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The City of Somerville is considering taking similar steps as Cambridge is doing to measure noise levels of overflying airliners coming and going at Logan International Airport.

noise pollution issues.

Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti, who brought the item to the Board's attention, spoke in favor of giving serious consideration to Cambridge's approach to dealing with the problem.

"What Cambridge has asked is that their community consider purchasing equipment to help in registering the noise levels," Rossetti explained."I continue to get Continued on page 4

# **Somerville Toy Camera Festival** clicks on at the Nave Gallery Annex

#### By Josie Grove

The third annual Somerville Toy Camera Festival began last Thursday with a small reception at the Nave Gallery Annex near Davis Square. The unassuming white house that is the gallery space slowly filled with photography enthusiasts and toy camera fans.

Toy cameras are very simple film cameras that give the photographer less control over the amount of light in an image than a more sophisticated camera."There is definitely kind of like a mysterious thing going on," said Bonnie B., one of the festival's co-organizers. "You don't really know what you're going to get. With a camera that has full exposure control, you kind of have a pretty good idea of what you're going to get, if you know what you're doing. But if you're using a toy camera with no shutter speed and no aperture or anything like that, you're winging it, and it's kind of cool. Also, a lot of them have weird imperfections that they Continued on page 16







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Somerville Toy Camera Festival co-organizer James Zall at the Nave Gallery Annex last Thursday. — Photo by Josie Grove

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The preliminary election only in Ward 6 is tomorrow, Thursday, September 17. There are four candidates running and, as the paper announced last week, it is supporting Charles J. Chisholm for Ward 6 Alderman.

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Saturday, October 17 at the Holiday Inn, the SHS Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Over the years, the foundation has been responsible for handing out thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving high school graduates. The Foundation idea was started by local publisher Robert J. L. Publicover, Tony Fedele, the headmaster at the high school, former Mayor Gene Brune and several other dedicated and committed community people. A Foundation that started with very little and has now grown to over \$1M in scholarships. Call or go online to the Foundation's Facebook site for reservations and cost of tickets.

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

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of *The Times*: Happy birthday to a great lady, Jeannie Scarpa, VP of Century Bank on the Fellsway. We hope she has a great birthday. We wish a happy birthday to Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti who, of course, is a very popular lady. We wish her the very best. Another Alderman, Tony Lafuente of Ward 4, celebrated this week. We wish him the very best. A wonderful lady from a great old time Somerville family, Donna Piro-Andon, also celebrates this week. What a smiling and always happy person she is. We wish Christopher Patti a happy birthday this week as well. Finally, a big happy birthday to Ida Azzolino, a lifelong resident whose birthday this week makes her 103 years young. What a great lady, say her girlfriends at Bingo over at Holland Street.

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The Somerville Rotary club is having its annual "Comedy Nite" at Giggles Comedy Club, Rte. 1 in Saugus, on Thursday, October 1. Tickets are only \$25 per person and there will be lots of fun and door prizes, along with baskets of good stuff to bid on. But the night is at its best with the various comedians that show up and give a great performance, as *Continued on page 11* 

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### **Response to:** Keeping the Green Line Extension on track

#### A.Moore says:

Great. The Orange line and Assembly with all that added revenue really helped our tax base. Can't wait to see how much the Green Line helps. Too many hands in the till screwed up the MBTA is the first problem. Second is they should have built the GLX according to how the Green Line started in the first place. Get it up and running as cheap-ly as possible then make the upgrades when possible. Timing is great when this country is in deep debt. Not the best time for this. No common sense at all.

#### **Oliver Seppo** says:

So, no free wifi on the Green Line? Outrageous! :)

#### Freebie says:

So exciting, not only does it improve the quality of life in Somerville but it's a huge economic catalyst for the area. I can't wait to bike on that community path with my kids – all the way to the Charles river!

#### Max L. says:

"I can't wait to bike on that community path with my kids – all the way to the Charles river!" Freebie, I'm not sure how old your kids are now but if I were you I would start making alternate plans to get to the Charles. It is beginning to look as if this project might be in some serious jeopardy, especially given the current financial and physical state of the T.

#### Matt says:

A. Moore – you're probably right that only a small proportion of the population of mass wants the green line extension. Some look at it as public largess being doled out within 128/495 and not affecting the rest of the state. The challenge to that is the 128/495 belt is the regional economic engine and helps to pay for not only infrastructure across the state but also schools and other public services. It makes sense to continue to assist the region in becoming more efficient and effective at generating tax revenue.

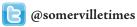
Long story short is projects like the GLX are an indirect benefit to everyone in MA and a direct benefit to Somerville business and residents. Businesses get new shoppers and easier commutes for those who work there, residents get better access to the services and jobs that they would either have to drive to or take multiple buses. (personally I don't think trolley service was the \*right\* approach but my opinion only gets me so far.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether you think there should be more challengers to sitting city officials. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.







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# Corn Toss at Trum Field: In Memory of Ryan Harrington

#### By Mellow D.

I approached Trum Field just 15 minutes shy of its start time of 11:00 a.m. From a distance, I saw dozens of Corn Toss boards neatly arranged in four rows and small corn-kernel-filled sacks spread about them.

Families gathered at Trum Field Saturday September 12, 2015 to compete in the 4th Annual Corn Toss tournament to fundraise for the under-served youth of Somerville. Orange, green and white balloons waived with Irish pride while clusters of black and green t-shirts moved about.

The words "Just One" became recurrent in my mind as I read people's t-shirts in passing. I waited to speak to the Harringtons while kids and parents eagerly looked over prizes for the on-going raffle.

It turned out to be hotter than anyone expected. The sun had been hidden away all morning behind thick grey clouds accompanied by a moist chill breeze. Almost as if a signal to begin, the 11:00 a.m. start time brought with it nothing but sunshine and warmth.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation was created in memory of the late Ryan Harrington of Somerville. His favorite friendly yet still competitive way to pass time with family and friends was the Corn Toss. While growing up in Somerville, he was heavily involved in its youth sports programs. He played for both the Pop Warner and Little League teams and excelled as a young athlete. Described as selfless and giving, Ryan left a large void for many when he passed away in May of 2011.

Moments before the tournament began, the Harrington's gathered everyone together for a prayer, led by family friend Father Paul Coughlin. The silence that fell upon the crowd was expressive of the respect for the day's significance. Upon the echoed "amens," everyone dispersed to find their first matches. I headed directly over to David Harrington, Ryan's father, and introduced myself.

With all of the excitement about us, our conversation was interrupted several times by love-filled greetings and long embraces with friends and family in attendance. We broke away from the crowd and I found myself pleasantly surprised at how swiftly David and I fell into a heart-to-heart conversation. Right away he gushed about Ryan and what he meant to his friends and family.

Interrupting his own laughter, he began, "You have to keep them busy," he paused a moment. "The disease that took Ryan does not discriminate." I knew I needed to ask the hard question: How did Ryan pass away? He leaned in close to me, "Ryan died of a heroin overdose." For David, the loss of his son is a memory worthy of strong emotion. He wore sunglass-





The 4th Annual Corn Toss tournament to raise funds for under-served youth of Somerville took place at Trum Field this past Saturday. — Photos by Mellow D.

es under the hot mid-day sun, but I still saw his eyes well up. He was at a loss for words, so we sat in silence.

The disease of addiction took Ryan's life at age 26. It is a tragedy all too familiar for many families in Boston and its surrounding communities. The opioid presence is considered to be an epidemic here in Massachusetts, as can be seen in the documentary If Only, produced by James Walberg. It reveals the dark truth about addiction to painkillers and the all too depressing and frequent turn to heroin due to its much lower price and easier attainability. While the number of deaths due to opioid overdose is sadly on the rise, families like the Harringtons are speaking up and out about our community's growing challenge. The Ryan Harrington Foundation would agree that awareness is a key factor in the ongoing battle against addiction. They feel that keeping children away from opiates would be ideal, but in an imperfect world we must prepare our families for the truth. That discussing the danger of opioids with our youth is only the first step. It is time to take action and be proactive in building our children's foundation for their success prior to and even facing addiction. The rehabilitation process needs to change. David looked out over the rows of corn-tossing underway. "This is my Christmas," he told me. His smile returned as he spoke about giving under-served youth a chance at an opioid-free life growing up in Somerville.

