlawn Cemetery, in Everett, MA.

Cpl. Sparks' sister, Irene Sparks, lives in Somerville.

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Grilled Vegetable Medley

With Labor Day right around the corner and many friends and family getting together for the last official cookout of the summer, this dish will truly satisfy everyone in the crowd. It will feed a group of people and can be made and assembled ahead of time.

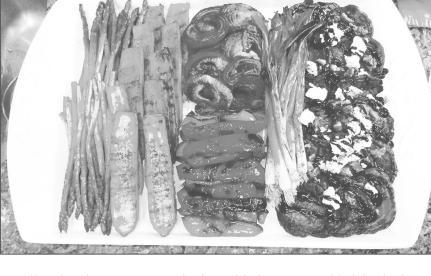
I like to pick out colorful vegetables to grill for this platter. I chose asparagus, red onions, a variety of bell peppers, summer squash, scallions, and beets. I usually make up my mind at the grocery store or farm stand as to which vegetables will look best on the platter. When picking out zucchini or summer squash, I look for them to be of similar size so they cook more evenly and look fantastic when presented.

- 1-1/2 lbs. asparagus
- 2 medium onions
- 3 peppers (red, yellow, orange)
- 5 Summer squash or zucchini
- 1 bunch scallions

 $2\ large\ or\ 3\ medium\ sized\ beets$

Wash all vegetables prior to cutting. Prepare the asparagus by cutting off the tough bottoms, then with a vegetable peeler go over the bottom half of the stem to remove the outside skin. By doing this, they will be extremely tender all the way through. Whether you're using summer squash or zucchini, trim the top of the stem off, then slice them all in half. Peel the onions, then slice into 1/2" rings. Use different colors of peppers for a more festive look. Remove all the seeds and slice the peppers in strips measuring about 1-1/2" to 2". Trim the top part of the scallions keeping them uniform in size. When picking out the beets, look for the largest ones you can find in the loose beet bin. Wash well, and just cut off the rough end. Slice into 1/4" rounds and they're set to go. No need to remove the skin!

Preheat the grill. Once all the vegetables are prepared, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.



Grill in batches. Start on a high heat grill to get char marks on the vegetables, then move them to the cooler side of the grill for indirect cooking. Cook until fork tender. The asparagus and scallions will take the least amount of time, followed by the summer squash or zucchini, the peppers, then the beets. Once all the vegetables are cooked and cooled, arrange on a platter. To finish off the beets, I

added some crumbled, herbed goat cheese, a few toasted nuts, such as walnuts, slivered almonds or even pistachios. Then drizzle with a balsamic vinegar glaze or a fine extra virgin olive oil. Use whichever vegetables that look good to you, you can use different types of peppers and even some Portobello mushrooms, which work very well. Serves between 6-8 people as a side

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'Villens United by Chris Haskell

BLOWW: Welcome to violence



Call me sentimental, but I miss the days when a couple women with bad perms and way too much make-up would brawl over bargains at a Caldor clearance sale...

It's that type of comedic violence that the ladies of B.L.O.W.W. (Boston League Of Women Wrestlers) have bled and sweat into every show, blow by BLOWW since 2004.

These aren't a bunch of scantily clad Barbie dolls pulling each other's hair; these are some of the baddest lady warriors from the darkest corners of the Boston area

Trash talk leads to a few girls trying to beat each other senseless in front of a live rock band while the crowd cheers and chuckles. Most shows seem more like an odd barroom brawl turned wrestling match and the small intimate venues they usually play let you get a front row seat to the madness.

Now over a decade strong, many of the original BLOWW babes have retired after years of severe beatings; but the new cast of vicious vixens still carry the torch for their fallen sisters. Pyscho killer Stabitha La Kills, Tag team The Bradlees Babes, and punk rocker powerhouse Punky Bruiser are just a few of names amongst the murder's row that now grace the mats.



The ladies - and sometimes gentlemen - of BLOWW are dying to entertain and thrill local audiences.

The retired legends of BLOWW aren't gone for good and often return for shows to rile up crowds and add a little extra mayhem. Stories often involve the never ending struggle of who will take ownership of the league.

The shows aren't just a girls club. There have been a few guys to join the ladies over the years as referees or ring boys and local talk show host Kyle Colston often joins these days as Frankie Redhawt, or one of his other characters and matches are usually reffed by former wrestler Poindexter O' McAllahan.

Both the guys and gals collaborate to craft costumes, rivalries, and characters and have become a happy dysfunctional family in doing so. The shows are truly a fun labor of love amongst a close-knit group of friends.

Whether outdoors or indoors, barroom floor or center stage, these girls have come for a fight that will not disappoint. Shows are often played with a couple local rock bands headlining, providing riffs to incite whacky violence. Recent shows have been played with singer/songwriter Carissa Johnson and local favorite Stars Like Ours. Popular local lady punk band Petty Morals will be headlining BLOWW's next upcoming show at Somer-Streets on September 18.

Upcoming dates for shows and headlining bands are updated on

the BLOWW Facebook page and the league's website blowwboston.com.

If you're in need of a kiss with a fist I recommend checking out this unique underground show. Good music, good laughs and good times are what are slowly making these shows a local cult favorite. Get on out and support your local lady wrestlers!

Later 'Villens ... enjoy the violence...

Winter Hill Bank receives 'Outstanding' rating

By Rebecca Danvers

Winter Hill Bank has received an "Outstanding" Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, representing the highest possible rating of how well the bank meets the needs of its communities in the areas of community development lending, affordable housing finance, and banking and financial services. This is the bank's fourth consecutive "Outstanding" rating. An outstanding rating is the highest rating possible and it demonstrates the bank's commitment of taking a leadership role in meeting the credit needs of all segments of its communities.

Passed by Congress, the Community Reinvestment Act encourages financial institutions to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate including low and moderate-income neighborhoods consistent with safe and sound banking operations. Federal regulators monitor whether banks are fulfilling their CRA obligations and they rate each bank based on their performance in lending, service, and investments in the bank's communities.

