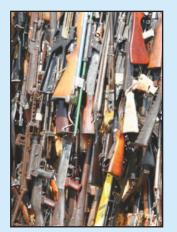
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Ride-sharing businesses challenge traditional taxi service



Ride-sharing alternatives such as Uber are taking a bite out of the business models of traditional taxi services across the nation, as well as here at home, according to veteran drivers and cab company owners.

By Douglas Yu

Instead of calling a taxi company to send a cab, you can easily tap a few buttons on your smartphone and locate an UberX car that costs about 20 percent less than a normal cab.

However, this well-funded ride-sharing company from San Francisco is threatening the livelihood of Boston area cab drivers and slowly eating away their business.

Donna Blythe-Shaw, a representative for the United Steelworkers and the Boston Taxi Drivers Association, said in an interview with The Boston Globe that ride-sharing businesses, such as Uber and Lyft, were "unregulated," and their businesses created an unleveled playing field for the Boston taxi industry.

"The ride-sharing business absolutely has a direct impact on regulated taxi businesses, not just in Boston, but also on any taxi-regulated systems all over the country," Blythe-Shaw said. "Particularly, Uber came in as a strong service, many cab drivers joined Uber because of the problems we have with a highly regulated and antiquated system."

Traditionally, the Boston taxi industry is regulated by The Hackney Continued on page 21

A weekend under the Big Top

By Melissa E. Pike

Chairperson and teacher for the OPENAIR Circus, Peter Jehlen said, "The OPENAIR Circus is celebrating its 29th year. We're excited to have so many of our teens staying involved and moving into teacher positions."

This year's OPENAIR circus took place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Conway Park in Somerville. Rehearsals were scheduled up until Thursday night to prepare all participants for another outstanding performance.

When the clock struck seven on Friday evening the OPENAIR circus came to life for their first presentation of the year. Children ages three to sixteen partook in this incredibly well organized event, dazzling the crowd with the skills they have been training to master throughout the summer.

Acts included Devil Sticks, Poi, Unicycling, Acro-balance, Stage Combat, Stilting, and Baton Twirling. Needless to say, the crowd was in awe at the raw talent showcased at the OPE-NAIR's first production this year.



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This Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce monthly Business After Hours event takes place at Redbones in Davis Square, 55 Chester Street. It's a great networking event featuring free appetizers and a free business card drawing with cash bar. Sponsored by Rockland Trust and hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Co-Chair Dana Iacopucci, of Cubby Oil & Energy.

The Somerville Boxing Club in association with Mayor Curtatone, the Somerville Recreation Department and USA Boxing will present again this year "Fight Night at Dilboy" on August 22 (with a rain date of August 23). Doors open at 6 p.m. The first bout at 7 p.m. Admission cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth. Children under 12 are free with paid adult admission. It's a great time, so mark your calendar.

This week we have a lot Birthday greetings going out to some very important people here in the Ville and from the Ville. Happy Birthday to John Johnson, originally from the city and now lives in Framingham. We hope John has a great day for himself. Another well-known Somerville family member celebrates this week: Alan Laurentano, who grew up in Spring Hill. We wish him a great day for himself. A very nice young lady, Alicia Lafaunte, who is working in the family business over at Flagraphics as VP in operations, is also celebrating this week. We certainly wish Alicia a very special day and week for herself. To the granddaughter of D & P Norton, we wish Kate Norton-Harrison a very special birthday. She's married now, living in Illinois, and will be having a baby girl sometime in the fall. Happy Birthday to her. One of the candidates for State Representative, living in Medford, and who is working hard here in Somerville to get the vote, is Nick Lanzilli. We wish him a very happy birthday as well. To Chris Just, who grew up here in the city and has his own security firm in Ohio, we wish him the very best on his birthday. A good friend, Brendan Cunningham, who is from Buffalo and is associated with our paper, we wish him the very best. What a nice guy. Over the weekend, coming on Sunday, Stephen Shea, who works as school building custodian, we wish him the very best Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Unhappy resident attacks tree

jake says:

\$800 for a tree and they are planting hundreds throughout the city???? Sounds excessive but I guess they need to find a new way to earn money at DPW since their overtime scam and metal processing side jobs were exposed. Maybe City Hall should check out the prices at Home Depot!

pat says:

I heard of another elderly citizen of Somerville that didn't want a tree in front of her house and when she called the city they told her it was going there because she didn't own the sidewalk. She then asked that why is then that when it snows, she has to shovel that sidewalk or she will get a fine. I think that is a fair question.

Green says:

Tree + Sidewalk removal + digging the ditch + planting the tree + Planning and project management... Its probably \$800 all said and done.

philb says:

By the way, trees *prevent* water from going into basements.

All should take into consideration that trees planted years ago were not the correct species and grew roots outward instead of downward.

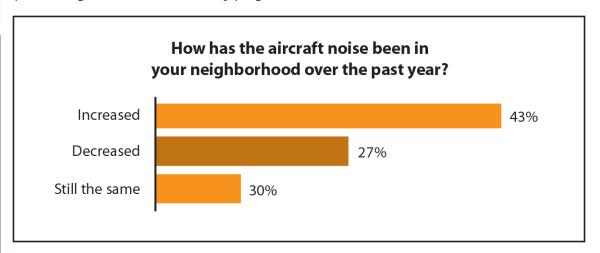
jj says:

Maybe he is upset because it is one of the 'sap' trees that have been planted in my neighborhood. They are so bad that you cannot park under them or your entire car becomes a sticky mess. Even parking near them causes your car to be covered with sap. I think the city should be paying us for all the times we need to have the car washed, which sometimes doesn't even get rid of it.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on how the aircraft noise has been in your neighborhood over the past year. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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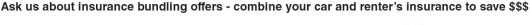


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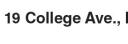












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Somerville zoning workshop focuses on open space and affordable housing

By Douglas Yu

After a series of discussions on Union Square redevelopment, the Green Line Extension Project and Powder House Community School redevelopment, the City of Somerville once again directed the community's attention to the city's new zoning ordinance.

This Thursday, Somerville by Design hosted a workshop-style public meeting to allow Somerville residents to brainstorm ideas for the city's redevelopment.

"In the interest of providing some perspectives on what types of benefits the community might want to see, I thought one of the more logical things to do was to look at what we've achieved," the Director of Planning, George Proakis said. He opened the public meeting by reviewing how the city in the past a couple of years met of the goals of Somer Vision, a strategic plan for the city's development based on community-generated values.

In SomerVision, the citywide goals include adding 30,000 jobs and 125 acres of new public accessible open space for the neighborhood.

Today, public accessible open space has reached about 180 acres in Somerville, according to Proakis. "We are also adding 6,000 new housing units to the existing 34,000 housing units," he said, among which 12,000 of them are Affordable Housing.

Senior Planner Dan Bartman explained the Floor Area Ratio (FAR), a metric that certain zoning codes use to tell how much building you can put up within a certain size of a piece of land.

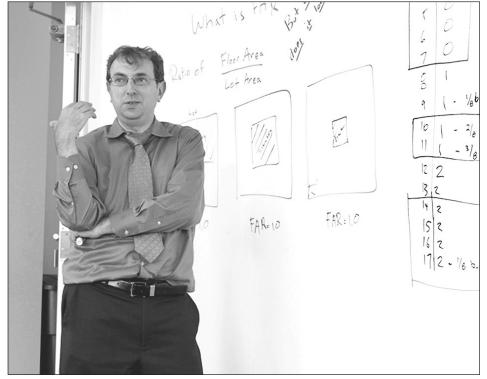
"When FAR was created, it was a multiplier based on how much land you have. So if you take your land area of your parcel and multiply by some number somebody made up, it will tell you how much floor space you can go with," Bartman said. "However, FAR doesn't tell you the shape of building, so you can stack it real tall or spread it real wide or it can be somewhere in the middle."

During the workshop, one resident brought up that Somerville has failed to provide open space for a long time. In response to the resident's concern, Proakis said, "The city is working towards Somer-Vision's goal on providing more open space by investing more money on spaces, such as parks."

Another local resident talked about the difference between city-owned public spaces, such as Trum Field, where there is a shortage of space and the city has to schedule the usage of it, and the private-owned open space.

"Some areas that the public can go into, I'm just not counting," Proakis said. He added that the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development was doing research on the functions of public spaces, and trying to find out the what type of open space the city should invest in, and which part of the neighborhood has the most need.

In Massachusetts, as Proakis mentioned, the cities are not allowed to collect a development impact fee for developing an open space, which means the open space has to be exploited based on



The public was brought up to speed on new zoning laws at a recent Somerville by Design workshop.

the community's benefits. However, there are two places in the state where development impact fees are permitted.

"One is Barnstable County, which is part of the Cape Cod Commission. The mission of development impact fee is to protect the environmental quality of Cape Cod," Bartman said. "And the other is Medford, which filed for a homeowner petition to create new parks."

The other side of the development impact fee is the affordable housing equation. There are two types of the impact fee program for developing the affordable housing. "One is inclusionary housing which develops a certain percentage of new affordable housing,

and the other is linkage, where new job-creating businesses provide money to the city, and it goes to the affordable housing trust fund to help offset the impact created by commercial activities," Proakis said.

In fact, Somerville is expecting to see both commercial-related and affordable housing-related development in the near future. Proakis also mentioned that there is a homeowner petition pending in the state legislature to fund job training for Somerville residents.

"If we know what benefits us the most in the community, Somerville residents can submit zoning ideas in September and we can keep working on them," Proakis said.

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Somerville residents urged to report airplane noise

The City of Somerville is reportedly pleased that in spring 2013, Boston Logan International Airport implemented a new departure procedure for one of its runways that should decrease aircraft noise pollution over parts of the city, but urges residents to continue reporting aircraft noise to compel the Federal Aviation Administration and Massport's adoption of further alternative operations at Lo-

gan Airport that would provide relief to all of Somerville.