It should never be overlooked that from Ryan's passing, a foundation has emerged that has, to date, raised just about \$62,000, \$17,000 of that raised this past Saturday. The best part of Ryan Harrington lives on through this foundation in supporting and funding local youth sports and programs while also bringing awareness to the very apparent opioid presence in our community. His passing and it remembrance will serve to remind us of the darkness of addiction that so many of us will face. Yet as The Ryan Harrington Foundation believes, if they could save "Just One," it will all be worth it.



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# **Only two nips away from freedom**

Police responded to a reported automobile accident at the corner of Medford St. and Pearl St. in the early hours of Monday morning.

Officers arrived at the scene and spotted a vehicle parked on the sidewalk, facing the wrong direction of traffic. According to reports, a street parking sign had been displaced from its location

and was now lying in the middle of the intersection.

As the officers approached the car, the driver, later identified as Ronald Lund of Sudbury, got out of the car to meet them.

The officers reportedly noted that Lund was stumbling and tripping over his own feet as he moved towards them.

When one of the officers ad-

vised Lund that he should take it easy, he reportedly answered, "I'm fine, I only had two nips, I had a long week."

The officers noted that Lund's eyes appeared to be glassy and extremely bloodshot. They reported that he was unsteady on his feet and mumbled and slurred his words when he was asked questions.

When officers asked Lund if he was aware that he had struck the street sign he reportedly indicated that he was not. He then examined the damage to his front bumper and admitted that he had fouled up.

When officers asked Lund if he would submit to a field sobriety test he reportedly began cursing and told them that he was too

angry at the moment to do that.

Lund was asked if he needed medical attention but he reportedly said that he did not and that he would prefer to be put into protective custody.

Lund was subsequently placed under arrest and taken in for booking, charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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#### Arrests:

Adilson Deoliveira, of 259 Main St., Malden, September 7, 11:14 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and registration sticker not displayed.

Anthony Bell, of 34 Putnam Rd., September 7, 11:29 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on a war-

rant charge of armed assault in 10, 7:00 a.m., arrested on wara dwelling.

Harold Moreira, of 27 Carey Ave., Watertown, September 10, 2:16 a.m., arrested at Greenville St. on charges of receiving stolen property and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Mario Moran, of 253 Montvale Ave., Woburn, September rant charges of armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and home invasion.

Jakia Blake, of 18 Duke St., Mattapan, September 10, 1:01 p.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on warrant charges of no inspection sticker and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Joseph McWilliams, of 8

Museum Way, Cambridge, September 11, 8:44 a.m., arrested at Boston St. on multiple warrant charges of no inspection sticker.

Charles Abbot, of 22 Autumn St., September 11, 8:02 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of failure to stop or yield.

Wilvens Julce, of 20 Melvin

St., September 12, 9:36 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Ronald Lund, of 36 Great Lake Dr., Sudbury, September 14, 1:29 a.m., arrested at Marshall St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.



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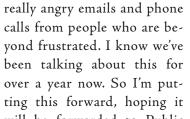
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## City considers plan for measuring air traffic noise pollution

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Cambridge City Council states as follows:

"WHEREAS: Air traffic over Cambridge has increased considerably in recent months; and WHEREAS: Noise associated with new air traffic patterns from Logan International Airport, smaller airplanes, and helicopters can be as high as 75 decibels or more on the ground at various hours of the day; and WHEREAS: There is an ongoing discussion about the noise impacts of these new patterns; and WHEREAS: Cambridge could better participate in these discussions if it had relevant data about the decibel levels and times associated with overhead planes; and WHEREAS: Equipment exists to provide ongoing noise measurement for relatively low cost; now be it therefore OR-DERED: That the Council go on record expressing concern

Cambridge due to new airplane patterns and the lack of solid data about the level and times of these noise disturbances; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff to design, fund and implement an ongoing noise measurement program in the current budget year that utilizes sufficient equipment to measure ongoing noise issues; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter." Essentially, the Order recommends that the city purchase relatively inexpensive monitoring equipment to record air traffic noise levels, thus assuring accurate measurements with which to deal with the problem when negotiating with Logan Airport authorities. about the increased noise in Board President William A.



will be forwarded to Public Health and Safety.

"We need to try everything we can because what we've been trying to date hasn't been effective," Rossetti continued."I know that I've spoken with Skye (Stewart) over at SomerStat and she has promised me that they have some strong data and she is requesting additional data from the airports, because what is in Somerville's records does not mirror what is in theirs."

"This is just one more notch to be added to the very large file, and I'm hoping we will give it strong consideration."

The Order put forward by Councillors Craig A. Kelley and Leland Cheung to the

Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti says that after receiving endless complaints by constituents she is recommending that the city adopt similar measures as Cambridge to fight back against excessive air traffic noise pollution.

White Jr., in commenting on the proposal, said, "The problem is MassPort does not have noise metering devices for their communities. They have a few of them located throughout the Greater Boston area, and then they use computer modeling, supposedly, to figure out what the noise impact is and

I think it makes sense to the extent that we take actual measurements, because I would trust actual measurement versus computer modeling." The item was subsequently

approved by the Board to be referred to the Committee on Health and Public Safety for further consideration.

# The Somerville Times Somerville remembers the fallen from 9/11

#### By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Fourteen years ago last Friday, airliners originally intended to serve the needs of travelers were turned into weapons of terror and flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Many brave emergency responders lost their lives on that fateful day, trying and often succeeding in saving the lives of those who were trapped in those buildings.

Since then, affected communities have paid their respects to those fallen heroes each year on September 11. Somerville did just that last Friday evening, as it has done every year since the infamous tragedy of 2001.

Attendees of the vigil gathered at the edge of the Community Path on Cedar Street



Vigil attendees walked the Community Path from Cedar St. to the site of the ceremony in Davis Square. — Photo by Sanjeev Selvarajah

and walked to the site of the ceremony in Davis Square. Candles were lit and testimonials given. Mayor Curtatone and other city officials delivered heartfelt speeches to the

gathered crowd, as did a local clergyman. Bagpipes were played in honor of the fallen, and the assembled crowd stood in solidarity, despite the threat of inclement weather.

# Ward 6 Candidates Forum



# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



#### Person's Ten Acres By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1871 Person Davis was a member of the "Town" of Somerville's last Board of Selectmen. The following year in1872, he was a member of the "City" of Somerville's first Board of Aldermen. In business he was a successful grain dealer and merchant. In Massachusetts politics, he represented Somerville for two terms, served on the General Court, and worked on the Committee of Street Railways. Davis Square, which grew up and around Person's house, gardens and orchards, was named after him in 1883. After the Civil War, West Somerville developed rapidly, and since then Davis Square has been at its heart.



In the 1930's, a push to change its name to Middlesex Square was proposed. This was to give it a more regional name. It was defeated. In the 1970's, the name Tufts Square in honor of Somerville's Charles Tufts and the university named after him was suggested but not taken.

During the past few decades, the Square has evolved some say, from the "Brooklyn of Boston" into the "Paris of New England." But why? There is no Eiffel Tower, Arch De



The Democratic Ward and City Committee held their Meet the Candidates for Ward 6 Alderman at the Congressional Church on College Avenue last week. All four candidates were present to answer questions from the audience and from social media. The candidates are Charles J. Chisholm, Lance Davis, David W.S. Lieberman and Elizabeth Sara Weinbloom. The questions asked of the candidates, who were given equal time to answer, were very thoughtful and current for the ward and city. The candidates all gave good answers to the approximate 70 or so residents that attended. The forum can be seen on the city Democratic website: http://www.somdems.org — Story and photos by Donald Norton

Triomphe, or Bastille in Somerville, and the sight of the beret is not very common. Is it that, down the street from the Square lays the city's symbol, the Powder House that

was built by Frenchman, John Mallet? Is it that the Medina Building in the heart of the Square, which now houses Mike's Restaurant, was built by the sale of John Medina's "Parisian" hair and beauty products? Or is it that the perim-



eter of the Square is dotted with French Mansard-style houses and cottages? The original Louvre in Paris was of this type. Somerville's old Bow Street Police Station and the Mystic Water Works on Alewife Brook Parkway are fine examples of this architecture. Interestingly as they may appear, these are not the reasons. *Continued on page 7* 

# Somerville on board with Recovery Month

#### By Amy Swain

On Thursday, September 10, the Board of Aldermen met in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall for their regular meeting. The meeting did not begin in such a regular fashion, however.