According to Pauline M. D'Aurora, Executive Vice President/Chief Lending Officer of Winter Hill Bank, "Re-

ceiving the highest of ratings is an honor at any time. To be recognized with such a distinction is validation that Winter Hill Bank remains a leader in addressing all the needs of every neighborhood we serve in a responsible way. That's the way it has been since our founding in 1906. Everyone at the bank shares this honor."

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for TION PROGRAM BY \$150,000 (H 4450) Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from July sessions.

REDUCE FUNDING FOR EARLY INTERVEN-

House 136-18, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of \$150,000 (from \$28,550,167 to \$28,400,167) in funding for the early intervention program. The program provides early intervention for families of children up to three years of age who have developmental difficulties because of health or environmental conditions.

Override supporters said the reduced funding would hurt this vital program that assists these children at an early age and helps them grow and attain the skills to increase their development. They noted that the program serves the child and family in their natural environments, including family homes, child care centers and community play groups in order to improve development by encouraging the child's participation in everyday activities.

In his veto message, Gov. Charlie Baker said that he vetoed the funding because it was not consistent with the original budget he filed.

(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

ELIMINATE ENTIRE \$400,000 FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION (H 4450)

House 138-15, Senate 38-1, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$400,000 in funding for the non-profit Samaritans organization for suicide prevention, including their 24-hour hotline.

Override supporters said this funding is essential to help with this important battle against a major public health problem. They noted that suicide results in an average of 500 deaths annually.

In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because it was not consistent with the original budget he filed.

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

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

REDUCE FUNDING FOR WAGE ENFORCE-MENT BY \$37,574 (H 4450)

House 119-34, Senate 34-5, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of \$37,574 (from \$\$3,757,371 to \$3,719,797) in funding for the attorney general's office to enforce the state's wage laws including violations of overtime pay and the state's current \$10 per hour minimum wage law.

Override supporters said it is important to working families to fully fund this enforcement. They noted the attorney general has the power to criminally prosecute or issue civil citations to employers who violate wage laws.

In his veto message, the governor said that he reduced this funding to the amount projected to be necessary.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$37,574. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

Rep. Christine Barber

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING (S 2444)

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill to strengthen the state's anti-human trafficking laws and help put a stop to victims who are forced into the commercial sex trade or involuntary labor.

Provisions increase from three years to ten years the time victims are allowed to file a civil suit against a trafficker; allow victims who committed non-felony crimes as a result of being trafficked to petition the court to vacate these convictions; mandate training for law enforcement, health professional and teachers to recognize the signs that someone is a victim of this heinous crime; and a public awareness campaign with signs posted in highrisk locations such as adult entertainment facilities and foreign cash transfers outlets.

Supporters said this version of modern day slavery that affects mostly women and children must be combatted and eliminated. They noted the bill expands and toughens a 2011 law by cracking down even further on loathsome people who sell human beings. They noted the measure also provides significant tools and opportunities for victims to help restore their lives.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

USE FINES TO FUND TRAINING TO IDENTI-FY HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS (S 2444)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would help fund the training of law enforcement, health professionals and teachers to recognize the signs and help identify victims of human trafficking. The funds would come from a portion of the \$900 per person fee currently paid by some defendants who are first-time offenders and are allowed by the courts to participate in the first offender commercial sexual exploitation prevention program, instead of going to prison.

The program provides each participant with information, counseling and services about the negative impact sex trafficking has on victims, the health risks involved including the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and issues relating to mental health, substance abuse and

Amendment supporters said these training programs help police officers, health professionals and teachers discover innocent victims so they can be rescued and get their lives back.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Gov. Baker recently signed into law several bills sent to him by the House and Senate including:

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS CAN GIVE FLU SHOTS (H 3895) - Allows certified medical assistants who work in a doctor's office to give flu and other immunization shots to patients. A certified medical technician is an individual who is a graduate of a post-secondary

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medical assisting education and performs basic administrative, clerical and clinical duties under the direct supervision of a doctor.

Supporters say this will free up the time of doctors and nurses so they can work on more urgent medical issues.

BULLYING OF TENANTS IN PUBLIC HOUS-**ING** (S 1984) - Creates a special commission to study the prevalence and impact of the bullying of tenants, with a focus on elderly and disabled tenants, in public and subsidized multi-family housing. The commission is required to hold public hearings across the state and by December 31, 2006, come up with its findings and recommendations.

Supporters say bullying in public housing has become a big problem and must be addressed.

REQUIRE INSURERS TO COVER LIPODYS-

TROPHY (S 2137) - Requires insurance companies to provide coverage for the treatment of lipodystrophy, a medical condition that can cause abnormal fat accumulation around the head and neck or excessive fat loss in the face and limbs. Lipodystrophy is associated with frequent injections at the same point on the body, such as injections of insulin, and it can be a side effect of the antiretroviral drugs used to treat HIV.

Supporters say this requirement would help improve the lives of many people afflicted with the condition. They argued that fat accumulation from lipodystrophy sometimes causes serious head and neck pain, the inability to sleep and posture issues. They noted that excessive fat loss can result in "facial wasting," a clear sign to others that an individual has HIV. They said that many insurance companies currently deny coverage for this treatment and that some falsely describe the treatment as cosmetic surgery.

NEWSPAPERS MUST PUBLISH PUBLIC NO-TICES ONLINE (S 2428) - Requires newspapers that are paid to publish official state and local public notices in the paper's print edition to also include them on the paper's website at no additional cost. The measure also requires the papers to include the notices, at no extra charge, on a new statewide website, created and operated by a joint venture of Massachusetts newspapers.

Supporters say that readership of print copies of newspapers is way down and public notices in these papers are no longer seen by the majority of people.

ALLOW MORE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

(H 542) - Allows donors to contribute the maximum \$1,000 twice per year to a candidate who runs for the Legislature in a special election and a regular election in the same year. Current law only allows donors to give a maximum of \$1,000 in any calendar year.

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

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 15-19, the House met for a total of 22 minutes while

Mon. August 15	House 10:59 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Tues. August 16	No House session No Senate session
Wed. August 17	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 18	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

the Senate met for a total of one hour and eight minutes.

Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. Fri. August 19 No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
60 Sydney Street	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	2	\$469,900	\$469,900		
12 Woodbine St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	277	\$555,876	\$508,000		
9 Crown St	8 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$839,000	\$890,000		
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		

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
26 Pinckney Street U:3	1 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	36	\$155,000	\$174,000	
44 Highland Ave U:3A	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	8	\$275,000	\$307,000	
23 Prescott St U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	43	\$320,000	\$366,500	
12 Mount Pleasant U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	59	\$349,000	\$375,000	
40 Highland Ave U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	8	\$375,000	\$415,000	
80 Holland U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$389,000	\$475,000	
13 Garrison Ave U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	39	\$399,900	\$415,000	
50 Gordon Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	9	\$415,000	\$420,000	
18Tennyson st U:18	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$419,900	\$425,000	
20ATennyson St U:20A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	17	\$419,900	\$455,000	
51 Craigie Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$439,000	\$470,000	
14 Ellington Rd U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$439,900	\$439,900	
44 Putnam Rd U:44	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	75	\$449,000	\$430,000	

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
l	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
l	40 Grant St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	58	\$649,900	\$730,000	
ı	14 Wilson Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$665,000	\$650,000	
ı	88 Oxford St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$679,999	\$655,000	
l	14 Laurel Ter	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$699,999	\$660,000	
	12 Claremon St	3 unit, 11 total room, 3 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$775,000	\$800,000	

COMMENTARY

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Mobile Farmers Market Offers Fresh Tomatoes, and a Fresh Approach to Produce Shopping



By Joseph A. Curtatone

One of the core goals of Shape Up Somerville is to help everyone have the chance to eat fresh, healthy food. It's a simple concept, but a difficult one to put into practice. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found only one in 10 Americans eats enough fruit and vegetables. We'd like to do better than that here in Somerville, a lot better than that.

In an effort to put more produce on people's plates, we've got farmers' markets throughout Somerville: in Union Square every Saturday, in Davis Square every Wednesday, and the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market on Fridays and Saturdays. And

don't forget our winter farmers market at the Armory. Here though, I want to focus on our Mobile Farmers Market, a market that strives to remove the accessibility and affordability barriers to eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

You may have seen the Mobile Market van around town. Like any farmers' market, it sells local, seasonal produce. But instead of being at one location, it operates out of a van and makes 2-hour stops at four different sites in the City. The produce sold through the Mobile Market comes from four Massachusetts farms, including our very own South Street farm managed by Groundwork Somerville. Most food sold at the market is grown using organic farming practices, but it's priced to be more affordable.

In addition to the already lower prices for all market customers, another great feature of the Mobile Market is that those who most need it get a 50

percent discount. Anyone who shows their SNAP card, WIC card, or Senior Farmers' Market Coupons or who lives at the North Street Housing Development or the Mystic Housing Development receives half off the price of their purchases.

Research done at the market reveals that people who shop at the market are able to eat more fruits and vegetables as a result of this discount feature. A 10% Senior Citizen discount is also offered to eligible shoppers who do not have Senior Farmer's Market Coupons. But again, every produce shopper is welcome at the market and whether you qualify for the discount or not, we all need those veggies and fruits just the same.

We all know eating fresh produce is good for our bodies and minds. In fact, the USDA recommends making half your plate fruits and vegetables as a way to fight illness and prevent chronic disease. As school resumes next week, this is a mes-

sage our students will experience through our farm to school programming—(learn more at somervillefarmtoschool.blogspot.com). The Moblie Market provides a service to the community to ensure residents of all ages are better able to meet these guidelines. And while we focus on the health aspect of filling our plates with fruit and vegetables, let's not forget about how tasty seasonal produce can be. What's a New England summer without corn on the cob, fresh, sliced tomatoes or crispy apples?

The Mobile Market allows us to fulfill our health, economic, and environmental (Sustainaville) goals for the City all in one program. Spending money that supports local farmers keeps dollars in New England as well as minimizes the distance our food travels to get to our table, using less gas and decreasing emissions along the way.

We pride ourselves in being an All-America City. We got that title because we never stop striving to be the best city we can be. So find the Shape Up Somerville mobile market at one of its weekly locations and get yourselves some tasty produce. Where you spend your money can make a difference. Shopping at the mobile farmers market puts your money directly back toward making our community a healthy and productive one.

Please join us at the Somerville Mobile Farmers Market at these locations and times: On Fridays it's at the Somerville Council on Aging at 167 Holland St. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross St. from 3 to 5 p.m. On Saturdays it's at North Street Housing at 26 North St. from 10:30 a.m. to noon and at Mystic Housing at 530 Mystic Ave. from 1 to 3 p.m. It runs through October 15. Find more information at somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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18 August 2016

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

Having just read Mr Nader Kashani's badly thought-out and poorly-written letter, which was inexplicably published in this week's issue of The Somerville Times, I would like to add my voice to what I'm sure will become a chorus urging you to ignore such threats, which you will recognize as constituting a badly-conceived attempt at intimidation. I know from statements you have made that you are firmly in support of the idea that black lives do in fact matter, and that confidently asserting that principle in no way undercuts the more general principle which is fundamental to our society, though not consistently honored in practice, that all lives are, in fact, intrinsically valuable.

I think that what Mr Kashani, along with those like Somerville police union president Michael McGrath, who are critical of those who use the social media hashtag slogan #blacklivesmatter in various ways to indicate their support of what the sentence upon which it is based expresses, fail to understand is the distinction between that idea and the elaboration of that idea in further words and deeds by those who have their own notions about what it expresses and implies.

Having attended as an observer the rally outside City Hall in late July at which Mr McGrath spoke, and having heard him make outrageous assertions linking the actions and motivations of those who took the lives of police officers in Houston and Baton Rouge with those who understand and seek to proclaim the actual meaning of the sentence "Black lives matter," I have committed myself to doing everything I can to help those inclined to making a similar mistake overcome their obvious confusion.