To report aircraft noise residents can visit Massport online at http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental_reporting/noise abatement/noisecomplaints.aspx.

Additionally, reports can be phoned in by calling the Massport Noise Complaint Line at 617-561-3333 between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.



A weekend under the Big Top

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Participants took their bows and curtsies at the closing of Friday's show and were applauded by friends and family for a marvelous circus performance.

The next two days were filled with three more shows, stunning the crowd once again. All contributors demonstrated courage, enthusiasm, and passion for the arts. It is no surprise that the OPENAIR Circus has become such a long-lasting tradition.



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The Somerville Times

By Jim Clark

Power tool collector goes too far

Police responded to a reported case of shoplifting at the Home Depot last week.

Investigating officers were told by store loss prevention personnel that a man, Nelson Teixiera, 30, of Dorchester, had been spotted leaving the store without paying for merchandise, a router.

Teixiera was reportedly followed to the parking lot area where he apparently intended to enter a motor vehicle, taking the allegedly stolen router inside the car with him.

Police officers who were already at the store investigating another matter were informed of the situation at which time they turned their attention to Teixiera, who noticed them approaching and attempted to flee the scene.

Teixiera was apprehended and held at the scene while officers took witness reports.

Store personnel and other witnesses had reportedly spotted Teixiera on previous occasions taking power tools from the store without paying for them. The estimated value of the stolen items amounted to \$1,248.

A witness reportedly told police that Teixiera is suspected of taking items from several Home Depot stores in the general area, and may have had outstanding arrest warrants active in the city of Quincy.

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

Yelling at police officers not advised

While chatting with a fellow police officer who sat in an unmarked vehicle parked on Elm St. last Thursday evening, a uniformed officer noticed a man, James Wright, 32, walking across the street in a reportedly unsteady manner.

The officer was acquainted

with Wright as he had responded to incidents in the Davis Sq. where he was involved as a victim, according to police.

As Wright approached the location where the officers were talking, he was asked how he was feeling that day.

Wright reportedly responded

by shouting angrily and cursing at the officers.

The officer said that he felt Wright recognized him from their previous encounters. He then reportedly told Wright to shut up and leave the area.

Wright became angrier and louder, continuing his insulting remarks to the officers, according to reports.

The police officer repeatedly warned Wright that he needed to calm down and leave the area, but he refused to do so, police said.

reportedly Wright began clenching his fists while shouting and lightly chest bumped the officer.

A crowd of onlookers began to gather and the officers decided that the disturbance was becoming a hazard to public safety.

Wright was then placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

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Arrests:

Nelson Teixiera, 30, of 7 Hamlet St., Dorchester, July 28, 4:46 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and larceny under \$250.

A juvenile, July 29, 10:51 a.m., arrested on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Sirley Ramos, 41, of 59 Ferry St., Everett, July 30, 10:57 a.m., arrested at 483 Broadway on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop or yield.

Jose Vasquez, 21, of 20 Memorial Rd., July 30, 9:37 p.m., arrested at 374 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery on a public employee and miscellaneous municipal ordinance.

James Wright, 32, July 31, 6:10 p.m., arrested at 278 Elm St. on a charge of disorderly

Antonio Lacerda, 43, of 509 Medford St., July 31, 8:00 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Matthew Bonica, 30, of 79 Bowdoin Ave., Waltham, August 1, 9:06 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, and failure to signal.

Patrick Hughes, 30, of 67 Endicott Ave., August 1, 1:17 p.m., arrested at Endicott Ave. on charges of possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Randy Torres-Castro, 30, of 15 Woolson, Mattapan, August 1, 1:17 p.m., arrested at Endicott Ave. on charges of distribution of a class A drug, drug possession to distribute, resisting arrest, drug violation near a school, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, conspiracy to violate drug law, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Eric Ellsworth, 43, of 14 Chapel St., August 1, 5:34 p.m., arrested at 40 College Ave. on warrant charges of drug possession to distribute, distribution of a class D drug, distribution of cocaine, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, abuse prevention order violation, and larceny by check under \$250.

Paul Sullivan, 26, of 278 Willis Ave., South Medford, August 1, 6:48 p.m., arrested at 44 Edgar Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

Michael Leahy, 48, August 2, 4:50 p.m., arrested at 232 Elm St. on warrant charges of

shoplifting by asportation and Row. trespassing.

Frantzcia Saintlouis, 25, of 40 Rock Valley Ave., Everett, August 3, 2:27 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, miscellaneous equipment violation, and failure to stop or yield.

Nathan Taneja, 34, of 80 Newton St., August 3, 10:25 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery to collect a loan, improper storage of a firearm, assault and battery, felony daytime breaking and entering, and kidnap-

Incidents:

July 27, 8:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

July 28, 4:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave. July 28, 7:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Rose St.

July 28, 9:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Bow St.

July 29, 9:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Marion St. July 29, 9:36 a.m., police re-

ported a theft at Marion St. July 30, 1:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Joy St.

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ported a theft at Fellsway W. August 1, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville

August 2, 12:31 a.m., police reported a theft at 12A Tyler

August 2, 10:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

August 3, 9:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Cutter Ave. August 3, 1:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Dickson St.

Robbery:

August 1, 5:58 a.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

Breaking & Entering:

August 2, 6:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Clarendon Ave.

August 3, 3:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Albion St.

Vehicle Theft:

July 29, 2:02 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Put-

July 30, 8:38 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Bonair

August 2, 4:25 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grand Union Blvd.

Assault:

July 29, 3:22 p.m., police reported an assault at 47 Beacon

July 31, 4:27 p.m., police reported an assault at Charles E. Ryan Rd.

July 31, 8:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Medford

August 1, 6:48 p.m., police reported an assault at Edgar Ave.

Destruction of Property:

July 28, 3:52 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Evergreen Ave.

July 29, 8:38 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

July 29, 1:06 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Memorial Rd.

July 30, 8:31 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Derby St.

July 30, 4:05 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Derby St.

Drug Violation:

August 1, 1:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Endicott Ave.

Disorderly Conduct:

July 31, 6:10 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Elm St.

Food for Guns: Somerville resident gun buyback event

The City of Somerville Police vehicles or assist with those Department, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, will hold a gun and ammunition buyback event on August 16, 2014, where Somerville residents can trade in their unwanted firearms or rifles for grocery gift certificates. This important community service will offer residents the opportunity to properly dispose of firearms to help keep the community safe. This is a noquestions-asked event that puts safety first. Unlicensed residents who turn in weapons will not be prosecuted for the crime of unlawful possession of a weapon.

On Saturday, August 16, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. officers will be on hand to accept any and all hand guns, rifles, shotguns, working or non-working, antique or modern, registered or not, for safe storage and disposal. The event takes place in the front lobby of the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

Residents are asked to bring the unloaded firearm, or any ammunition, in a clear sealed plastic bag or box. Residents are asked to transport weapons in the trunk of their vehicle. Officers will be on hand to retrieve non-boxed weapons from not comfortable handling the weapons. The gun will be taken, logged in by the Middlesex Sheriff's office, and sent out for destruction. Ammunition, BB guns, pellet guns, and and air guns will be accepted, but no incentive will be given.

"Removing unwanted guns from a home can prevent those weapons from falling into the wrong hands and save lives," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Studies show that having a gun in a home increases the risk of both suicide and of people in that home becoming victims of homicide, including domestic violence. Women living in homes with a gun are three times more likely to be killed in their homes. I thank our Police Department and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office for partnering on this important program to protect our residents."

"On average, more than 34,000 people are accidentally shot or commit suicide using a firearm each year. I believe that providing residents with a safe way to dispose of firearms they no longer want can help reduce these numbers," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "These buybacks also encourage dialogue among those involved about ways to make our commu-



nities safer."

"This program has been a successful in other communities and I am sure there are unwanted firearms in attics and basements around Somerville. These guns may have been left by deceased family members, by those who have moved away, or others who simply don't want them around. The buyback event provides our residents a way to safely dispose of these unwanted guns," said Somerville's Interim Police Chief Charles Femino.

No questions will be asked at the event and no identification is required. Amnesty will be extended for gun law violations for Somerville residents traveling to this event between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on August 16, 2014.

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



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The Last Highwayman

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The northern border of Somerville is unique in the fact that, at one time, four rivers were related to it. The section today is called Mystic Avenue, but originally was called the Medford Turnpike. It was built in 1803 as a trade route shortcut from Medford Square to Boston. The Mystic River was and still is on its north side. The former Middlesex Canal, connecting the Merrimack River with the Charles River and using the Concord River water as its source, flowed on Mystic Avenue's south. It was a remote area, part of the Elias Haskett Derby Ten Hills Estate. Canal Lane and River Road, which are near the former Saint Polycarp's Church, suggest its former location.



In 1821, the time between mid-Colonial and Civil War America, an incident took place there which became part of historic New England lore. It was a robbery, a highway robbery, committed by a young, devil-may-care bandit named Michael Martin (alias "Captain Lightfoot"). Martin had been in America for eighteen months and was working for Mr. Derby during part of that time. No one knew he was fleeing a notorious past as a "money or your life" highwayman in the British Isles. The English called Lightfoot and his former mentor, Captain Thunderbolt, "Knights of the Road." He was trying to shed that past, and there was to be one last robbery.



The victims were a dignitary, Major Bray of Boston, and his wife. The Brays were returning from a party given at the Governor's house in Medford, and the theft totaled \$12 dollars and a watch. During the robbery, as was his custom, Martin was said to have declined jewelry from Mrs. Bray saying, "He never robbed ladies." He just shook her hand and galloped away. After a frantic chase ensued, he was captured and imprisoned in Cambridge. A short time later, he escaped after brutally attacking the jailor and led authorities on another rousing horse chase. After electrifying the countryside, he was recaptured in Springfield and was returned to Cambridge for trial.