Members of Somerville Overcoming Addiction (SOA) opened the meeting. SOA is a local grass roots organization combating addiction and its stigma in the community. They have been present at several local government events, and following President Obama's proclamation of September as Recovery Month, members of the group were in attendance to speak with the Aldermen about the city joining the other cities that have declared their own local Recovery Month.

Jesse Clingan, an organizer of the group, believes the recent epidemic of drug overdoses deserves a national response, similar to AIDS and cancer. "Twenty-three million Americans are in long-term recovery. Sixteen thousand people died last year. This is a national crisis that deserves a national response," according to Clingan.

Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan was inclined to agree, as he took a moment during the meeting to remember a time when he was young. "If a family member had an issue, they went and got help," said Sullivan. "They could stay for thirty days in a facility without worrying if insurance would cover it. Take time to get healthy. Now, people are in and out in five days. And it's life or death; kids are dying."

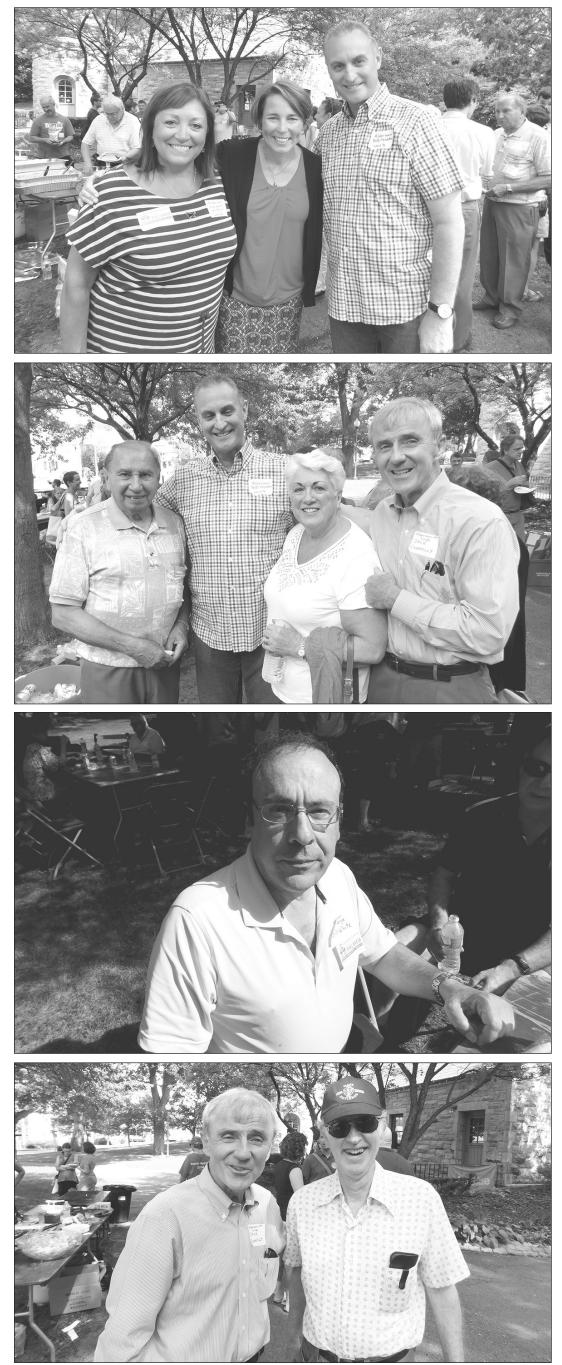
While members of SOA have shown appreciation for a city that recognizes and wants to help, they are pushing for a recovery center in Somerville. Funding is presently an issue, but time will tell. What the group is proud of now is that the city is recognizing September as Recovery Month. This is happening all over the country, and Somerville is pleased to be part of it.



Members of Somerville Overcoming Addiction took part in the Board of Aldermen regular meeting last Thursday. — Photo by Amy Swain



# **Democratic Picnic 2015**



#### Tuesday September 22 TBA

Wednesday September 23 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday September 24** Los Goutos with Hillbilly Holiday, The Beauty Way \$5 cover 8:30 p.m.

#### Friday September 25

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents Blue Eyed Soul, Mark Femino, Nate Livingston \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday September 26 Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m. Muck and the Mires, Sugar Blood Jinx, Hambone Skinny \$10 cover 9 p.m.

**Sunday September 27** Natalie Flanagan, Michael Tarbox, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.

NEVER A COVER!!! www.sallyobriensbar.com This past Saturday at Powderhouse Park the City and Ward Democratic Committee had their picnic. A good size group of activists and candidates were present, about 75 members. The special guest was Attorney General Maura Healy, and former Mayors Gene Brune, Dot Gay and current Mayor Joseph Curtatone also attended. It was a good time and there was plenty of food and discussion on local and national politics. — Story and photos by Donald Norton

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# **Happy Birthday Ida!**



Ida Azzolino recently celebrated her 103rd birthday. Ida is a well-known Somervillian. She was born in 1912 and has lived in Somerville her entire life. She can tell you how the city looked when there was nothing more than horses, wagons and streetcars. Her home was the first house to get electricity on her street. She remembers the rationing in World War I. She also remembers the first time she saw an automobile and an airplane.

# **Somerville cultural** programs grants

#### **By Tom Bannister**

Somerville State Representatives Christine Barber, Denise Provost, and Tim Toomey and State Senator Patricia Jehlen have announced that the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) has awarded \$34,200 to the Somerville Arts Council. as well as \$15,000 in a direct grant to the Mystic Learning

ing program, this grant ensures cultural programs in Somerville will continue to thrive and benefit both residents and visitors. MCC awarded \$3 million in total this year to 329 local cultural councils, a group that makes up the largest public grassroots arts network in the nation.

"The Massachusetts Cultural Council does great work to sustain and support local arts initiatives throughout the Commonwealth," said Rep. Christine Barber. "The Somerville Arts Council facilitates creative and artistic expression in our community and makes amazing events like Continued on page 16

## **Charity concert at the Armory**

#### By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville resident Janet Feld, a veteran singer-songwriter on the New England folk circuit, firmly believes in giving back to the community and has organized a series of quarterly acoustic concerts that will assist local charities.

Her upcoming event on Saturday, Sept. 19, will benefit the Passim School of Music, located at 26 Church St. in Cambridge. Feld has been teaching music at the school since February of 2000.

The music series is called "Janet's Planet: Concerts for Humanoids" and the show takes place at the Arts at the Armory Café, 191 Highland Ave in Somerville. Feld (www.janetfeld. com) will perform with singer-songwriters Bernice Lewis and Adam Rothberg.

The music starts at 7 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$20. There will also be a raffle for free tuition for a series of six classes at the Passim School of Music. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for the school.

For additional information, visit www.artsatthearmory.org or call 617-625-7287.

"I speak for all of the instructors at the school in saying that musical education should be available to anyone who wants to learn," says Feld, a Somerville resident for more than 20 years. "There are individuals who simply can't afford to pay for classes and we want them to have this opportunity.

**Historical Fact** 



Veteran Somerville singer-songwriter Janet Feld will be hosting a benefit performance at the Arts at the Armory Café on September 19.

As long as they are dedicated nedy Center in Washington, and passionate about their music, we want them to take classes with us."

Feld, who has performed all over the country and in Europe, is not only an outstanding singer and songwriter but also a dazzling guitarist who uses a variety of innovative styles. Her engaging original songs and wry sense of humor have made her a crowd favorite wherever she plays.

In addition to raising money for music scholarships, Feld is looking forward to reuniting with longtime friends Bernice Lewis and Cambridge's Adam Rothberg. The show will use an in-the-round format, with each performer taking turns and occasionally backing one other.