I feel the essence of the error some people make is that they cannot distinguish between those who have undertaken to act, either individually or collectively, in certain ways (some of them destructive), and who may claim to either lead or follow an organized movement calling itself "Black Lives Matter" from those who would make the simple moral claim that "Black lives matter." I see you as acting legitimately on behalf of the people of Somerville in having boldly asserted that simple claim by means of the banner which now proudly adorns City Hall, alongside one that reminds us of the need to respect and care about one another regardless of race or ethnic background. In hanging the #BlackLivesMatter banner, you do not identify with anyone in particular or any given organization which

uses that slogan, let alone deranged persons who take the lives of or act with unnecessary aggression or employ actual violence against the valiant police officers cut down in the line of duty, whose loss we mourn. No one can claim to own the slogan "Black lives matter" or the idea it represents. Therefore, the use of that slogan to express support of the corresponding idea which you have stated about the need to "[address] systemic racism in our society" cannot be in any way tainted by anything anyone who also accepts that idea says or does, nor does that proclamation conflict with the "unwavering support for our police officers" to which you have also committed yourself in that same statement.

I would also point out that Mr Kashani, who claims to be a student, does not trouble himself to provide the sources of the statistics he cites in his letter, and the way some of them are stated (e.g. "approximately 50% of Caucasians were killed in 2015") renders what he is attempting to say nearly unintelligible. (If he is trying to say that of those killed [by police??] in 2015, 50%, adjusted for the relative proportions of white to non-white, were Caucasians, I am sure that "fact" would be front page headlines in newspapers across the country.) In a way, I find myself hoping that Mr Kashani's family's law firm

does bring suit against you and the City, so we can have an opportunity to witness the foolishness and meaninglessness apparent in his claims being demonstrated as the nonsense they actually are. Perhaps such a legal battle, from which I'm sure you would not flinch, would be a major opportunity to further the national conversation about this important matter in a fashion that could help us all comprehend and better come to grips with the urgency of what the statement "Black lives matter!" has come to mean, giving those of us fortunate enough to live in our fair city one more reason to feel justifiably proud.

I applaud the determined and courageous stand you have taken, Mr Mayor, and will continue to support you in your ongoing resolve to retain the #Black-LivesMatter banner (and the one at the police station expressing solidarity with the Houston force) in position for as long as it is required as a means of proclaiming your and our support for the idea it represents and as a reminder to us all to think act in ways consistent with the principle upon which it rests. Sincerely,

Gary S. Trujillo blm@webruary.org (resident of Somerville for 32 years)

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



Times are changing, and we must also obviously roll with those changes. No matter how we may feel as individuals about the new regulations taking effect regarding the use of plastic bags by retailers, it's clear that we need to accept them and adapt accordingly.

Yes, it's convenient having them at home

to hold everything from our trash to our treasures, and yet the undeniable fact remains that environmental sustainability has suffered under the weight of too many of these plastic bags clogging our landfills. As convenient as they may be for many of us, it is incumbent on us to accept new ways of hauling our goods home

from the stores.

To be honest with ourselves, most of us van cite examples where too many of these bags have been dispensed in the course of transacting business at our favorites markets. How many of us have bought 20 items and left the store with 19 plastic bags to carry them in?

It got out of hand, and a bad situation turned far worse than it should have.

So, we will get used to our new reusable bags, and one day we'll each look back and reflect on what we may feel were the good old days, or perhaps the bad old days. One thing is sure, there will be less plastic in the landfills. For better or worse.

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find out why they decided to do this without a public hearing.

A happy birthday on August 26 to Big Fish Little Fish neighbor, an old Kay and Chips fan, Simon Hill, who reminds us that this day is one of the least known celebrations in this country. It's Women's Equality Day, referencing the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in 1920. By some twist of fate, August 26 was also 1984 Vice-Presidential hopeful Geraldine Ferraro's birthday, and she passed away in March of 2011, aged 75, just down the road at MGH. And while Ferraro – who was the first woman and the first Italian American to be a major party national nominee - wasn't elected with Walter Mondale, this year will almost certainly see Hillary Clinton attain office. There will be a Women's Equality Day celebration this Friday, from noon to 1:00 p.m., by The Swan Boats on the Boston Common. Somerville's own Denise Provost, fresh from both the success of the Transgender Rights Bill, and local speed limits for vehicles, will be one of the featured speakers, along with MA Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and WSCC President Freddie Kay. There will be more cause for crowing this year because of the passage of the equal pay law in MA, which takes effect July 1, 2018. So take a trip to the Boston Common this Friday and join in the festivities.

The 2.5 proposition override will be on the ballot this coming November. It will be interesting to see how that will go, some of these new people coming in to the city already pay high tax, this will be more on the bill. Proposing a new high school, which was estimated to cost way over \$200M, the city needs \$50M for the Green Line. City officials can't stop spending money. Taxes for your average 2-family home will soon be at \$1,000 per month.

Happy birthday to a couple of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: A local guy who's family is still here, Clifford Clark is celebrating this week and we wish him the very best. He's nice guy and great dad to his two beautiful and smart kids. A Happy birthday to David Lilley, a local realtor who has been listing and selling homes successfully here in Somerville. We wish him a great birthday.

The Mayor's Office has declined to comment on the letter from a student in Los Angeles, CA regarding his filing a lawsuit against the city. They are

waiting to see if he's for real and if he will file the suit.

Primary Day is Thursday, September 8. Normally it's on a Tuesday, but it's on a Thursday again this year. Mark it on you calendar. We will be doing an endorsement next week in the paper for the senate seat and for the state representative seat presently held by Tim Toomey. Meantime, the debate for both offices is being aired on local SCATV several times. All four candidates did very well and we will have a surprise next week in our endorsement.

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.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this

is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earth-link.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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.

On August 31, the Matahari Women Workers' Center will host the conversation, "Uplifting Women Workers & Families: Cambridge & Somerville Candidates' Roundtable." Candidates for the 2nd Middlesex District Senate seat, incumbent Senator Pat Jehlen and Cambridge City Councillor Leland Cheung, as well as

Sunsetters finale 2016

The Sunsetters gave their final performance of the 2016 season last Thursday. Residents and passers-by on Kensington Avenue were treated to high-spirited song and dance from the talented group of area youngsters.