Unfortunately for him, not long before this event, punishment for armed robbery in Massachusetts had been changed. Retribution for this crime, which formerly had been branding or whipping, was upgraded to a capital offense punishment. Michael Martin, or Captain Lightfoot, was the first and last person to suffer Continued on page 21

'Justice for Kyle' benefit on August 17

In the early hours of Sunday, December 8, 2013, 26 year old Kyle Wilson was struck and killed by a hit and run driver while walking back to his hotel from a concert on the Killington access road in Killington VT. He was within 2 miles from the front door. Later on the day of Kyle's death, the driver came forward, was arrested, was charged with "Hit and Run, resulting in fatality" and released on bail.

Investigations into the accident have led to many questions, but no answers for Kyle's family about exactly how and why he was killed.

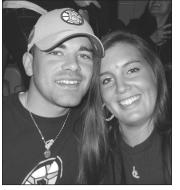
The expense to Kyle's family has been enormous. They have

settled his school loans and other debts.

They have hired lawyers to manage the civil suits now pending against the driver, the bar that served him and the Town of Killington. In order to move forward, they must now hire forensic experts, private investigators and chemical consultants. There are many more expenses to come.

A benefit will be held on Sunday, August 17 at 3 p.m. at Orleans Restaurant in Somerville. Items will raffled with all proceeds going directly to the Kyle Wilson Memo-

If you are unable to attend but



would still like to donate, visit www.youcaring.com and search the words "Justice for Kyle" or mail a check made out to "Kyle Wilson Memorial Fund" and send it to 447 Methodist Hill Road, Enfield NH 03748.

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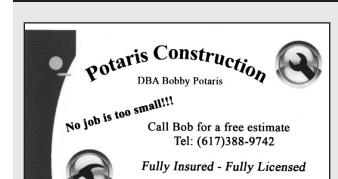
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Our interview with District Attorney Marian T. Ryan – Part 3

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

This is the third part of a threepart series for The Somerville Times interview with Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan.

Now that we have discussed Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan's back story, thoughts on Somerville, the county and the state at large, we will move directly into the final portion of this series, in which the conversation turns to broader topics.

As a reminder, D.A. Ryan will be running for election to maintain her position this fall.

The Somerville Times: From an ideological standpoint, what is your mission as an official?

D.A. Ryan: The core mission of the District Attorney's Office is the protection of public safety.

We are that line, working with police and other law enforcement departments in the prosecution process to keep people safe. And second to that - what has become really a big piece in our office — is the prevention, deterrents, education and that whole other piece of it.

TST: So, comprehensively taking care of public safety.

D.A.R: Yes.

TST: Do you believe that there is any area of the law or policy that needs adjustment?

D.A.R: You know, the law changes, we've seen an enormous change, for instance, just in terms of computers. When I started in the D.A.'s office we weren't worrying about people doing identity theft. We weren't worried about people stalking people over the Internet.

So, the law evolves to keep up ... the law changes all the time.

And it should – the law is supposed to be a living thing. It's supposed to grow and reflect society.

TST: So it has to be agile? D.A.R: Yes.

As the District Attorney is campaigning to resume her position in the upcoming elections, we later dove into direct policy positions and her general stance as an elected official.

TST: Is there anything you would like to talk about?

D.A.R: I say all the time, a big part of my work as District Attorney is really informed by growing up in Somerville. Somerville is a great place to grow up, and you learn to be accountable, you learn to be accountable. I grew up here, as I said, when nobody really had a whole lot, but people looked

out for people, you know who lived in your neighborhood and helped out, figured out ways to get people what they needed.

Also, when you did something wrong you were accountable for that, people knew who people were and if your parents didn't know it then someone else's parents did.

So that's the kind of back-ground that I bring to this, that idea that the community needs to be safe, people need to feel safe. You help people when they need help. It goes to that addiction issue - you try to make a difference. I grew up here thinking that you go to school, you better yourself to make a difference. That's why I went to the D.A.'s office, and that philosophy hasn't changed in all the time I've been doing this.

TST: What do you think about Sullivan running against you?



The standing District of Attorney of Middlesex County, Marian T. Ryan shared her thoughts on many topical issues of concern with *The Somerville Times*.

D.A.R: I think it's a wonderful opportunity for me, because I'm very proud of the people who work for me – I'm very proud of the things we do. I think I bring a lot of important attributes to this office.

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Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT program graduation

The CIT/ LIT Job Readiness Program held its graduation on July 24, 2014 from 12:30-2:00 at The Tufts Administration Building inside the SCALE program.

The graduating class consisted of students between the ages of 13-15, who dedicated fourweeks out of their summer to participate in a program that taught them about job readiness and leadership skills.

Throughout the four weeks these students learned how to lead children, the significance of leadership and communication, the meaning of diversity, how to solve conflicts, and employment training.

This program not only taught

the student's skills that they need to work with children but also gave them the opportunity to work with kids at camp settings at The Somerville YMCA's Summer Day Camp and the Somerville Recreation's Somertime Day Program.

This session's graduating class included the following 20 students: Antoine Balan, Patrick Barton, Tommy Barton, Leandra Bautista, Melanie Baxter, Nathaniel Concepcion, Lyle Doherty, Xzarria Foster, Stephen Freitas, Giovany Gracia, Yandri Hernandez, Lourdes Jean-Louis, Jeremy Martindale, Joshua Martindale, Sasha Porokhina, Amber Riddle, Tayara Romero, Arianna

Ross, Christopher Tarques, and Dylan Zraket.

The collaborative efforts of the Somerville YMCA, the Somerville Community Youth Program, the Somerville Recreation Department, the Somertime Day Program, and the SCALE Program have been the dynamic forces behind this program's great success.

The CIT/LIT Job Readiness program would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support throughout the past eleven years that the program has been running. For more information about the program, please contact Joe Pinto at the Somerville YMCA (617) 625-5050.



First Row (left to right): Tommy Barton, Antoine Balan, Patrick Barton, Giovany Gracia. Second Row (left to right): Amber Riddle, Lyle Doherty, Xzarria Foster, Dylan Zraket Tayara Romero, Arianna Ross, Leandra Bautista, Facilitator: Samantha Bolt. Third Row (left to right): Facilitator: Jamey Thompson, Yandri Hernandez, Christopher Jacques, Stephen Freitas, Lourdes Jean-Louis, Nathaniel Concepcion, Melanie Baxter, Sasha Porokhina.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I'm writing this to tell Jax's story so that others don't have to learn this lesson the same way I did ... the worst way imaginable.

Jax was a happy and rambunctious puppy like most but like most owners would say, he was far from common. Just ask all the people he would meet on his 2 daily walks where he marched proudly down Broadway and Medford St wagging his tail wildly the entire time and he would pull with all his might to meet everybody like he was running for Mayor. He would go from bouncing off the walls and tearing up shoes to crawling up on your lap for

a nice cuddle and nap. Like all crazy pups he would get into things he shouldn't ... like the dead rat in the bushes that resembled his toy squirrel. When he emerged from the bushes with his new plaything I did what anybody would do, I yelled for him to drop it, which he did after his getaway attempt was quickly thwarted. I was grossed out and carried him inside to brush his teeth because he certainly wasn't kissing me with that tongue anytime soon. It's too bad toothpaste was least of my worries.

A couple days later Jax was not acting like himself. The dog who

once ate every meal twice a day like a pie-eating contest at a fair was no longer eating or drinking. The dog who once would sprint end to end in my house showing off his favorite toy was lethargic and just wanted to cuddle on the couch. I was sure the rat he had in his mouth was poisoned and somehow some had got into Jax. It turns out I wish it were a case of relay poisoning because there is an antidote and treatment for most poisons.

After I noticed his skin yellowing I knew it was serious so I rushed him to Mass Veterinary Referral Hospital in Woburn where my worst nightmares

came true, Jax had contracted Leptospirosis. Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that has many symptoms and ultimately causes liver and kidney failure. It is spread through rodents urine and fluids. Dogs will typically come into contact with the leptospira bacteria in infected water, soil, or mud, while swimming, passing through, or drinking contaminated water, or from coming into contact with urine from an infected animal. Scariest of all the infection is zoonotic, meaning humans are susceptible too!

As everyone in Somerville knows, rats are an epidemic here

with all the recent construction. I was aware rats carried diseases but had no idea my puppy was in danger. I got the call from the Vet that there was no improvement and Jax was no longer urinating so he couldn't pass all the fluids he was being administered. I made the difficult but logical decision and drove up to say goodbye to my sweet baby boy with my family.

I hope nobody has to experience what my family and I endured so please keep your pets safe when outside your house. I certainly wish I knew about this sooner.

— Mike Arnold

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on six roll calls and local senators on four roll calls from the week of July 28-August 1.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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.

House 142-10, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to the governor a measure raising from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum individuals can contribute to any one candidate in a calendar year, beginning in January 2015. The measure also requires super Political Action Commit-

GUNS (H 4376)

House 122-30, Senate 37-3, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill making changes in the state's gun laws. A key provision establishes a standardized process for determining the suitability of individuals applying for a Firearms Identification (FID) card. If the local police chief determines an individual is unsuitable for a FID card, the chief is required to file a written petition in court that will ultimately determine the applicant's suitability. A determination of unsuitability must be based on reliable, articulable and credible information that the applicant could potentially create a risk to public safety.

Other provisions require gun dealers to obtain a CORI criminal background check for prospective employees; increase the fine for failure to report a lost or stolen

firearm; require school districts to develop plans to address the mental health needs of their students; require at least two hours of suicide awareness and prevention training every three years for all licensed school personnel; increase the penalty for carrying a firearm on school grounds; and allow the purchase of self-defense sprays like Mace and pepper spray without a license. Massachusetts is the only state that requires an FID Card to carry these sprays.