Lewis (www.bernicelewis.com) has been a featured performer on NPR's Mountain Stage program, as well as at the Ken-

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D.C. Her well-crafted songs are designed to send a message that strongly resonates with her many fans. "Bernice is a voice full of light and hope," says renowned singer-songwriter Roseanne Cash.

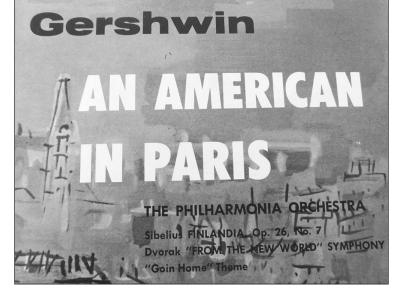
Rothberg (www.amrsounds. com) plays everything from guitars, bass and mandolin to keyboards and drums, embracing a folk-rock-pop style that is energizing and delightful. He has performed with Joan Baez and produced and recorded with some of the nation's top singer-songwriter talents, including Dar Williams.

"We want to make the classes available to more people in the community," says Feld. "I was fortunate enough to afford guitar lessons when I was young. Not everyone is. That's what this show is all about."

Center, Inc., a Somerville-operated arts program.

This funding will support a broad range of cultural activities and support jobs in the nonprofit cultural sector. Appropriated as a part of MCC's statewide fund-

Paris, France has been known as the City of Love, the City of Lights, and the City of Art. Many people think that the Parisian influence arrived at Davis Square in 1984 with the opening of the MBTA's Red Line station. With the new station came an abundance of historic artwork - above, below, and around the square - and with it, the resurgence of the area. Statue Park, Seven Hills Park, and the MB-TA's Arts On the Line Program led the parade. Restaurants, cafes and music would abound. The Somerville Theatre played host to Kate Smith, Bruce Springsteen, U-2, Leonard Nimoy, Bonnie Raitt, Elizabeth Von Trapp and many others.



The Square is active during the day and, like Paris, lights up at night, and is more than rumored to be a hip place to visit.

Through the years, Davis' Ten Acres have certainly grown well and are still sprouting. Person would be proud!

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for state representatives from January 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015. The list reveals that representatives col-



#### Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



#### Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

tember 1, 2015. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$134,944. Combined with the \$\$27,751 that the state's 39 senators collected as reported in last week's Beacon Hill Roll Call, the grand total for both branches is \$162,695

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to the Statehouse and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's gas tax that the Legislature approved in July 2013.

The 2015 statistics indicate that 58 of the state's 160 representatives have received reimbursements ranging from \$252 to \$5,624, while 102 have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems.

that these representatives didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Rep. Christine Barber	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Denise Provost	\$950	(95 days)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	\$0	(0 days)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW SOME STORES TO OPEN ON THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS (H 146) - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing retail shops that sell foods and goods labeled in a foreign language, which make up more than 50 per cent of the shop's items, to be open on Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day. The store would have to receive permission from the municipal licensing board where it is located.

Supporters said that some people from many cultures do not celebrate these holidays and their ethnic stores should be allowed to open. They noted that when some of these cultures do celebrate Thanksgiving, their tradition is to have the freshest food possible which is usually purchased the day of the holiday.

**BILLBOARDS (H 3508)** - The Revenue Committee will hold a hearing on September 22 at 10 a.m. in Room A-1 at the Statehouse. One bill on the agenda would require the MBTA to be subject to the same local zoning process as small business owners who are seeking to erect an outdoor sign at their place of business. The measure also gives businesses that remove billboards tax credits of 75 per cent of the costs of removing the billboard, and up to 50 per cent of the estimated net earnings lost due to the removal of the billboard. The maximum on each of these would be \$50,000 per business in any one fiscal year.

Supporters say both these provisions are designed to reduce the number of billboards, which are often an eyesore in a city or town. They note that the MBTA as a state agency is currently not subject to local zoning laws and can basically erect billboards wherever it wants. This legislation would change that. They also argue that the tax credits would be an incentive for billboard companies to take down some of their billboards permanently.

**REQUIRE A FULL-TIME NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL (S 282)** - The Education Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would require every school with more than 500 students to have a full-time nurse on staff. The measure also requires that each facility be equipped with the proper tools necessary for school physicians and nurses to treat students.



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* has obtained the 2015 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodg-ing reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 160

The representative who received the most per diem money in 2015 is Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) who received \$5,624.

The other four representatives who received the most are Reps. Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), \$5,040; William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox), \$4,860; Paul Mark (D-Peru), \$4,320; and Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), \$3,960.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES' 2015 PER DIEMS**

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2015. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Representatives who have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply

Supporters said it is essential that each school have a fulltime nurse in order to ensure proper care of students. They noted school nurses not only deal with colds, flu and playground injuries but with complex medical problems (such as asthma, allergies and diabetes) and mental health issues (such as ADHD, anxiety and depression).

**POSTING GAS PRICES (H 203)** - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee will hold a hearing on September 22 at 1 p.m. in Room A-1 at the Statehouse on a bill that would require gas stations which post large street signs with the price of gasoline to include both the price if paid by credit card and the price if paid by cash. The prices must be the same size.

Supporters said some stations are very misleading

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because they post only the cash price. They note it's not until consumers pull onto the property and up to the pump that they see two sets of pricing per gallon - based on paying with cash or credit card, with up to a 10-centper-gallon differential.

MAKE CITY CHARTER GENDER NEUTRAL (S 1985) - At the end of August, the House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a home rule bill, sponsored by the City of Newton, that changes the name of the governing body of the city of Newton from Board of Alderman to City Council and substitutes gender-neutral for all gender-specific words.

Gov. Baker supports the bill but indicated that the version sent to him inadvertently omits some changes requested by Newton in the documents. He proposed some amendments that must be approved by the House and Senate for action before the bill goes back to the governor for his signature.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I lost weight, feel better than I've ever felt, and feel I'm at the top of my game." — House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) responding to the State House News Service's question about how he felt after shedding 42 pounds as a result of weight loss surgery on August 3.

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"I am proud that Boston is committed to providing protection from discrimination in public places, regardless of gender identity ... Our diverse and inclusive community is what makes Boston so strong. I call on the Legislature to pass this bill so we can do more to provide tangible protections to all of our Commonwealth's residents and visitors." — Boston Mayor Marty Walsh on his support for the bill that would add gender identity as a class protected from discrimination in public accommodations.

"President Obama's Labor Day breakfast appearance reminds us how strong labor has come to the fore in recent months. The president has helped raise the bar by pushing for a \$10.10 minimum wage and expanding overtime pay for everyone." — *Roxana Rivera, Union Vice-President of 32BJ SEIU, the largest union of property service workers in the nation.* 

"There's not an option not to build ... This is not the Big Dig, folks. This is very different." — Former Gov. Michael Dukakis announcing his support for an MBTA underground rail link between North and South Stations.

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 September 7-11, the House met for a total of 24 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. September 7	No House session No Senate session
Tues. September 8	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Wed. September 9	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. September 10	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Fri. September 11	No House session No Senate session

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# Somerville High School students ace Spanish Language and Culture Exam

#### By Rebecca Danvers

On May 4, 2015, 19 Somerville High School Latino students sat in the school's state of the art virtual World Language lab to take the grueling three and a half hour newly designed AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.

After one year of studying Spanish in the newly created Spanish for Heritage Language Learners course, the students were now about to have their knowledge, skills, and perseverance tested by the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam, which measures the student's abilities equal to that of a fifth semester college course. To do well on the exam requires not only Spanish language comprehension and literacy, it also requires a high level of fluency in writing and knowledge of culture and history. The exam is divided into various parts: students were first to read authentic readings with two sources; one print source, and a second source which contained a table, chart, or graph. Students then responded to very challenging multiple choice questions which required them to draw conclusions, make inferences, and interpret tone and attitude. The next part asked students to listen to several authentic audios, all of which were spoken by native speakers of Spanish who may be from any country in the Spanish-speaking world, and respond to another series of very challenging multiple choice questions.