Stop & Shop donated treats for an after-performance celebration and Louie's ice cream treated the group to free ice cream. Leone's offered discounted pizza as well.















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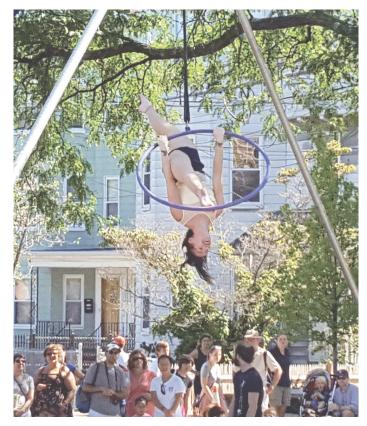


'Seize The Summer' at SomerStreets

"Seize the Summer," the August installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, took place this past Sunday between Davis Sq. and Teele Sq. on Holland St.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity.





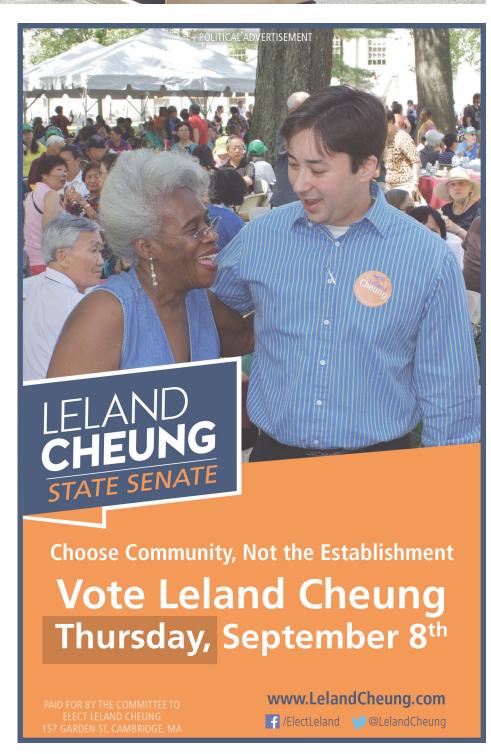




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SPORTS

5th Annual Fight Night at Dilboy

Dilboy Stadium hosted the 5th Annual Fight Night at Dilboy last Friday evening, sponsored by the Somerville Boxing Club, the Somerville Recreation Dept., Mayor Curtatone and USA Boxing. Attendees enjoyed a night of New England's Best Amateur Fighters while supporting the club and the good work they do for local kids. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos.

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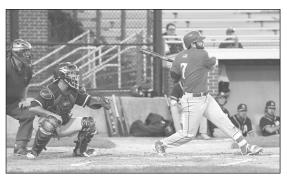
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YBL Championship Series: Game 1 Recap

By Mark Desroches Courtesy of Yawkee Baseball League

As has been very common this post-season, home field advantage has been quickly stripped from the higher seed. I'm sure this doesn't matter to teams like ATBC and Alibrandis as they are equipped to pitch, hit and play defense anywhere, anytime. Game 1 saw the #1 Al Thomas Athletics get out to a 1-0 lead in the 3rd which only started a night of two heavyweights standing in the middle of the ring going toe to toe trading punches. Alibrandis tied it in the 4th and ATBC would quickly take the lead once again.

Alibrandis would score late runs in bunches which has been the rule lately, putting up 5 in the 5th. RBI doubles by Teddy Dziuba and Will Brennan would be the key run scoring hits while Bobby Barrett would continue his torrid pace chipping in with 3 more hits. The story on the mound for the Red Army was the Red Ace, Sean Sullivan. He limited the vaunted ATBC offense to 4 hits and 2 runs, one earned. He kept his defense



Alibrandis beat out the Al Thomas Athletics in game one of the league finals Monday night.

– Photo courtesy Craig Henry (craighenry@mac.com)

busy all night and they made the plays. He moves his career post-season record to 13-0.

ATBC played a nice mix and match game with their multi-faceted bullpen, including the return of playoff stud Willie Archibald, who threw a scoreless inning with one strikeout. Their RBI were knocked in by 2016 YBL MVP favorite Freddi Carrera and Mike Hicks.

Alibrandis takes Game 1 by a final of 7-2. Game 2 is at Adams Field in Quincy at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

This week on Somerville Neighborhood News we learn more about Water and Sewer Charge: a Surprise for Homeowners by Ciara Speller.

If you are a Somerville homeowner who has not checked your latest water or sewer bill, you might want to.



Effective July 1, the City of Somerville Water & Sewer Department has now decided to institute a monthly connection charge that has caught many residents off guard.

The charge, which has become extremely controversial in recent weeks, was never announced by the city and is not resonating well with the city's Alderman who were also not included in the decision to establish the new fee.

"I think it's fair to say from our discussions, that all of the Alderman are quite concerned about this. We're supposed to be a partner," said Board President Bill White, who expressed the troubles the charge has caused for the board.

White has also submitted a proposed amendment to the city ordinance to make sure that if there are additional charges instituted, the board will be notified before a people hearing is held to avoid any further complications.

Although these charges have come completely as a surprise to the community and officials, Water Superintendent, Mark Lawhore, says that the charges have been studied for quiet some time and are long over due with all the infrastructure issues Somerville has seen.

"The sewer capacity was 120-years-old in some areas, and wasn't built for the size and the population that we have now. We're making those upgrades, and planning at the same time for future developments so that the city will always have that capacity to grow," said Lawhorne.

Lawhorne apologizes to the community for the lack of communication that went into implementing these new charges and says that things will be different in the future.

The Aldermen will also be holding a board meeting in the coming weeks to address the new connection charge and how it might affect members of the community who had not planned to add extra fees into their monthly expenses.