Supporters said this comprehensive proposal is a well-balanced update of current gun laws that will protect the fundamental right to bear arms while taking action to eliminate firearm violence in the state.

Opponents said the bill goes too far by infringing on the rights of lawful gun owners and imposing unfunded mandates on schools.

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

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

HEROIN (H 4001)

House 151-1, Senate 35-5, overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's veto of an increase from 20 to 30 years in the maximum sentence for trafficking between 18 and 99 grams of heroin.

Supporters said there is an epidemic on the streets and these dealers are killing people. They said it is time to give out harsher sentences.

In his veto message, the governor said he vetoed the hike because it "imposes disproportionate maximum penalties."

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

SUPER PACS (H 4366)

House 142-10, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to the governor a measure raising from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum individuals can contribute to any one candidate in a calendar year, beginning in January 2015. The measure also requires super Political Action Committees (PACs) to release to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance the names of their contributors within seven days of running an ad and within 24 hours starting 10 days before a primary or general election. Another provision requires the names of the PAC's top five contributors who donate over \$5,000 to be revealed in any ad it airs.

These PACs are created to help candidates and are often run by the candidate's former staffers or associates who use the PAC to fund positive ads about the candidate and/or negative ads against the candidate's opponents. A candidate's own committee's contributions are limited by federal law but super PACs can legally accept unlimited donations.

The bill was filed in response to a Supreme Court de-

cision ruling that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to PACs that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties. Critics say the decision has led to corporations, unions and wealthy individuals contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to PACs and having an undue influence on elections that is drowning out the voices of everyday Americans. Supporters of the ruling hail it as a victory for freedom of speech.

Another provision requires, beginning in 2015, that the voter guides mailed to citizens prior to an election include a note written by the governor's Executive Office of Administration and Finance (A&F) explaining the fiscal consequences on state and municipal government finances if a ballot question is approved.

Supporters of the bill said that while the state cannot overrule the Supreme Court, it can ensure that voters are regularly informed who is funding these influential PACs.

Some opponents said the bill does not go far enough on several counts to make true campaign finance reforms and noted it still allows unions to contribute excessive money to campaigns. Others said the provision requiring A&F to include a statement on each ballot question would make it more difficult to pass almost any ballot question since a governor could direct his A&F Secretary to write a biased, unfair one-sided note to help kill the question.

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

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

LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (H 4374)

House 150-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the governor a bill making changes in the regulation of local housing authorities. Provisions include establishing performance benchmarks, requiring training for board members and executive directors, requiring an annual report from each authority, mandating annual audits by independent auditors and allowing a tenant a seat on all local boards.

Supporters said the bill would increase transparency, accountability and efficiency and establish new roles for tenants in the governing of their local housing authority.

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

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

CLINIC ACCESS (S 2283)

House 119-33, approved (Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call) and sent to the governor a bill filed in response to the recent U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that struck down a 2007 Massachusetts law that established a 35-foot protest-free buffer zone at reproductive health care centers. The measure authorizes law enforcement officials to issue a written order mandating immediate withdrawal of anyone who substantially "impedes" access to a facility entrance or driveway. The

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individuals must then remain at least 25 feet from the facility's entrances and driveways for a maximum of eight hours.

Supporters said the bill balances public safety and access considerations with the right of free speech. They noted it regulates the conduct of individuals who are outside clinics, not their speech.

Opponents said proponents should abide by the Supreme Court ruling and not look for ways to rush through a bill that tries to get around the court's decision. They argued the bill takes away the rights of protesters.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (S 2334)

House 152-0, approved (Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call) and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill that would require employers with 50 or more employees to allow workers who are victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault to take a paid or unpaid annual 15-day leave of absence to address court, housing, health and other issues arising from the incident. Another key provision would prohibit the use of an "accord and satisfaction" agreement in domestic violence cases. These agreements allow the courts to dismiss a domestic violence charge over the prosecutor's objection if the victim acknowledges in writing that he or she has signed an out-of-court private agreement with the offender.

Other provisions create a new charge for a first offense of domestic assault and delay bail for domestic violence offenders by six hours, allowing victims an opportunity to find a safe place and get the necessary help.

Another provision requires local police departments to withhold from their public reports all the information about domestic violence allegations including the identity of the person arrested on these charges. Supporters said this is designed to protect the confidentiality of domestic violence victims. Opponents, led by Robert Ambrogi, executive director of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, said this would in fact violate freedom of the press and protect the alleged perpetrator by hiding his or her name.

Supporters said this long overdue bill is a critical step toward protecting victims of domestic abuse. They argued it is time to ensure that victims don't have to choose between dealing with problems from their assault and losing their jobs because of excess absences. They also noted that Massachusetts is the only state that still allows "accord and satisfaction" agreements and argued banning these would protect victims from being victimized again by being coerced into signing one.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

POTLUCK DINNERS (H 3680) - The House and

continued

Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill that would prohibit state and local departments of public health from regulating the serving of food brought to potluck dinners sponsored by a group of individuals or by a religious, charitable or nonprofit organization.

Supporters said some local boards of health have gone too far by attempting to regulate this time-honored harmless tradition.

Opponents said there is real danger of diners getting a food-borne illness and noted people have become sick and even died from the food at these events.

DAVID F. MARCELLI LAW (H 4378) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a proposal that would prohibit any body part or organ from being retained following an autopsy without consent from the deceased's next of kin, except if it is being kept for the purpose of determining the cause of death. The measure was filed on behalf of Cathie and Donald Marcelli, whose 18-month-old son David died suddenly in 1996. David's organs were retained without his parents' knowledge or permission following a hospital autopsy. Supporters say the family suffered untold anguish when they had to bury the body parts four months after David's death. The House gave the same bill initial approval in 2011 but no further action was taken on it.

REDUCE FREE 411 CALLS (H 4021) - The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation reducing from ten per month to five per month the number of free directory assistance calls that phone companies must provide to each business and residential customer on their landline phones. The measure leaves intact the current law providing unlimited 411 calls for the disabled, seniors over 65 and state and local governments. The same bill was approved by the House in 2012 but died in the Senate.

Supporters said that as more and more consumers move away from traditional landline phones to cell phones and Internet phones, it becomes harder for traditional phone companies to pay for the existing infrastructure, including free 411 calls. They noted that even with the reduction to five, Massachusetts will still be requiring companies to provide one of the highest number of free directory assistance calls of any state in the nation.

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW (S 795) - The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a bill that would apply the current "Good Samaritan" law to engineers, architects, environmental professionals, land-scape architects, planners, land surveyors, licensed site professionals and contractors who render voluntary services at the scene of a disaster or catastrophe. This would expand current law, which applies to civilians, off-duty police officers, firefighters and EMTs.

Supporters said these professionals should not be held liable if anything goes wrong as a result of their efforts to provide emergency care. They said under current law, they could be sued if they give aid off-duty and something goes wrong.

PRESCRIPTIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY (H 4215) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure requiring the state to develop and publicize a statewide plan for ensuring the availability of prescription medications during a state of emergency. The plan

would include allowing early refills of prescriptions, ensuring that vehicles delivering medications to pharmacies and hospitals be treated as emergency vehicles and establishing a toll-free telephone number and a website for citizens to get assistance in locating prescription medication.

ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDI-NANCES AND BY-LAWS (S 944) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved proposal to allow municipalities to seek civil penalties in court against an offender when a local law is violated. Under current law, the court is not allowed to assess a civil penalty.

Supporters said that cities and towns need the tools to enforce their laws and to show offenders that the community is serious about these violations.

REBATES FOR MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION (S 2324) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would require the Registry of Motor Vehicles to provide \$100 rebates to persons under the age of 21 who successfully complete a motorcycle basic rider course approved by the registrar.

Supporters said this is designed to encourage young riders to enroll in these courses that will make them better and safer drivers. They noted the funds would come from an existing fund used solely for the purpose of promoting and advancing motorcycle safety. The money in that account is derived from collecting \$2 from every motorcycle registration.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of July 28-August 1, the House met for a total of 28 hours and 2 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 30 hours and 43 minutes.

Mon. July 28

Senate 11:04 a.m. to 2:49 p.m.

Tues. July 29

House 11:02 a.m. to 4:29 p.m.

Senate 1:00 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

Wed. July 30

House 1:08 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

House 11:03 a.m. to 1:26 p.m.

Senate 1:03 p.m. to 9:09 p.m.

Thurs. July 31 House 11:06 a.m. to 12:58 a.m. (Friday) Senate 11:00 a.m. to 1:17 a.m. (Friday)

Fri. Aug 1 No House session
No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Lift the liquor license cap and help local economies grow



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week, the Legislature passed a bill that would grant Boston 75 new liquor licenses and give Boston the power to appoint its own liquor licensing board instead of vesting that power in the governor. The Legislature should be commended for taking this small step that supports job creation, small businesses, and economic development in growing neighborhoods. Yet this bill begs the question: If the state realizes that more licenses are required to support growing local economies, why have they neglected to lift the archaic cap on liquor licenses? Why do they hang on to an antiquated system that keeps control over the number of licenses on Beacon Hill, instead of giving that control to the people who know those communities the best—the cities and towns themselves?

The revitalization of struggling neighborhoods often starts with restaurants. Restaurants are often the first investors in a previously neglected neighborhood, acting as linchpin businesses that bring greater vibrancy and employment to newly thriving areas. But the liquor license cap often blocks the opportunity to create that spark in neighborhoods that need it the most. Our current system adds unpredictability and long delays to what should be a simpler, locally managed process.