Next, they read an email message and wrote a response to the email using a minimum of 125 words while using correct register. Students had only 15 minutes to read the email and write a response. This was followed by a persuasive essay. Students were asked to read two written sources and listen to one audio source, and then write a persuasive essay of a minimum of 250 words. This task had to be completed in 45 minutes. The next two sections of the exam were 'free-response' sections. Students participated in a simulated telephone conversation with a native speaker of Spanish and answered five questions based on the prompts. Students had to master the art of improvisation since the same prompts were used for all students taking the exam nation-wide. Finally, the students were faced with the most difficult task of all. They were presented with a written cultural comparison and were then given only 4 minutes to prepare a 2-minute oral presentation answering the cultural comparison question. The cultural comparison was between their community, Somerville Massachusetts, and a community in a Spanish-speaking country.

More than 100,000 students from across the United States took this exam in May. Mr. James Nocito, the Somerville Public Schools K-12 World Language Supervisor, reported that not only did all of the 19 Somerville High School students pass the exam, but the 19 students averaged a score of 4.4 out of 5. This means that every SHS student who took the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam will now receive college credit in Spanish. Mr. Nocito added, "This is truly remarkable given that many students who take the AP exam, which is scored on a scale from 1-5, score below the qualifying score of 3 which is required to earn college credit." Mr. Nocito applauded his students and those of Ms. Serena Steele who taught the Spanish Heritage I Honors class, for having what he called the 'ganas' or the 'will' to succeed. "Just because a student speaks Spanish by no means does this guarantee that the student will pass the AP exam," he added. "Each and every student demonstrated drive, passion, perseverance, and resiliency." This past summer, Mr. Nocito wrote the AP Spanish Language and Culture course syllabus. The syllabus was approved in August by the College Board, which means that the course may now officially be called an "AP" level course. Mr. Nocito has requested that the course be renamed AP Spanish Language Culture and that it be reflected as such on the student's transcript and weighted in their GPA accordingly. This year, 28 students are enrolled in the course.

Somerville High School graduate Delmy Hernández, who took the course last year, wrote the following reflection about her experience taking the class. Education is the key to success. We have all heard this said multiple times. In order to ensure a great future we must work to educate ourselves. Taking Spanish this year has been more than sitting in an ordinary classroom with a teacher who lectures and gives exams. I remember the first day my classmates and I came into the classroom. We were ready for a Heritage class; we were not ready for an AP class! When our educator, Mr. Nocito said that we would be taking the AP exam in May, we were all shocked and thought he was crazy. Mr. Nocito believed in us, but we did not believe in ourselves at that point. It may have taken us a few

months to feel confident that we, TOGETHER, would do great on the exam.

Even though most of the students in the class were Hispanic, there was one who was not. This student, who spoke Portuguese, made the choice to go beyond her limits. Together, my classmates and I all accepted the challenge. We wanted to not only take the exam but to CRUSH the exam! Catherine Márquez, who took the class last year as a junior said, "Although every class was challenging, we all pushed one another to do well and most importantly, ace the AP exam!"

It is very important to know where we all come from because that has led us to where we are. Many people did not believe in us. But here was one man who believed in all of us; Mr. Nocito encouraged and motivated us every single day. Even though we had the goal of crushing the exam, we accomplished so much more. This class, for many, has connected us to our countries. Even though we are so far away, we were able to connect through literature, essays, emails, and cultural events which in turn made us feel closer to our native country. Delmy Hernández earned a five on the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam and is currently attending UMass Boston.

# COMMENTARY

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# Future economic competitiveness, population growth requires planning for all kinds of mobility



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Green Line Extension has been the focus of discussion in recent weeks, as the state explores ways to bring down projected costs and ensure that the most important transit infrastructure project in Massachusetts today keeps moving forward. But our Commonwealth must solve even greater mobility issues if we are to ensure our economic competitiveness going forward. It's true, the Green Line Extension is the most important project on the books because it will spur significant production of homes and jobs that the region needs, as well as help the State meet environmental goals. But it addresses just one part of the coming transportation chalThree-quarters of the world's population will be living in city regions by 2050, according to the United Nations. We know this future is coming. We need to plan for this future by asking: How are we going to move everyone around? Cycling, walking and transit—and, yes, even a smarter approach to our use of cars—are all part of the solution. In short, we need a statewide mobility plan that encompasses all forms of travel.

Somerville should see its population grow by between 12,000 and 18,000 people by the year 2030, according to projections by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC). That means our community will likely have anywhere from 85,000 to 95,000 residents. If that seems like a lot of people in what is already the most densely populated city in New England, remember that during World War II, more than 105,000 people lived in these 4.1 square miles. Meanwhile, the Metro Boston region of almost 4.5 million people should grow by

lenge our metro region will face. between 294,228 and 561,708 people by 2030. Even under the smaller "status quo" scenario-and it's more likely to be the stronger scenario with even more people moving into the region-most of Metro Boston's population growth will be concentrated in the inner core.

> Somewhat ironically, it was car-centric planning of the past that led to population declines in Somerville and elsewhere. As we built highways at the expense of neighborhoods and removed rail and trolley service, populations shifted to the suburbs. Today we're undoing those Eisenhower-era policies by rebuilding connections between neighborhoods and cities that allow for all forms of travel. We're creating streets that accommodate biking and walking along with cars, and we're expanding public transportation.

> But even as we do that, we recognize that cars are still part of the mobility equation. The Big Dig was not necessarily designed to alleviate congestion on the Central Artery-it only added an additional lane in each

direction-but to alleviate other congested major roads and routes. By simplifying east-towest connections and improving flow, there would be less traffic congestion on the Pike in Boston, to and from Logan Airport, and on Storrow Drive. We have to find ways to engineer better traffic flow, create more efficient parking, and accommodate those vehicles without necessarily building new highways, while also thinking ahead to a future when self-driving cars will likely be a reality and technology will increase ride-sharing.

Building more capacity for cars and improving traffic flow alone won't solve the problem though. Wider roads create "induced demand," meaning that drivers quickly gravitate toward the upgraded roadway and within a year of opening, it's usually congested again. More cars will further deteriorate our air quality and increase our contribution to climate change. That's why expanded public transit isn't just a desired amenity—it's an absolutely necessity. It's why the Green Line Extension is so

important. The trains already run through our city. They need to stop here, too. Same for the neighborhoods in Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park along the Fairmount line. That's why the MBTA is building new stations along that commuter rail line and envisions diesel multiple units running along those tracks that would provide rapid transit to those neighborhoods underserved by public transit. And extending the Silver Line through East Boston to Chelsea also brings affordable public transportation to communities historically underserved by transit.

And again, public transportation is one piece of this mobility puzzle. Better walking and biking infrastructure relieves congestion too. Building the Community Path extension alongside the Green Line Extension creates a link between the Charles River paths in Boston and Cambridge, and the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway, resulting in a 48-mile continuous network of paths. The Revere portion of the Continued on page 17



#### By William C. Shelton

I often receive more response to my columns offline than online. The name-calling favored by some who post online seems to discourage those who want to have more thoughtful conversations.

# **Bowling together**

respondent posted, "It's important to note, though, that the process you've described occurred in nearly all urban areas in the US over the same time period, for similar reasons."

Yes and no. During the time that today's elders were kids, the density of interweaving relationship networks in Somerville was truly exceptional. Neighborhoods, churches, extended families, unions, fraternal organizations, youth sports leagues, political clubs, civic organizations, fraternal organizations, scouting, the Red Cross, PTA and other networks intertwined to weave a strong and resilient fabric of community. They provided multiple ways for people to know, understand, and rely on each other, even when those people disagreed. A few other Boston-area communities were as tightly knit as Somerville. The West End, Charlestown, and Southie come immediately to mind. But they were exceptional.

ca did decline across America's cities and towns, and for similar reasons. Numerous studies have documented this phenomenon. Perhaps the most widely noticed and discussed was Robert Putnam's Bowing Alone: America's Decline in Social Capital.

A political scientist at the JFK School, Putnam, was initially interested in understanding Americans' widespread disengagement from political participation. His investigations found a parallel withdrawal in almost all forms of civic engagement. He used bowling as both an indicator of, and a metaphor to explain, civic disengagement. He noted that since he was a teenage bowler in a small Ohio town, the number of Americans who bowl has increased, while the number of bowling leagues has decreased. Those bowling alone don't have the opportunity to engage in civic discussions, interact with people whom they would not otherwise encounter, share and challenge ideas, and get to know and be known by others as whole people.