Both Alderman White and Superintendent Lawhorne have made sure to connect with community residents that have had any questions or concerns about the implemented charges and will continue to do so in the future as well.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. The Tom Tom Club was a side project from what popular 80's band?
- 2. What 3-sided hat did Paul Revere wear on his famous midnight ride?
- 3. What beverage that was first manufactured in Waco, Texas has a combination of 23 fruit flavors?
- 4. How long did The Hundred Years War last?
- 5. What golf course in Hawaii is regarded as the toughest in the world?
- 6. What is the name of the longest thoroughfare in Washington, D. C.?
- 7. Who said, "Baseball is

- 90% mental. The other half is physical"?
- 8. What hockey player is nicknamed "The Great One"?
- 9. What state's quarter has a trumpet, fiddle and guitar on it?
- 10. What two word term is used to describe how much money a movie takes in?
- 11. What is the U.S. Army precision parachuting team called?
- 12. In May 1978, what was the first casino to open in Atlantic City,

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

22 Woodbine Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-98) Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Michael LoPresti, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter a non-conforming structure by razing the existing building and constructing a 2-family residential structure. RA zone. Ward 5.

104 Beacon Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-78) (re-advertised) Applicant, Moons Realty Trust and Treat Realty Trust, and Owner, Richard Mauser, seek Variances for rear yard setback and parking under SZO \$5.5, \$9.5, and \$4.4.1, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of dwelling units under SZO §7.11.c, and Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 for pervious area, left and right side yard setbacks and to alter an existing, non-conforming structure, RC zone, Ward 2.

9 Hersey Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-86) Applicant/Owner, Anthony Sigel, seek a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the size of a front porch and add a roof. RA zone. Ward 3.

163 Glen Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-94) Applicant and Owners, 163 Glen Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.1.c for 11 residential units and a Special Permit under SZO §7.3 for maximum dwelling units per lot. The Applicant also seeks Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, SZO §9.13.b to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle and for compact spaces, and SZO \$9.13.f to reduce the parking requirement due to the proposed use. RB & RC zones. Ward 1.

350 Mystic Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2016-64) (re-advertised) Applicant and Owner, Craig Corporation, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5, §9.5, & §4.4.1for rear yard setback and parking and aSpecial Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of dwelling units under §7.11.1c. Construction to be of a mixed-use residential/commercial building. BB zone. Ward 4.

10 Beech Street #3: (Case #ZBA 2016-74) Applicants and Owners, Mark Melenovsky & Weili Su, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$5.3.8 to alter the conditions of a prior Special Permit to alter fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet. RB zone. Ward 3.

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



Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 8/24/16 & 8/31/16.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DENTON

Citation by Publication (Suit Affecting the Parent Child Relationship – FC 102.010)

Cause No. 16-06156-442

TO: Alfonso Rivera, and to all whom it may concern

Notice to Respondent: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you, or your attorney, do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being October 03. 2016, a default judgment may be taken

The petition of Jon Sutherland and Mary Lynn Sutherland, Petitioner(s), was filed in the 442nd Judicial District Court, 2nd floor, of Denton County, Texas on 08/04/2016, against Cora Lee Chapin Kirby and Alfonso Rivera, Respondent(s), and entitled "In the interest of A.R. a Child" case no. 16-06156-442.

The nature of this suit is as follows: to establish conservatorship, child support and medical support; and to request temporary orders, temporary restraining orders, drug testing, attorney's fees, expenses, costs, interest, and general relief. The name, birthdate and birth place of the child is: Alexander Rivera, 03/09/04, birthplace unknown.

The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's(children's) interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paernity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's(children's) adoption."

Issued, under my hand and seal of said Court, at the office in Denton, Denton County, Texas on August 17, 2016.

Cameron Welter, **Deputy Clerk** Requested: Dan C. Coffey 513 W. Oak Street, Denton, TX 76201



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPART-MENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CASE NO: 16SM004299 ORDER OF NO-TICE TO: Joan E. Hayes and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. Section 501 et seq.:U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Banc of America Funding 2009-FT1 Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2009-FT1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Somerville, numbered 29 Tennyson Street, given by Joan E. Hayes to Fleet National Bank, dated June 3, 2003, recorded at Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40326, Page 239, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 19, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JU-DITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on August 8, 2016 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder A-4588798 08/24/2016

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

Docket No. MI 16P4150GD

Alleged Incapacitated Person

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L.c.**

In the matter of: Jordan R Hersey-Adams RESPONDENT

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

Dawn M. Hersey of Somerville, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Jordan R Hersey-Adams is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Dawn M. Hersey of Somerville, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

To serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day of **09/08/2016**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: August 11, 2016

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

ORDER OF NOTICE

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

Served with a copy of the petition , in hand to Jordan R Hersey-Adams by a disinterested person at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the

Served on the Department of Developmental Services and/or the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, If interested, and or served on all other interested Persons as defined in G.L.c.190B, §5-304 at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or first- class mail as described in G. L.c. 190B, ss1-401; or by publishing a copy of the citation once Somerville ,
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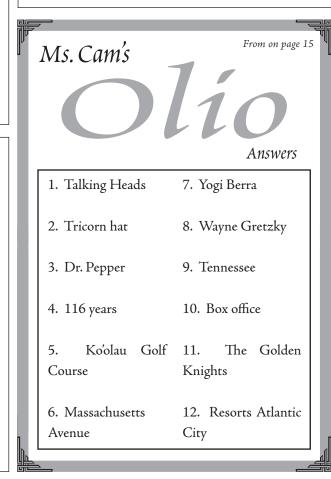
See Standing Order 03-09: Notice in Guardianship of Incapacitated Persons and Conservatorship Matters

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

Date: August 11, 2016

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Hello, Hello Kitty Cafe Truck











The Hello Kitty Cafe Truck visited Assembly Row on Saturday. Visitors met the truck across the way from the AMC Theater between and picked up some super-cute treats and merchandise. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

LBC Boutique

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award. They even have a book signed by John Lennon and authentic shoes and a basketball from Shaquille O'Neal.

LBC Boutique is very easily accessible as well. If you need an item appraised, you can just send a text to the shop with a picture of the item you want to pawn. "We make it very easy for them," said Yohannes.