Our local economy has reaped great benefits from the growing restaurant culture in Somerville. Since 2010, we have seen 119 net new small businesses open in the city, with much of this revitalization anchored and spurred by restaurants. Our innovation economy entrepreneurs locating in Davis Square and Union Square, among other Somerville neighborhoods, because their employees want to be near amenities like transit and restaurants. Restaurants not only bring service industry jobs to our city, but also attract high-tech, life sciences, small businesses, and more. But this growth could and should have been greater.

Somerville asked for the liquor license cap to be lifted in 2011 through a home rule petition unanimously approved by the Board of Aldermen, but the Legislature denied it, and instead gave us a few more licenses based on the obsolete system in place With the cap still in place, we have been forced to turn down would-be entrepreneurs seeking licenses because not enough licenses were available, losing out on new potential business and the revitalizing effects of those businesses because of an arbitrary cap. As Somerville and Massachusetts as a whole strives to grow into a 21st century economy, we are hindering our own economic growth with this antiquated system.

Opening and maintaining a successful restaurant is hard enough as it is. Liquor licenses, however, can improve the likelihood of success. The mark-up on alcoholic beverages to subsidize food offered by restaurants has long been a foundation of the restaurant business model. It reduces risk for would-be restaurants owners, which in turn encourages entrepreneurship, leading to more jobs, more

local businesses, and more people investing in our communities. Restaurants that cannot get a license to serve alcohol, often because of the cap, are at a great disadvantage, leading to less competition and fewer restaurants overall, as diners often choose restaurants where they can have a glass of wine, a beer, or cocktail with their meal.

"As Somerville and Massachusetts as a whole strives to grow into a 21st century economy, we are hindering our own economic growth with this antiquated system"

If the belief is that maintaining state control over liquor licenses is a better system than local control, why is Cambridge authorized to set its own cap, effectively allowing it to issue unlimited on-premises licenses for

all licenses? Cambridge's population is only 36 percent greater than Somerville's, but that city has issued over four times as many wine and malt licenses as we have and more than double as many all-alcoholic beverage licenses. Cambridge has issued 158 all-alcohol licenses, well above the 105 licenses it would have if subject to the quota system, and has issued 66 wine and malt licenses, triple the amount of licenses it would have under the quota system.

And this is working fine in Cambridge. What was a desolate urban office park in Kendall Square has been transformed into an increasingly active neighborhood filled with an array of dining choices, with companies filling the office space above these restaurants, and now more residences are being built in the neighborhood. Cambridge isn't the only example. Arlington and Medford, both next door to Somerville, are allowed to issue more wine and malt licenses and the process works. A number of other communities are authorized to issue unlimited on-premises licenses for wine and malt, full liquor licenses, Continued on page 21

Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Coronet



My friend's family used to own The Coronet Lounge/Bar/Restaurant which went on to become Barnaby's and then Redbones.

It's located at 55 Chester Street in Davis Square. Locals such as The Skipper, Bobby Doughnuts, Bobby Polaroid, Peter Pizza, Uncle Paul and Magic frequented the joint when it was Barnaby's. Today you can find a vast array of barbecue loving patrons in Redbones. There are 25 draft beers on tap as well. You can still see the Barnaby's lettering on The Redbone's sign. I wonder if The Coronet letters are under that?

Once again we will take a little trip down my favorite street, Memory Lane, and talk about The Coronet. We are doing our best to approximate the dates of these historic tales, so let's start in the mid to late 50's to early 60's. There is a condemned three-decker house at 55 Chester Street. My friend is none other than Somerville's own Danny Kallis, who went on to open Dapper Dan's Restau-

rant in the old Assembly Square Mall. His father, Peter Kallis was in the bar business with his brother in law, George Demos. George was a professional wrestler who went by the name of Roughhouse Williams. (nothing like having a built in bouncer!) He wrestled with notables such as Strangler Lewis back in the day. Anyway, Peter and George had been renting out The Rosebud down the street for years and offered to buy it from its owners. When they wouldn't sell, George and Peter decided to purchase the condemned house at 55 Chester St, tear it down, and build ... The Coronet!

Danny started working there when he was about 11 years old and performed just about all the duties required to run a restaurant, bar and function room. The downstairs room in The Coronet could accommodate around 100 people and was the site of many weddings, showers, and parties. Danny says he must have worked at least 100 of these events. He eventually became "chief cook and bottle washer." The Coronet always had a staff

of at least ten people.

One of Danny's fondest memories was when defending world champion, all round pocket billiards champion Boston Shorty, who was a regular, was to play some up and coming youngster named Miserack. Former Channel 5 sportscaster Don Gillis was going to televise the match live from the Day Street pool hall. Danny was invited to be at the telecast complete with a snazzy tuxedo. Well, Lucky Strike smoking Shorty completely took this guy to the cleaners and beat him with no sweat. Shorty showed Danny enough slick pool moves to earn himself a few bucks every now and then from some unassuming local kid.

At one time The Coronet was the only local joint around with a 1 a.m. license. Danny remembers preparing for the onslaught of last call patrons. He would mix a gallon of martinis, a gallon of Manhattans, and a gallon of sombreros. As I have said many times before, wouldn't it have been great to have had a video camera to record all the excitement, hi-jinx and col-



orful shenanigans that must have gone on at The Coronet back in those early years. I bet it would have been better than *Cheers!*

Growing up in the 60's in the restaurant and lounge business in Somerville gave Danny a lot of treasured memories. Next week I will tell you about the Hires Root Beer Barrel that now resides in Danny's house, and where it came from.

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times

The annual senior picnic is always a summertime favorite.



It's that time of year again. The Mayor's Annual Senior Picnic is happening today, and it is always a fun and heartwarming event in the city.

Local seniors gather and rub shoulders with city officials, staffers, and the general public in what has become a much-anticipated highlight of the summer season.

Good food, camaraderie and a festive atmosphere punctuate this heartfelt gesture of appreciation for our elderly family, friends and neighbors.

The afternoon's festivities will include music, dancing, and a lot of good conversation, reminiscences and general merry making.

This is the 34th year for the annual picnic, and we can be sure that the tradition will continue to be a perennial favorite for everyone involved.

All of us in this great city should support and encourage the Council on Aging and the Mayor's Office to keep this event going and to make it the best it can be each and every year to come.

Our seniors deserve this celebration, as well as our gratitude for setting exemplary examples for the generations that follow. It is the least that we can do for them.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

of days as well. It's been another busy week here in the Ville with birthdays. We wish all the ones mentioned, and all the others we were remiss in mentioning, a great day.

Another reminder that the annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund is once again kicking off its annual one day golf tournament to be held on Saturday, September 6 at the Falmouth Country Club, Falmouth, MA. This marks the 14th year for the fundraiser that was started by Peter and his wife Janice Forcellese to raise money for scholarships in memory of their son John, who passed away in 2000 from an eight year battle of cancer. Over the years they have given many scholarships to deserving students both here in Somerville and down in Falmouth. This past year they gave out 16 scholarships, thanks in large part to the many people who give their support both in sponsoring and in playing. They are now on Facebook as well as their own website where you can learn more and maybe help out: www.johns-team. org. The deadline for sponsoring and registration is August 8.

Just about everyone is sad, and it's true that Victors is closed for vacation this week. Don't worry, though. Victor, Rose and Nancy and the crew will all be back next week and ready to return to work.

We're going to have a weekly contest coming up soon. The rules and guidelines will be in next week's paper, so look for it. Each week The Somerville Times in conjunction with the Mt. Vernon Restaurant will be giving away a \$25 certificate as a prize. That's a lot of lobster.

Coming up on Saturday, August 16 in the afternoon at 125 Highland Avenue, the Masonic Lodge here in Somerville will be having its first "annual Lobster bake" with lots of extras. More information will be coming next week.

Our condolences to the family of Walter J. Sullivan, 91, Mayor emeritus of the city of Cambridge. Walter passed away Monday evening. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 68 years and his 5 children. The Sullivan family thanks all in advance for their support and prayers.

Congratulations to Somerville photographer Jim Baab, who is being recognized by ArtAscent, an international art and literature journal that showcases indie and emerging artists. They have selected Baab (rhymes with tab) for the magazine's 'Gold Artist' award. This award includes a professional review/profile in Volume 8, the current issue themed 'Hidden,' and the promotion of Baab's artwork via ArtAscent's social media channels and its web site, artascent.com. Baab's new work has also been chosen for the upcoming' Magic Without Tricks' exhibition at Nave Gallery Annex in Davis Square, Somerville, MA, on view August 27 - September 20.

Somerville Arts Council brings you an evening of fire throwers, food vendors, entertainment. Ignite! A Fire and Street Food Festival After Dark, will bring you everything from interactive food demonstrations and fire throwing to an 8 foot tiger head created by Pecan Nut this festival guarantees excitement, thrills, and a full stomach! This event is FREE and open to the public! It takes place Saturday, August 9 from 6-10 p.m. at Union Square Plaza. (Rain date: Sunday, August 10 from 6-10 p.m.) ******

Repairs to the Gilman Street Bridge will involve approximately 18 months of work. Join MassDOT and the City of Somerville for a meeting to present the construction schedule and any lane closures and associated traffic diversions. MassDOT will present information followed by a Q&A. When/ Where: Thursday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School cafeteria, 50 Cross Street.

that services the entire Somerville community as well as our neighboring communities. For the latest schedule of classes, activities, fees, closings and more visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/pool. access to the web? Call the pool at 617-629-5445 .Go down today to enjoy the Kennedy Pool! 5 Cherry Street, Somer-

Somerville Public Library, Central ville, MA 02144

Branch, Wellington Hall, now has a computer which has special software for patrons with disabilities. These include MAGic which is a screen magnifier for patrons with low vision, JAWS which is a screen reader for patrons who have visual impairments, and Dragon Naturally Speaking which allows patrons to read into a microphone and transcribes the words into a Word Document. The workstation is in a quiet area of the library to allow for privacy and is spacious for our patrons in wheelchairs or those with walking aids. This workstation may be used by all patrons, but patrons who require the special software will get preference for this computer. ********

SomerMovie FEAST's weekly movie will be Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs at the Chuckie Harris Park, E Cross St.. The movie start at 8 p.m. For a full list of upcoming movie visit the city's web site: www.somervillema.gov. ******

The Kennedy Pool is an athletic resource

Pet-Palooza makes a splash

som dog and Assembly Row presented the Second Annual Pet-Palooza this weekend. This year's event was be hosted by som dog and made a splash at Assembly Row, literally.