Putnam extensively cited data sources such as the General Social Survey showing that participation in the kind of voluntary associations that once wove Somerville's fabric of community had declined across the board. Historically, participation in voluntary associations was the way that Americans came toing on the frontier.

A historical review of America's political culture reveals a continual celebration of individualism, paired with a muted longing for the community that unchecked individualism makes impossible.

That longing is understandable. Since before we became fully human, we hominids have lived in community. It's part of our DNA.

My last column was about the nature of community. It produced more offline response than when I first wrote it six years ago. It seems that many who grew up here, and many newcomers as well, would like to experience a greater sense of community-the former grieving its loss, and the latter wishing to recreate it.

A brief portion of that column dealt with the varying forces that contributed to community's erosion in Somerville. One online

Yet it's true that community in post-World-War-II Ameri-

gether in a society that was always poor in community. The nation was founded by British immigrants who were the least integrated into their own communities. Otherwise, they wouldn't have left.

Subsequent arrivals were forced to leave their culture, language, customs, and family structure on the dock on pain of ridicule, denial of employment, and alienation of their kids' affections.

Lacking strong bonds and conflict-resolution tools, antagonisms between groups and within communities were often resolved by a group or individual moving on. New land and opportunities were always emerg-

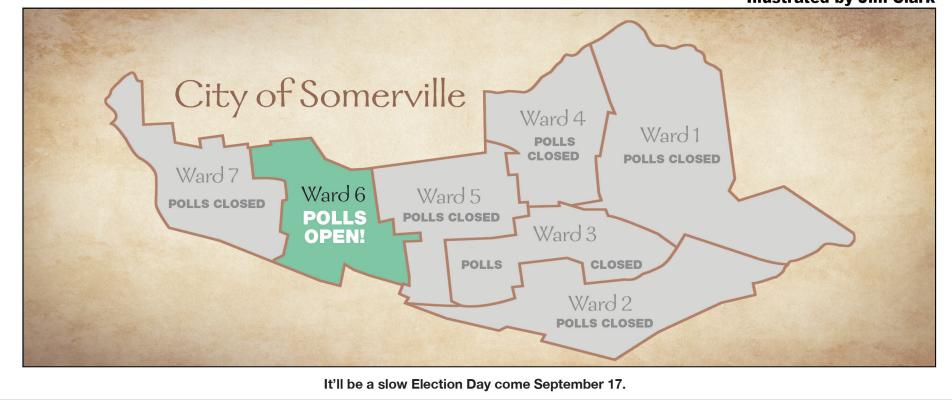
Americans fulfilled that need by forming voluntary associations. Alexis de Tocqueville, a French aristocrat who remains one of American political culture's most insightful observers, wrote in the 1830s that, "Americans of all ages, all conditions, and all dispositions constantly form associations....religious, moral, serious, futile, general or restricted, enormous or diminutive."

He thought that participation in associations trained Americans to represent themselves effectively in a democracy as well as how to accommodate others who disagreed with them. Continued on page 20

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**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# **Our View Of The Times**



and deserve to continue their work further. It's a shame that a compromise on that issue cannot be reached.

Ultimately, it's up to the voters to put the right people into place in our city government. But we need candidates in there who we can choose from. If they're not there then we might as well just have a box on the ballot to check saying "same as usual."

So, it's Election Day on Thursday. Or so it is in Ward 6, where four contenders vying for the soon-to-be vacated alderman seat will be battling it out, hammer and tongs, in a preliminary election contest.

The excitement is nearly unbearable.

In spite of the importance of that race for the city, we can't help but wonder why so few are stepping up to challenge incumbents and offer alternative ideas for

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governing our city.

Seemingly gone are the days when several wards would be represented in an election of this sort. No incumbents are being challenged in the various wards, nor has the mayor. Only two challengers for Alderman at Large are in the race this year. It just doesn't seem right.

We need for the established powersthat-be to be challenged and questioned on their policies and records for successes and failures. And we need new blood coming in to present fresh points of view and shake up the system from time to time.

Some advocate term limits for all elected offices in the city. This would be a way to assure that new voices can be heard. On the other hand, this would also mean that we would lose a few very talented individuals who have represented us well

always at Giggles. Join the club and your neighbors here in the city for a great night by contacting any of the members. Email Gilda Nogueira at gnogueira@ ecsb.com.

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

Somerville Adult Evening School Regis-

and businesses. One contractor went online and made an application for a small repair job. Nothing special about the job, just a small repair. He paid the fee, and was told it would be about 8-10 days for approval, and once approved he would go to the Building Department and pick up the permit and pay the rest of the fee. The process starts at the Building Department (you know, the inspectors who are certified) then to Planning and Zoning and then goes through the hands of a few people in those departments who, let's say, we heard are LESS than qualified for their jobs. Probably never picked up a hammer and wouldn't know what the difference is with the various wrenches. Some of us here at The Times don't know either, but we don't pretend to be part of the process. On bigger jobs by contractors in the business, they go through a longer procedure and sometimes, we heard, more costly. One contractor that we heard from was told by the boss, Goran Smiljic, to get an "Engineers Report" (cost of about \$1500 to \$2K) before the Department would sign off. Apparently, that's this guy's favorite request, we hear, thereby costing the contractor more. And he will only pass the cost on to the property owner. We heard that Smiljic, whose new official title here in Somerville is Director of Inspectional Services, since he couldn't pass the state exam for Building Department Commissioner, the city turned around and gave that job to one of the current inspectors. But Smiljic is his boss. Keep in mind, all the current inspectors are qualified for their jobs and Smiljic is the only one who is not. Actually, we hear he's never had a job in the private sector. We don't know this guy, Smiljic, but we asked some sources at City Hall and we were told he is good friends with Omar in the Mayor's Office and that's how he got the job. It's just a rumor, you know, but some rumors are true and we're still checking it out. Meanwhile, more and more people have called and talked to us here at The Times about this. We'd like to do a story on this but the city won't allow it. They say "submit your questions and we will have him answer them." We also heard Smiljic was employed in another city in Massachusetts and had the same program, and that it was causing a lot of problems. Either Lawrence or Lowell, we are not sure, but we're looking into it. We heard from someone that the program, which is called "Citizen Serve,"

was in effect over in Cambridge until they had to get rid of it. We heard the word was out of the Mayor's Office that it would "streamline the process." Now, we ask you, how is using an unqualified person a process of streamlining? It's like you want to see the doctor but the intern is the only one that can see you. What is the message the city is sending here regarding who's qualified and who's not?

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tration is September 8, 10, 15, and 17. In person at Somerville High School, 83 Highland Ave., SHS Main Officefrom 6:00–8:00 p.m. or check it out online at: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/ eveningschool. Classes begin Tuesday, September 29 and/or Thursday, October 1, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Classes include: Academic Recovery, Drivers Ed. Sewing, Computers, Spanish, ESL, Real Estate License, and Medical Interpretation. Special Zumba or YOGA classes are also being offered. 5 classes for \$25 or walk in for \$7. Why not enroll and begin your fall learning something new?

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Now, on to continuing saga at Somerville's Building Department. We heard some more horror stories over the past week from homeowners, contractors Down in Wards 3 and 4, all four candidates for School Committee are working very hard, we hear. In particular, Lee Palmer in Ward 3 is canvassing doorto-door as well as over in Winter Hill. We personally saw Jamie O'Leary herself knocking on doors. We hope both of these ladies win their races. In Ward 3, Alderman McWatters says he has been knocking on doors even though he is unopposed. He is strongly recommending Lee Palmer for the School Board.