A new LBC Boutique shop

will also be opening in March of 2017 on Newbury Street. The new shop will boast "A lot of High End Products, Handbags, Watches, Shoes, Diamonds, Jewelry and more," according to LBC Boutique's website.

You can find LBC Boutique on 233 Elm Street, Somerville or visit their website: www.bostonpawnbroker.com.

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Meals-on-Wheels driver **CONT. FROM PG 5**

drivers from the Walnut Street Center, WCI -Work, Community, Independence - and the Shore Educational Collaborative assisting adults with development disabilities, teaching them how to classify meals according to the pre-established diet, how to handle the meal bags and pack them in the delivery cars.

It gave me satisfaction to know there are community-based services, and young people out there, supporting a program that helps others maintain independence and have options for where and how they want to live.

Delivering the meals was also highly satisfying. Sometimes there was opportunity to spend a few moments chatting with elders, sharing their thoughts, hopes and joys. It was rewarding, and I found some unique life wisdom in return.

As humans we have inherent desire for communication. Some of our clients live a solitary life, and they desire to say something to someone.

Our clients came from all walks of life, and speaking with them helped me see more things from a positive perspective. This can include negative experiences, since advice along the lines of "don't do that ..." is an attempt to communicate what was lived and advising the current generation to do better. That's positive. I shared, however briefly, the

many challenges of our clients.

And from their determination I learned to greet each day as a new beginning – as a celebration of life, blessings and gratitude.

Guillermo Gonzalez joined SCES as a Meals-on-Wheels driver in 2010 and is now a bilingual case manager for the Senior Care Options program at SCES. Interested in becoming a Meals-on-Wheels driver? SCES is looking for dependable people to deliver meals to homebound elders, while also providing limited daily contact with program participants. Drivers work up to 15 hours per week and earn \$10.50 per hour, plus mileage. For more information visit the "Job Opportunities" page at eldercare.org.

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Thursday August 24

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Wednesday August 31

Central Library

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

MUSIC|**ARTS** Wednesday | August 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room

Backroom Series Donal Clancy 7 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Design of the Dog Joe Kaplow Lewis and Lewis Ink

Charles Ellsworth

Vinal

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom ARC Side Of The Moon

Not To Touch The Earth: Music from and inspired by The Doors, Keith

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Thursday August 25

Sally O'Brien's Trick Wallace Trio, Michael Tarbox

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

The Burren

Front Room

Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm

Backroom Series Rebetoparea | 7

Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Mickey PG Avsha Elan

Tom Maroon

Builder of the House Hannah Rose Baker 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Live DI Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Krush Faktory|10 p.m.

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 **Somerville Theatre**

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

Thunder Road

Taylor Kelly's Farewell Boston Show (Soul/Funk) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Aneurysm, Idiot Genes 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Netflix and Chill|7 p.m. Roast Battle|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

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

Friday August 26

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

Backroom Series: The Lonesome Draw

Dave Foley|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Ground to Dust The Carapace Snowbeasts

PulseWidthMod Compactor

345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

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

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Damn Tall Buildings (Bluegrass/Folk) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Eli "Paperboy" Reed|8 p.m. Jack's Sludge Party!|9 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio

156 Highland Ave **The Davis Square Theatre**

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Matt &Ben|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Center Stage Somerville presents: The Sneetches 6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday August 27 Sally O'Brien's

p.m.

The Gala, The Low Babies, Four Point Restraints \$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 & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Backroom Series: Woodsmith & Hersch

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

TBA|3 p.m. Jamie Hamburg

TBA

The Basement Cats Justin Arena Project|8 p.m. A Boy Named John

Jimmy's Down|10 p.m.

Stag Party Dioniso

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Ioshua Tree DJ El Sid!

Live Band & DJ

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Thunder Road

The Macrotones (Afro-beat/Funk) 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory **TEEJ Festival Boston** 5 p.m.|Performance Hall Tali Freed & Alex Oster and He & He (plus opening looping jam session!)

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Boston's Unscripted Musical Project|7

Dirty Disney|11:30 p.m.

255 Elm Street The Davis Square Theatre

Matt &Ben|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Sunday August 28 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session | 3

Back Room

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

Burren Lantern Series 8 p.m.

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

Game Night

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country &

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Live Band & DI

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

Thunder Road

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Jason Loewenstein Sam Coomes, Saqqara Mastabas, Du

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Nurtured Child Fashion Show 5 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Rags

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday August 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|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:

P.A.'s Lounge

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

Bird Language & more The Somerville Beer Pong Tourna-

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

345 Somerville Ave

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

Eddie Japan 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Tuesday August 30

The FIXX

Sally O'Brien's Bar Billy Wylder \$5 cover 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 :JINTA la MVTA

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

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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

hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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PJ Ryan's

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Thunder Road

Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

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

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday August 24

Central Library

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Central Library

Mystery Book Club

Drop In Coloring for Adults 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday August 25

Fair Housing Commission meeting 11:45AM-1:30PM|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

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

First Church Somerville

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday | August 26 **East Branch Library**

Book Group 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday | August 27

Central Library SWE Boston Outreach Planning Meeting

12:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Union Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza **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 28 The Somerville Flea 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|52 Holland St

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

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

Monday August 29

West Branch Library

Central Library Sewing Group

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTER N I O

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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!

Yoga – Save the date. The next 5 week Yoga series will start on Thursday, September 15 from 9:00 to 10:00am. This low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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

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

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

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,

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 originally scheduled for Friday, August 12th has been rescheduled to Friday, September 9th.

The day trip to Twin River scheduled for Monday, August 29th is SOLD OUT.

Please note all centers are closed on Monday, September 5th for the holiday (Labor Day.)