Somerville, at its newest neighborhood, enjoyed a two-day, family focused festival to celebrate dogs of Somerville and surrounding cities. som dog is an all volunteer organization dedicated to bringing canine education and training opportunities to the community, assisting local animal control and helping to maintain and expand city dog parks.



































Photos by Claudia Ferro

The Sunsetters on demand

The Sunsetters performed on Kennsington Avenue, Thursday night, July 31. The Ferro family hosted the performance. There was a great crowd this year with a lot of audience participation that night. Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin and Register of Deeds, Maria Curtatone and her children also dropped by for the show.

Stop & Shop donated the snacks for the show and Louie's Ice Cream, 193 Broadway gave the performers free ice cream after the show.

There are still plenty of shows to enjoy. The Sunsetters perform in Somerville neighborhoods Monday through Thursday evenings for the rest of August. The full performance schedule can be found at www.somervillema.gov.















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SPORTS

Alibrandis celebrate their first 25 years



The Somerville Alibrandis baseball club celebrated their 25th Anniversary season on Friday, August 1 vs. McKay Club Beacons at Trum Field. The fans and boosters of the club took the opportunity to extend their appreciation for all the years of great sportsmanship and wished the local team another 25 years and more to come.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- #434
- 1. What do fish use their gills for?
- 2. What type of acid is found in lemons?
- 3. What was Walt Disney's middle name?
- 4. What was the first foreign company to start up a factory in the U.S.?
- 5. Which American writer was court-martialed in 1830 for neglect of duty?
- 6. Who pioneered the airship?
- 7. Why did the band Led Zeppelin perform under an alias, the Nobs, when they played in

- Copenhagen?
- 8. How many carats is pure gold?
- 9. What author had a best selling novel, *Airport?*
- 10. What in history were the Beaver, Dartmouth and Eleanor?
- 11. What game was created by French mathematician Blaise Pascal, which he discovered when doing experiments into perpetual motion?
- 12. What 20th century conflict was dubbed the "forgotten war" despite 54,246 U.S. deaths?

Answers on page 23

Local Somerville company needs part-time home telemarketers to make calls for appointments.

Experience preferred, but if you're self motivated, home during the day and think you can handle making calls to get sales leads, contact us at 617-623-6605 and ask for Tom.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.



Here are some selected Somerville Neighborhood News headlines: NEW HOME HELPS VETS GET ON TRACK by Gracie McKenzie. "It was really hard to come back," the veteran explained, quietly. "My whole family was telling me that I was someone different, someone that basically they didn't recognize. You come back and you just try to live a normal life, and it's not really possible to do that." Military veterans face terrible odds when they return from conflict. A recent study from Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) noted that 53 percent of those polled say they have a mental health injury. Unemployment for vets is double normal rates, and on any given night around 58,000 veterans are without a place to sleep, while 1.4 million more are at risk of becoming homeless due to poverty and lack of support, according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. But Eddie Cowen, 27, is one of the lucky ones. He beat the odds. The Fall River native, who served tours in Bahrain and Iraq, credits a new veterans facility near Teele Square. The complete story can be found at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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Call 617-666-4010 and speak to the Assignment Editor

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

104 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2013-71-R1-7/2014) Applicant/Owner R+R Capital Investments, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2013-71 under SZO §5.3.8 to change the material and pervious coverage of the driveway/walkways. The original Special permit was under SZO § 4.4.1 was to alter the nonconforming 3-family structure. Zone RC. Ward 7.

204 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-56) Applicants and Owners, Ronald and Linde Dynneson, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.3.g for a change in use to a Historic Bed and Breakfast. The Applicants also seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes the addition of dormers and an enlargement of the existing rear addition. RA zone. Ward 6.

99 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2014-68) Applicant, John Tucci, and Owner, Elizabeth Johnston, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a non-conforming sideyard by adding a rear addition. RA Zone. Ward 6.

81 Park St: (Case #ZBA 2014-70) Applicant, Bread Trust LLC c/o Marco Hunter-Melo & Nathan Bice, and Owners, Jean K. Peabody and Clayton S. Peabody, seeks a Special Permit (SZO §5.1) for a change of a nonconforming use from a service station to a restaurant (7.11.10.2.a) with operations, in part or in whole, conducted outside an enclosed building. Also, a Special Permit is sought to alter the nonconforming structure within the nonconforming yards (§4.4.1). A Variance is sought to reduce the parking required by approx 50 spaces (§9.5). RB zone. Ward 2.

166 Boston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-71) Applicant, Souhail Berbara, and Owner, S&S Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to alter a nonconforming use from an automotive service use to include two car-sharing spaces and three spaces for used car sales. Ward 7. RA zone.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the <u>City of Somerville</u> on <u>Tuesday, August 12, 2014</u> at 5:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

This meeting is to inform the public about Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for proposed environmental response actions for The Kiley Barrel Site, answer questions, and elicit comments. This project is funded by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grants and a MassDevelopment grant provided to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and the City of Somerville. The project is being implemented in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) regulations.

The Site is located in Union Square and consists of eight contiguous parcels, 0 Prospect Street, 20-22 Prospect Street, 264-266 Somerville Avenue, 9 and 10 Milk Place, 8, 14 and 16-20 Bennett Street, as well as a portion of Bennett Street. The Site is currently vacant except for a parking lot at 0 Prospect Street. The Site is owned by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and the City of Somerville. The grants will be used to remediate environmental conditions at the Site. Remediation activities include soil excavation and backfilling, off-site recycling/disposal of soil, addition of a remedial additive to the groundwater, groundwater monitoring, and the implementation of an Activity and Ilse I imitation

An Information Repository has been established at the Somerville City Hall. Persons wishing to review reports and/or other information relative to environmental conditions at the Site should visit the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) on the third floor of Somerville City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue in Somerville, MA, Monday through Wednesday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Thursday between 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM, and Friday between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Comments about the proposed project and Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) will be accepted at the public meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the **Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street**, Somerville, MA. Written Comments will be accepted for 30 days following this legal notice and may be submitted to Amanda Maher, Economic Development Specialist, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or by e-mail to amaher@somervillema.gov.

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

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P3670EA
Estate of :

ite of :

EVELYN PERACCHI

Date of Death: NOVEMBER 3, 2013

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner CARLA M. TASSINARI of ANDOVER MA and

Petitioner JOHN C. PERACCHI of ANDOVER MA

CARLA M. TASSINARI of ANDOVER MA and JOHN C. PERACCHI of ANDOVER MA

have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve $[\mathbf{x}]$ without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday August 18, 2014** in the Alderman's Chambers, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC., d/b/a Outback Steakhouse for a new All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at Store #120, Assembly Row at Assembly Square, Somerville MA.

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

314-316 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2014-22) Applicant and Owner, Belmont Hill Corporation, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.1.22.D.1 to build two floors above the existing for two residential units and Special Permits under SZO §6.1.22.5.a to alter the existing storefront and under SZO §9.17.2 to park on a separate lot in a NB district. Ward 2. CCD55 zone.

Copies of these applications and amendments are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at 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 Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant, Ronald and Linde Dynneson, to demolish the c. 1881 shed/garage, and proposals by the Applicant, City of Somerville, to demolish the c. 1870 single-family dwelling at 4 Milk Place; the c. 1858-1870 Italianate double house at 26-28 Prospect Street; and the 1890 Queen Anne dwelling at 30 Prospect Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday August 18, 2014** in the Alderman's Chambers, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Pradhan, Inc., d/b/a Broadway Mart, for a Transfer of Wine and Malt Package Store License from ENK, Inc., d/b/a Lil' Peach, 50 Washington St., Somerville, MA and a Change of Location to 1147 Broadway, Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday August 18, 2014** in the Alderman's Chambers, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Chuckmaster Entertainment Inc., d/b/a Thunder Road for a new All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices at 379 Somerville Ave., Somerville MA.

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB #15-08

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Mystic Boathouse Floating Dock

An invitation for bid (IFB) may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Wednesday, August 6th, 2014. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville seeks bids for services to provide full range fabrication and delivery services for a new floating dock at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive, Somerville, MA. The goal of the new floating dock system is to provide docks that will improve accessibility to the water for a variety of boat types with minimal environmental impact, and will be easily installed each spring and removed each fall by City employees.

Please contact Alex Nosnik anosnik@somervillema.gov for more in-

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQF #15-07

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Crowdfunding Innovation Website

A request for qualifications and fee (RFQF) may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Wednesday, August 6th, 2014. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednes**day, August 20th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing

The City is issuing this RFQF to seek qualified firms or vendors that will be able to provide innovative crowdfunding solutions that allow the City to collect public donations online to be used to for City-sponsored community projects. The City is seeking proposals from crowdfunding vendors that provide citizens an opportunity to directly invest in public projects through a web-based portal. The goal of the crowdfunding initiative is to encourage civic engagement and public participation by facilitating public funding for the completion of community projects.