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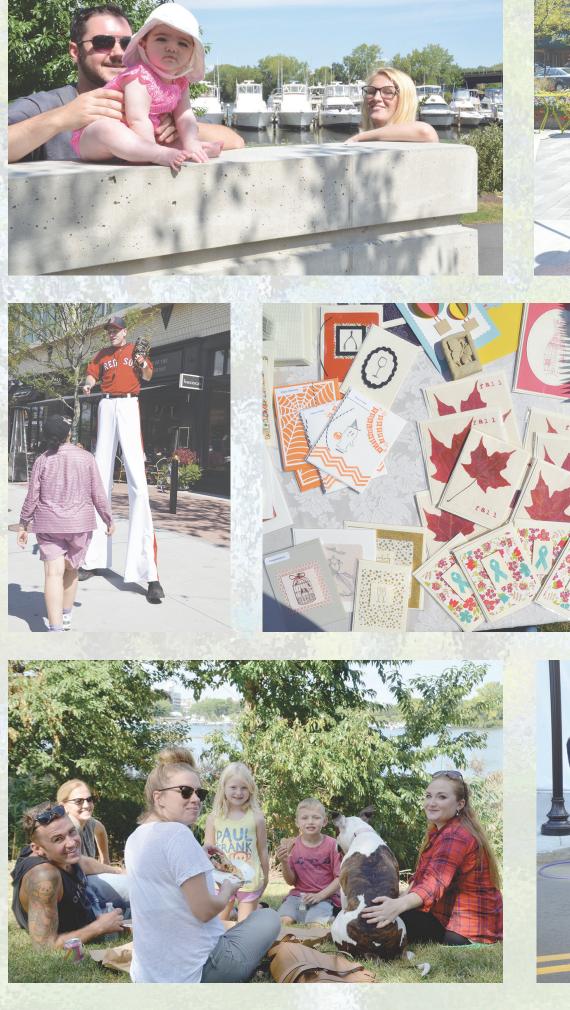
The Ashley Madison scandal, wherein a relationship cheaters website got hacked, includes some local celebrities who were found to have been exposed. We hear that one firefighter and two individuals at City Hall were involved, one of which was Continued on page 17

# **Riverfest 2015**

In its 8th year, Riverfest is the culmination of a summer of activity at Assembly Row. In partnership with The City of Somerville and DCR, Saturday was a day full of live local music, dozens of local artists, free children's activities, a sidewalk sale, and of course the annual fireworks show over the Mystic River at sundown. At Assembly Row and Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park.









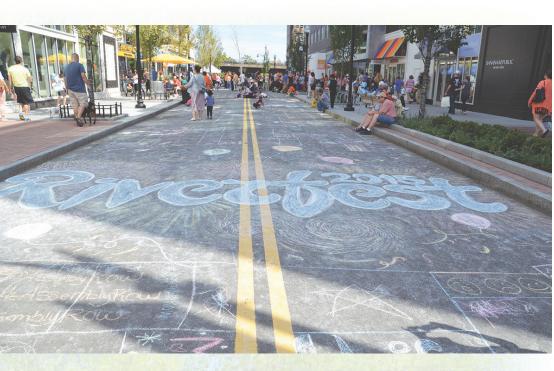
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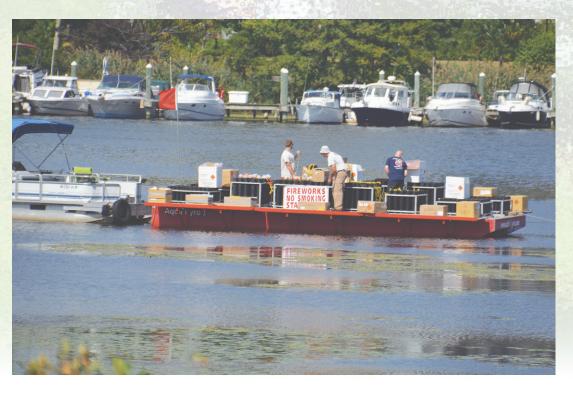








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# SPORTS

# The Alibrandis are the pride of the YBL again

#### Courtesy of Yawkee **Baseball League**

After a regular season that saw 4-5 teams vying for the best record heading into the playoffs, the Somerville Alibrandis have yet again risen to the top of the heap to take down their 16th YBL Championship trophy, and their 6th in a row.

As always, Somerville came into 2015 with a huge target on their backs. And this time around, it seemed like this was the year they might regress into the middle of the league's top half.

They had lost a few of the key pieces from their 2014 championship campaign, most notably YBL legend Marc 'Doc' Des-Roches, who hung up the spikes to selfishly spend more time with his budding family, as well as embark on a new challenge by joining the YBL's Board of Directors.

Additionally, Kevin Salines,

Despite these losses, manager Bernie Driscoll and his trusty steed Cameron Lynch were able to add back a few pieces and fill some holes, in particular bringing in David Lightbody, Charlie McConnell and Billy Karalis.

After an uncharacteristically slow beginning to the year,

Logan Gillis, Chris McKenzie and Justin Cristafulli were integral parts of the 2014 title squad, but were all essentially out of the picture this year for various reasons. Even Lamarre Rey was initially thought to be out for the season with a trip to play big boy baseball, but the Big Kahuna Burger came back not a moment too soon to help the 6-4 Alibrandis return to form.



#### SOMERVILLE ALIBRANDIS **YBL CHAMPS**

the return of Rey seemed to kickstart the Alibrandis, who would go 15-4-1 over the final 20 games of the season. Lamarre won 5 games striking out 55 batters in 36 innings, while accumulating a sub-1.00era. Jon Morse, Sean Sullivan and Chris Foundas ate up the lion's share of the remainder of innings, combining to go 15-3 with a 2.00era. Brian Tanguy was the back-end stopper as usual, making the most of rare save opportunities. Rookie McConnell would lead the team in hitting, posting a .358/.476/.418 slash line. Mike Maguire, Anthony Perry and Bobby Barrett would all hit over .300 on the season, and Barrett led the team with 22rbi.

The 2nd-half surge was enough for Somerville to hold off the Stoneham Sabers and claim the 2-seed heading into the postseason tournament, behind only the markedly improved East Boston Knights and their gaudy 25-5 record.

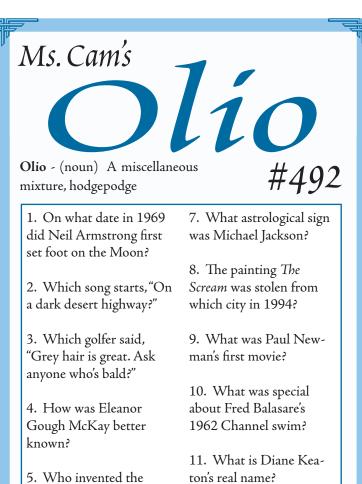
At some point in early August, Bernie's team found that extra gear and went to work doing what they do. In the first round, they dispatched the meaty South Boston Saints in 3 games with a combined 27-6 score. They would follow that up with a 3-1 series win in a tougher battle against the Sabers (who were without a couple top players in 2015, so perhaps they were a little Light. Light sabers? Anyone? No? Ok) before moving on to the championship round. On the other side of the bracket, the Knights were doing similar work of their own also going 6-1 in the first two rounds with a 3-1 series win over the South End Astros and a sweep of the Revere Rockies. As was the case in the regular season, Marty Dunlap paced the Knights in the playoffs on offense, and they had their own firing squad on the mound with Ockner, Allison, Mendez, Shepard and Carlson. This had the makings to be an epic championship series, a chance to take a piece out of the legend that is the Somerville Alibrandi baseball club. If Eastie could have kept the mojo going, they may have been enjoying their second Gatorade-bath mound party in a span of 2 weeks.

> "When all was said and done, 2015 belonged to Somerville"

Alas, it just wasn't meant to be. Somerville straight out steamrolled the top-seeded Knights in four straight, outscoring EB by a tally of 37-15. Game 3 will go down as one of the best and craziest games in league history, as countless league followers were glued to their phones like 4 year olds, watching social media updates throughout the see-saw affair which eventually ended in a 12-11 Somerville win. Former MVP and now grizzled, really old vet Maguire anchored the outfield and was a table-setter in the playoffs. Barrett terrorized EB pitching with a .571avg in the finals while simultaneously taking his selfie game to the next level. Perennial MVP candidate Sir Thaddeus Dziuba had a bit of a down year hitting a pungent .245 in the regular season with 3hr and 17rbi. Under the threat of becoming the team's 2016 mascot, Teddy ramped up his

contribution in the playoffs with a .455avg, 13runs and 11rbi. Lightbody, brought in as a much needed bat in the middle of the order whose run-production in years' past screamed RIBBIES in this lineup, toiled in mediocrity over the regular season. But he saved his best for the playoffs with a .444avg, 3hr and 15rbi, only four RBI off of the YBL postseason mark for runs batted in when Marc Hordon knocked in 19 runs in 12 games of the 2007 playoffs.