The day trip to Hampton Beach scheduled for Sunday, September 11th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City scheduled for October 11th -15th (Tuesday to Saturday) is SOLD OUT. The day trip to Hart's Turkey Train scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th 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

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

Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th - LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday August 24

Outing: Bertucci's

Thursday | August 25

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ)

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 (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ) Joint lunch with Holland Center (Portuguese Food)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Friday | August 26

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday August 29

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C) Twin River

Tuesday | August 30

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

BBQ at Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Closed

Wednesday August 31

Outing: Belle Isle

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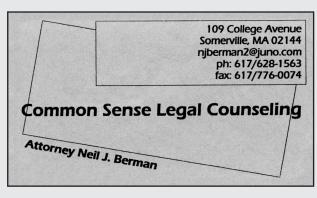
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Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night

WSNS Moving On Ceremony

String Camp & Camp HONK

Talking Business

Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte

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BROOKLYN A sum: Irish, sir. I'm USA.

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CREED He's sad, a bore, ham. A name, no? Wash-up. Uh, saw one man. Am a hero. Badass, eh?

THE DANISH GIRL A miss (E.R.)? Danish's in a dress. I'm

JOY Mo' moperatic it are. Po' mom!

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THE MARTIAN Has RAM? No, Matt am on Mars. Ah. Mr., a final? Pine? Drag? A lost sol? A garden: I plan, I farm. Rebut doom's mood: tuber. Sob? Oh? Potato. Phobos.

THE REVENANT Damn ursine, men, is run mad. Revenge by me? New. On, Hugh G! Uh, now, enemy. Beg? Never! ROOM A me. Ma.

SPOTLIGHT Ah, so gasp, repel. A male perp's a – gosh! – a... He rep a parish, sir. A paper, eh?

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Keeping the Kerouac Flame Alive in Lowell

About a decade ago I interviewed Steve Edington about the Kerouac Festival in Lowell, Mass. He has been involved with the festival for many years, and has written extensively about the Beat Generation and Kerouac. So I asked Steve to write a piece for the The Somerville Times. Somerville is a very literary town, so I want to remind Somervillians about this festival – a short distance away, and also tell others about the great work these folks are doing in keeping the "word" alive:

When it comes to preserving Jack Kerouac's literary and cultural legacy, there is probably no greater band of hearty and dedicated souls than the people who have made up the Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Committee during the past near-thirty years.

We put on an annual 4-5 day Kerouac Festival in Lowell every October, with a smaller scale observance of the author's birthday in March. In October it's a weekend of literary tours, open mikes, theme speakers, art exhibitions, and musical events - with an overlay of high camaraderie among Kerouac dev-

For many years now the wrap up event has been the annual Amram Jam with composer, jazzman, and Kerouac collaborator David Amram providing the back-up for all who wish to read their favorite Kerouac passages or their own Kerouac inspired work. Now at age 85, David continues to bless us with his wonderful presence each year as he lends his amazing musical skills to many of our October and March happenings.

Over the years a number of "beat luminaires" and scholars (some still with us and some not) have come to Lowell to be a part of the scene and to help us honor and celebrate Jack Kerouac's roots. They include, in addition to Mr. Amram,: Allen Ginsberg, Michael McClure, Gregory Corso, Ray Manzarek, Henry Ferrini, Ed Sanders, Willie Alexander, Regina Weinreich, Ann Douglas, Diane DiPrima, Rhoney Stanley, Douglas Brinkley, Ann Charters, Joyce Johnson, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, John Sinclair, Anne Waldman, Ann Charters, and Robert Creeley, to name a few.

LCK had its origins in the mid-1980s in the effort to build the Jack Kerouac Commemorative in what is now Lowell's Kerouac Park. This arrangement of triangular marble pillars, with works of Kerouac inscribed on them stands at the corner of Lowell's Bridge and French Streets. Following the Dedication of the Commemorative in the summer of 1988, LCK continued on as the producer of the annual Kerouac Festivals and Kerouac Birthday Celebrations. The Commemorative is the site of our annual "Commemorative at the Commemorative" event each Saturday morning of the LCK Fest.

One of LCK's founding members, Mr. Roger Brunelle, remains a member of the Committee and conducts the annual Kerouac Tours each October. His tours include many of the sites Kerouac refers to in his five Lowell-based novels, as well as the author's birthplace and gravesite. Many of the neighborhoods Kerouac describes of the Lowell of the 1920s and 30s have remained remarkably well in place, bearing many of the traits Kerouac portrays. The tours also reflect the basis of much of Kerouac's spirituality, especially the neighborhood in and around the St. Louis de France Church and School that Jack writes of in Visions of Gerard.

Perhaps the most noteworthy thing about the LCK Organization is its resilience and its perseverance. Over the near three decades of its life it remains an



all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or office. The Committee meets monthly year-round to plan the October Festivals and March Birthday Celebrations. Its support comes from an annual donor appeal, occasional modest cultural council grants, sales of merchandise, requested donations for certain Festival events, and the like. Our largest major donor to date is Mr. James Irsay, owner of the NFL franchise Indianapolis Colts, and the high bidder for the original "scroll" manuscript of On the Road when it was sold at auction in May of 2001. In the fall of 2014 Mr. Irsay made a donation of \$10,000 to LCK.

Over the course of its life, seven persons have served as LCK's President: They are: Brian Foye, Richard Scott, Mark Hemenway, Steve Edington, Lawrence Carradini, and Mike Wurm. The current President is Judith Bessette of Dracut, MA.

There is an interesting parallel between the Kerouac Renaissance that began in the mid-to-late 1980s, and the Lowell Renaissance of roughly the same period. Lowell has staged a remarkable civic and cultural comeback over the past 30+ years following a period of drift and decline, with the creation of the Lowell National Historical Park playing a significant role in that comeback.

Over that approximate same period of time the Kerouac literary star has risen to scarcely imagined heights. He is now recognized as a major American, and global, literary and cultural figure of the latter half of the 20th century; and that legacy now strongly continues into the 21st.

Standing astride these twin renaissances has been, as previously noted, a hardy and dedicated band of brothers and sisters known as the Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Committee. With the donation of countless hours of their time, and making it all work on shoestring budgets, they keep the Kerouac flame brightly burning in Jack's hometown.

Readers can keep themselves abreast of LCK happenings by checking out its website at www.lowellcelebrateskerouac.org.

- Steve Edington

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