Please contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov for

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

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Candidates for the 34th Representative District hold debate

By Donald F. Norton

This past Wednesday, July 30, Somerville Community Access Television and the Somerville Labor Coalition Candidate Forum was held and four of the five candidates for the 34th Representative District appeared in a live session with a studio audience, as well as on air, for a lively debate, hosted and moderated by Joe Lynch.

Candidates Christine Barber, Erin DiBenidetto, Craig Rourke and Nick Lanzilli were there to answer questions and present their cases as to why they want the endorsement of the Labor Council.

One candidate for the office, Sharon Guzik, could not be present for

The Somerville Labor council is made up of all the public employee unions here in Somerville including



the Fire Department, Police Department, the Department of Public Works and City Hall.

The union members will vote to give their endorsement to one candidate, which is supposed to be announced this week.

The 34th district here in Somerville consists of Wards 2, 4, and 7, as well as Ward 8 in Medford.

The primary election is to be held on September 9.

District Attorney Marian T. Ryan CONT. FROM PG 7

You know, this is my first time running in a race, campaigning has been a great opportunity to get out and talk to people. Everyone knows the [D.A.'s] office because they prosecute people, but they don't know the great work we do. And they don't know that and then they do not subsequently go out and take advantage of it.

TST: On your campaign, what do you think people are going to be looking for?

D.A.R: I think this is a job where experience matters, because what's true of this job - it certainly has been true for the last 15 months - I was appointed in the middle of the April bombings, so within my first 36 hours, it was the question of if we were going to indict the Tsarnaev brother for the murder of Officer Collier for the Watertown piece.

Very quickly after that, we had the poisoning of the witness in the Bulger trial. Shortly after that we had the murder-suicide in Arlington that was the mother, father and twins. We have had a number of other homicides along the way.We had the plane crash in Bedford. Last week we had the seven people who died in the fire in Lowell.

And this is that kind of a job. That's the piece that is something I'm very used to. I really bring to this job that ability to figure out what's going to happen. I have to be taking that long view of five or ten years down the road. Are we building our case? Is our evidence going to be admissible? What's going to happen? What happens in that immediate aftermath - how people are Mirandized. How the evidence was gathered, whether you get the video tapes and all of that, determines how your case is going to go way down the road.

It's also a feature of having done it for years. I have that ability to pull the group of investigators together, to marshal that. They respect my

opinion, they know I'm looking down the road. Our goal is to have a successful prosecution if that's what is warranted. So that's a big piece of what I bring to this.

As a note, we asked D.A. Ryan whether she was for the privatization of the prison system and her take on the full legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts. In response, she stated that more research needs to be done to decide the right path forward for both of these topics, especially to decide a clear line of policies and accurately understand what the potential outcomes would entail, before she could come to a conclusive stance.

We once again thank D.A. Ryan for her time and wish her the best of luck in the forthcoming election.

The Somerville Times will be working to interview as many candidates in the upcoming November elections as possible. Please check back for more soon.

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Wednesday | August 6

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Central Library

Kidstock! The Princess & the Peanut **Butter Sandwich**

Ann -x2950

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Somerville Sunsetters

Glen Park (7 p.m.)|7 p.m

Thursday August 7

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15A.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library

Science Smorgasbord! Meghan Forsell- 617-623-5000 x2970

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | 115 Broadway

West Branch Library

Lego Club

Annamarie Almeida - 617-623-5000

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|40 College

SomerMovie FEAST

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Dusk|Chuckie Harris Park, East Somerville

Somerville Sunsetters Perry Park 7 p.m

Friday August 8

Central Library

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

Sunday August 10

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating

3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville

Monday August 11

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 617 636-9033 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM| 79 Highland Avenue

Somerville Sunsetters

Winslow Avenue @ Ciampa Manor|7

Arts at the Armory

Knucklebones 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | August 12

West Branch Library

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

Somerville Sunsetters

Lowell Street VNA (indoors)|7 p.m

Wednesday | August 13

East Branch Library

Preschool: Summer Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Somerville Sunsetters Properzi Manor 7 p.m.

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Wednesday August 6

Johnny D's

Open Mic with Dr Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Comedy@10

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PA'S Lounge

WEMF Radio presents:Dino Heart|The Robot Knights|Prodigal Zen|Brotherhood of Grace

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On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday August 7

Johnny D's

The Jauntee and Friends plus Background Orcs 10 p.m.

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Sally O'Brien's

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Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Scattershot |10 p.m.

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Somerville Theatre

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

Friday | August 8

Johnny D's

Kinky Friedman plus Brian Molnar|7:30 p.m. Free Friday featuring Buenos Diaz plus The Forz|10 p.m.

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The Burren

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

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Saturday August 9

Johnny D's

Barrence Whitfield and the Grits and Grocery Orchestra730 p.m. Slavic Soul Party!|10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Julie Rhodes, Amy Kucharik, Sugar Blood Jinx \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway 617- 625-5195 Sunday August 10

Johnny D's Open Blues Jam! featuring featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m.

Charmaine Neville Band with special guest Charles Neville

8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Stormin' Norman And Susie |7 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Monday August 11

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Tight Five|7 p.m. Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

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Bur-Run Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia

Tuesday August 12

Johnny D's

Junior Brown plus Stan Martin & The Wicked Heart 7:30 p.m.

Circus Mutt

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Back Room

p.m.

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

Open Mic w/Hugh McGowan

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 PA'S Lounge

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CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday August 6

Central Library

Mystery Book Club

Third Life Studio

7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira lamal

Quarterly Somerville Republican City Committee Brian McCarthy- 617-718-1828

(Session 1)6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems

Roots and Rhythm

Saturday | August 8

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

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Tuesday August 11

Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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Wednesday August 12 **Central Library** Somerville Republican City Committee

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Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Ama-

Bull McCabe's Pub

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Indigenous 7:30 p.m.

The Burren

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Thursday | August 7 **Central Library**

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

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Bagel Bards

Holland St

Family Groups

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

6 p.m. 33 Union Sqlwww.nadiraja mal.com

Arts at the Armory

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www. nadirajamal.com

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Avenue

Third Life Studio

Sunday August 9 **Unity Church of God** Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

Third Life Studio

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: SENIO CENTER

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Holland Street: 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT - Tuesday, August 19 -For a \$25.00 fee you receive transportation, \$10. Food coupon and a \$10. Free bet. Check in time is 8 a.m. at the Holland Street Center and 8:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8 p.m. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Summer Special Super Bingo - Friday, August 22 -11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

All aboard the S.S. Lobster Roll - Tuesday, August 26 -Relax & enjoy this 90 minute cruise offering great views of Sesuit Harbor & Cape Cod Bay from the decks of the "Lobster Roll" dinner cruise ship. Your \$52. Fee includes transportation, cruise and a choice of Lobster Roll, Roast Beef Roll Up, Vegetarian Roll Up or Chicken Caesar Salad. Please bring your own beverages. Check in times are 7:45 AM at our Holland Street Center and 8:15 at our Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 4:00 PM. Please contact Connie or Flo to RSVP and with meal choice at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. Limited seating.

We Sold A Winner Documentary – Thursday, August 28 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Holland Street Atrium - The SCOA invites you to a visual presentation and discussion by Somerville Arts Council Fellow Edie Bresler – A social documentary that looks at state lotteries. Lunch and transportation available upon request. Please 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Lowell Spinners – Thursday, August 28 – For just \$31.00 you receive your transportation, seating, all you can eat BBQ and a night of America's favorite pastime -Baseball. Check in time is 4 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 7 – Trip includes transportation ONLY. You are responsible for lunch, shopping & the \$5. admission fee. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes and bring your appetite. You will be able to try every kind of seafood imaginable for a very affordable price. Check in time is 10 a.m. at the Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 6 p.m. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

New England Goes Country – Thursday, September 18 - Danversport Yacht Club, come back to the days of cowboy boots & hats, saddle up those horses and enjoy the music of Jimmy Lehoux & Nicole Frechette as well

as country's upcoming stars. The fee of \$72. Includes transportation, entertainment & (meal choice) boneless breast of chicken or fresh scrod (includes cheese & crackers, salad, rolls, bread, vegetables, potatoes, dessert, coffee & tea.) Depart time is 10:00 AM at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 AM at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:30 PM. Contact Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Fall Foliage Trip, East Hill Farm, Troy, NH - Tuesday, September 30 – Enjoy the fall foliage and a delectable homemade family style lunch including: tomato cheddar soup, fresh baked bread, fritters with maple syrup, roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green garden peas, applesauce, berry cobbler, coffee, tea & milk. We will be visiting Allison's Apple Orchard for apples, pumpkins and lots of other fall goodies. Free Pumpkin included. Trip fee is \$45.00 - Check in times are 8:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center & 9 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. Approximate return time is 4:30 / 5 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserves your spot.

Honor Flight, Documentary - Monday, October 27 - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Honor Flight is a heartwarming documentary about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Holland Street Center in the Atrium - lunch is available by request - to register please call Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318

Halloween Super Bingo – Friday, October 31 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The Ralph & Jenny Center will be closed on Mondays throughout August.

There is no Men's Group in August.

The trip to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival scheduled for September 7th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Foster's Clambake scheduled for August 18 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival scheduled for September 7th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City scheduled for October is SOLD OUT.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Mobile Farmer's Market is at our Holland Street Center every Thursday throughout the summer from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

Suffolk Downs - Wednesday, August 20 & Wednesday, September 17.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Lunch - Monday, August 11 - 11:30 a.m. Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will provided a hot or cold lunch – suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 7.

LGBT Advisory Group - Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 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.

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m., \$10/week for shoes and

Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m.., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (RJ) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6 p.m.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9 a.m.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12 p.m.

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-reqistration.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday, August 6

Mayor's Annual Picnic - Powderhouse Park **All Centers Closed**

Thursday, August 7

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

1:00 Mobile Farmer's Market (H)

Friday, August 8

PICNIC RAIN DATE

Monday, August 11

9:00 Gardening (H)

11:30 Lunch (H) 11:30 LGBT Lunch (H)

4:30 LGBT Advisory Board

Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

Tuesday, August 12

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

11:30 Intergenerational Cook Off (C)

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

12:45 Bingo (H)

6:00 Caregivers Group (H)

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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Ride-sharing businesses challenge traditional taxi service

CONT. FROM PG 1

Carriage Unit of the Boston Police Department to ensure the safety of and quality of experience for Boston's cab passengers. The Boston Police Department warns the public to look for the Medallions on Boston taxis, "remember if it doesn't say 'Boston Licensed Taxi,' you could be in for a bad ride."

Many Boston residents disagree with the idea that taxis without such medallion could provide a bad ride. In fact, some seriously doubt the safety and quality of those with medallions, each of which now costs \$700,000 since the launch of UberX.

Boston resident, Ese Ukponmwan said, "I can't count the number of times I've seen my life flash before my eyes while in a cab. They aren't the safest drivers." Ukponmwan also complained that, being minority, he could sometimes have a hard time stopping a taxi.

"When they stop sometimes and I say that I'm going to Arlington, they say they aren't going there," Ukponmwan said.

In addition to the fact that there are medallion owners who only care about earning cash from selling medallions rather than taking an interest in taxi industry, an outdated digital service mandated by the radio association also bars Boston taxi drivers from earning good profits. In Boston, a medallion owner has to pay \$30 to \$80 to one of those radio associations on a weekly basis, according to Blythe-Shaw.

"The frustration is that Boston taxi drivers need to find their own fare, find their rent before they are able to put any

food on the table," Blythe-Shaw said. "You set up a broken system in taxi industry and now you also have the new technology coming in."

Whether or not the taxi industry is going to survive is questionable, Blythe-Shaw said. "The bottom line is workers, no matter what systems they are working under, Uber, Lyft, the taxi industry is going to suffer. Because Uber just wants its profit. And the drivers, on the other hand, are told what they are going to earn. Sometimes, that's below the minimum wage."

> "The technology is a way of the future and we applaud this technology"

Blythe-Shaw thinks that, in the long run, ridesharing businesses have a negative impact on the general public as they will eventually create a libertarian economy in the taxi industry. "In a libertarian economy, most of the money goes to profit makers, very little money goes to the workers and no money goes to the infrastructure." Blythe-Shaw said.

Safety is another important issue that ridesharing businesses put at risk, according to Blythe-Shaw. "You don't have insurance for the passengers," she said. "You cannot use your own vehicle for the purpose of charging passengers."

To ensure passengers' safety, Uber back-

ground checks every ridesharing and livery driver, providing commercial liability insurance and risk-less cashless transactions.

Colorado Watchdog reported that Justin Kintz, head of the public policy in the Americas for Uber Technologies Inc., said, "A lot of the taxi drivers fail our background checks who are cleared in other cities, because our background check is more stringent."

Recently, Somerville's Green and Yellow Cab, who has been serving as a taxi business in Somerville for more than 35 years, posted on Facebook that their company had been attacked on its Yelp page by what the company believed to be "Uber employees to boost their unregulated, unlicensed 'shared ride' services."

"We have no issue with Uber or Lyft per se," Vice President of Green and Yellow Cab, Cheryl Horan wrote in response to an email interview request by The Somerville Times. "The technology is a way of the future and we applaud this technology. We also have a 'free' mobil app that is extremely popular with our customers who want that technology."

The real issue with ridesharing businesses, as Horan mentioned, is that this new technology is facilitating "self regulated" drivers to act identically to taxi drivers with no rules and regulations. "This poses a huge public safety risk," Horan wrote. "It is a fact that there have been more assaults on women who use these car's services. There are exclusions on all personal car plates that the insurance company will not pay any claim for personal injury or property damage while this personal vehicle is being used in a ride sharing program."

Horan also received complaints from their customers who tried ridesharing companies, and they said "they have been charged in excess of four times and more during peak times and inclement weather."

"Imagine if the taxi industry tried to do that?" Horan wrote.

Barry Knickle has been a taxi driver for almost 30 years in Boston, and he recently joined Uber too, like many other local cabbies.

"The problem is that there isn't enough cabs to spread out where over they are supposed to be," Knickle said that people in neighborhoods, such as Mattapan and Dorchester, sometimes aren't able to get a cab.

When Knickle stopped his taxi at the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Boston, he pointed at two other taxis in front of his and said, "Look at these two cabs. Nobody is in them. Most drivers go where they can make money, so most of them have a regular daily routine."

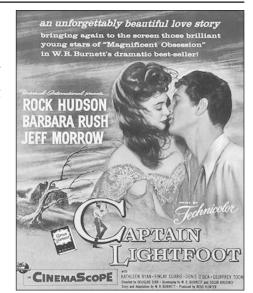
Knickle thinks that the ridesharing business is a good thing, and he personally is not against it. "But I do think that ridesharing businesses and cab business should be under the same regulations," he added.

Before the interview with Knickle could move on, a Four Seasons Hotel porter asked him to roll down the cab window and then asked, "Hey, go to the Logan Airport?" Knickle waved the passenger into his cab and took off on his daily routine.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

this state's gallows for highway robbery. At his execution, which drew hundreds, his last words were said to have been, "Don't let your sons end up like me!" Because of the courteous and charming way he treated women, his life became an instant Robin-Hood type narrative. Articles were written, books were published, pubs named and tales told about him. He was seen as a gallant rogue saying "stand and deliver" to men, but chivalrous to the fairer sex.

Hollywood brought him back to life in the 1955 movie Captain Lightfoot, filmed in Ireland and staring Rock Hudson. More recently, Woburn's Middlesex Canal tour, which brings to life early canal history, named their towboat horses, guess what? Lightfoot and Thunderbolt,



after Martin and his British partner in crime. Like the legend of Jesse James, the story goes on.

Lift the liquor license cap CONT. FROM PG 10

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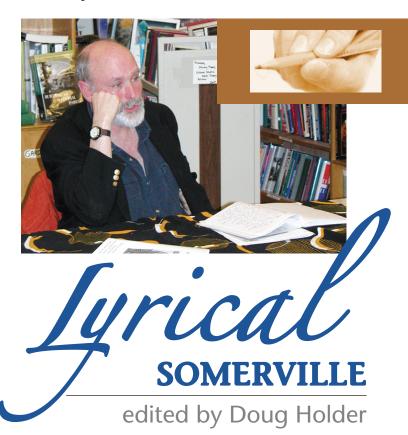
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We all answer to some higher power. Poet Elizabeth McCormack wrote a poem to him, her, or it.

His Strength

The world Recognizes me not

I forgot

I am nothing

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In thankfulness

I am reminded again

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In weakness

I wait... Then continue

In His way

In His time

In His Peace

Elizabeth McCormack

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Singer/Songwriter Jennifer Matthews:

An artist of the road, heart and life



Jennifer Matthews doesn't walk into a room; it is more like she drifts in like some stray, haunting riff from a distant, deep, deep blue guitar. Matthews, formerly a Somerville resident is an accomplished musician who defies categorization. She told me at the Sherman Cafe as we consumed some tea and scones that she considers herself "A singer, songwriter and roots/rock&roll musician." By "roots" Matthews means she uses an acoustic mandolin, foot stomps, hand claps, and her signature acoustic blue guitar. She and her guitar are in a committed and monogamous relationship for the past 12 years. She was shown the guitar at a music store and was not impressed with it at first. She told the clerk, "But it is a Blue guitar!" He told her, "Play it." And like many affairs of the heart, she reluctantly, but hopelessly fell in love. And this guitar is a perfect conduit for her brand of music.

There is a word in Yiddish - "luftmensch" which means an "air person" - a person who drifts around - is the opposite of materialistic - he or she moves freely with her intellect - seeks the spiritual - tastes philosophy-literature, a range of subjects and interests. This defines Matthews and her music. Her music addresses the ontological questions, the long journeys, the joys and the ephemeral nature of love, with always a look what is beyond this material dimension. Her ever-present wanderlust has taken all over Europe, Alaska, Austin, Texas, and to an off-the- grid, hand built Earthship house in the Ortiz mountains outside Madrid, New Mexico. According to her website, from 2006 to current times she has been touring locally and abroad. When she was in Rome in 2010 she released a DVD Live at the Piper Club Rome. This was one of the venues she played at

during her stay in Italy.

Matthews is releasing a seventh CD Tales of a Salty Sweetheart. She has engineered this album herself and it was mixed by Phil Greene (25- time Grammy Award-winning engineer) who according to Matthews told her, "Tales of a Salty Sweetheart is one of my favorite records I have mixed in the last 10 years." Matthews had a number of musicians preform on this album including Russell Chudnofsky, who played the Dobro slide guitar. The CD will be released by the label Thundamoon Records founded by her manager Rose Gardina, who also founded the Boston Girl Guide website and magazine.

Matthews, who is studying at Salem State University for her degree in English, said when she writes lyrics she literally locks herself in a room. She smiled, "I can't be disturbed." And like the poem finding the poet, the song finds Matthews. Matthews says she is in touch with her "inner voice." Her lyrics can be ethereal and transcendent and she counts Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan as spiritual masters who have influenced both her lyrics and music.

Matthews, who lives just across the border from Somerville but often plays in our city, plans to have a media campaign that will reach college radio stations both locally and nationally. Matthews has lived the life of an artist. At times it was a hand to mouth existence. As Dylan sang,"Better pawn it babe," and she did at one time, no doubt. I remember her telling me a story of when she was a little girl. Once she jumped up on a table and started singing Somewhere Over the Rainbow in front of her friends. I can still see that girl in the woman and I have to believe she is somewhere near that place now.

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