Karalis on the other hand had a solid summer leading up to the tournament with a respectable .284avg, 3hr and 15rbi. However in the playoffs he ... he just ... well ... sweet cracker sandwich, the kid went nuclear. Karalis arguably had the most prolific postseason in Yawkey League history. Over 38 at-bats he put up a ludicrous .526/.535/.947 slash including 7 doubles, 3 home runs, 14 runs and a 5:0 steal rate. Oh, and he also shattered the aforementioned postseason mark for run production,



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12. Which singer has appeared on the cover of 6. What was the first film Rolling Stone magazine 16 Alfred Hitchcock made in times?

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knocking in 26 runs in only 11 games. It's safe to go out on a limb and award BillytheK the postseason MVP award.

When all was said and done, 2015 belonged to Somerville. They are the Yankees, Patriots and Canadiens all rolled into a dirty, red and white powerhouse. Love them or hate them, they are the closest thing to a consummate team that this league will likely ever see. They play hard, they stick together, and they are a thoroughly respectful organization on and off the field. A customary tip of the cap to Bernie Driscoll, Cam Lynch and the Somerville Alibrandis, the Pride of the YBL.

# The Brickbottom Building Yard Sale









# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is another special edition of *Somerville Neighborhood News*, a community service production of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV).



In SNN #48 you will get an interesting introspective look into the realm of Wendy Blom, longtime Executive Director of SCATV who recently resigned from her position to pursue more personal endeavors and adventures. During her eleven years as Executive Director Wendy Blom brought SCATV from the analog to the digital age. She welcomed immigrants, youth and a generation of members and volunteers to the studios in Union Square. Now she is moving on to new adventures. On this edition of *Somerville Neighborhood News* we'll take a look back with Wendy at more than a decade of change at SCATV.



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The Brickbottom Artists Building Yard Sale was held this Saturday, September 12, It was a multi-family affair, with lots of amazing stuff. A portion of the sales will help support the Brickbottom Artists Association. Brickbottom Yard, Somerville. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** OFFICE OF CITY CI FRK **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Real Auto Shop, Inc., at 463 Mc-Grath Highway, for:

A Garage License for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles, for 4 vehicles stored inside and no vehicles stored outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-3PM, Sun Closed; AND

A Used Car Dealer's License Class II at 463 McGrath Highway, for no vehicles stored inside and 25 vehicles stored outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-3PM, Sun Closed.

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#### Somerville Toy Camera Festival clicks on at the Nave Gallery Annex CONT. FROM PG 1

impart to the photos, that are actually pretty nice." The photographs in the galleries are full of speckles, lines, and flashes that are a result of quirks in the toy cameras.

The cameras may be toys, but the competition is serious. The festival is juried by Los Angeles-based photographer Aline Smithson, who runs the blog LENSCRATCH. Smithson selected 125 images from the open call to be part of the festival. The call for submissions was open to anyone with a toy camera.

Toy cameras are generally inexpensive and easy to use, which makes it easier to submit work. "It's kind of low tech, and that's very attractive in a world where everybody's talking about how much money you spent on the latest thirty megapixel cameras" said Susan Berstler, who organizes the festival and runs the Nave Gallery.

The work of professionals and amateurs is exhibited side by side. "We have people who shot for he very first time. We have two high school students in the show, and we have them on the wall with everybody else," said Berstler. "You don't know which ones the high school kids are and which ones the famous photographers are. You might have a guess when you look at how much money they spent on the frame, but you



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can't tell from the images."

"Somerville has an amazingly talented community of artists, local artists, and the greater Boston community even more so. But from the very beginning, our shows have been from thirty to fifty percent, or in this case even more, people from other places. I think as an artist, it's wonderful to have your work hanging next to have your work hanging next to somebody from Germany or the Ukraine, or Israel, or last year we had someone from Iran. It's kind of like taking he artistic community and Somerville and broadening it."

Berstler wants to spread the festival across Somerville. "We could have done his for just the two Nave spaces," she said. "It would have been a lot less complicated, it would have been a lot easier. But being able to make it a citywide event has been a lot of fun."

At least part of the fun comes from the idea that beautiful images can come from rudimentary cameras, says Berstler. "People are always amazed that a pinhole or a piece of plastic can take some of these images."

The festival runs through the end of September. "We have a number of events tied to the festival," said Berstler. "One of them is called Darkroom Day. You can sign up to spend eight hours in the darkroom." Other events include a street photography workshop, and a space for toy camera enthusiasts to share lo-fi camera techniques,

The festival is becoming better known to artists outside of New England, and is connecting artists across geography. "So many of the artists are from other places," says Berstler. They start to have these friendships they've created. The person in Italy is talking to the person in California who knows the person in Chicago. It's a really small network in some ways, and we keep growing it. We keep bringing in new people."

#### Somerville cultural programs grants CONT. FROM PG 7

ArtBeat and SomerStreets possible. I look forward to seeing the new projects that come from this year's grant."

"In Somerville, residents of all ages engage in the arts and enhance the community through the available creative outlets," said Sen. Pat Jehlen. "These grants provided by the MCC will allow the city's cultural resources to continue to grow and benefit the community."

The Somerville Arts Council works to cultivate and celebrate the creative expressions of the Somerally active, and connected because of SAC provides the opportunity this support."

Each year, the council awards grants to support artists, schools, organizations and special projects, and is currently seeking grant applications for projects to be carried out in 2016. The grant application deadline is October 15.

"Through the generosity of the MCC, we are able to provide some of the most diverse, exciting, and unique arts festivals in the country, and we are extremely grateful for their continued sup-

for the Mystic Learning Center to offer enrichment activities to youth of the Mystic and Somerville communities," said Florence Bergman, Executive Director of the Mystic Learning Center, Inc. "Programs like Books of Hope, the Mystic Youth Chorus, and Wild Tales are made possible. Through writing, singing, and acting youth find expression and a way to contribute positively to their community."

"I'm delighted that the Somer-

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ville community, and aims to make the arts an integral part of life in Somerville through collaborations and quality programming.

"MCC support is essential to our work. The beauty of the Local Cultural Council program is that all the money flows back down to the local community-to artists, schools and organizations," said Gregory Jenkins, Director of the Somerville Arts Council."The result is that our community is more vibrant, cultur-

port," said Somerville Mayor, Joseph A. Curtatone.

Additionally, the MCC awarded \$15,000 in direct grants to the Mystic Learning Center, Inc. in Somerville. The organization received funding for the operation of the YouthReach Program to offer under-resourced and under-represented youth a platform for creative expression and professional development.

ville Arts Council continues to support the creative endeavors of our people," said Rep. Denise Provost."Investments like these help to strengthen our culture and diversify our economy."

"The arts are at the core of Somerville's identity and character as a city, and MCC's support for local artists and the Somerville Arts Council is a driving force behind the city's thriving arts scene," said "Funding from the MCC & Rep. Tim Toomey.

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# The Somerville Rock & Roll Yard Sale



Rhode Island natives, Chris and Jennifer Daltry of What Cheer Records, brought their unique brand of shopping to Union Square with the Somerville Rock & Roll Yard Sale on Sunday September 13. Records, posters, memorabilia, and ...? ... were on display for sale. – Photos by Claudia Ferro

#### Future economic competitiveness, population growth requires planning for all kinds of mobility CONT. FROM PG 10

Northern Strand Community Trail recently opened, bringing that path one step closer to a 7.5 mile bike and walking route from Everett through Malden, Revere and Saugus to Lynn. We need to connect that to downtown, too. And we must

continue building dedicated bike lanes when possible, including protected cycle tracks like what's coming for Beacon Street and to Commonwealth Avenue in Boston.

Ease of mobility is a critical component to a local economy. It's part of the reason companies locate where they do—not just to avoid traffic jams, but where talent lives and can easily move around, bump into one another, collaborate and spark new ideas. Meanwhile, we know that we live in the era of

the greatest wave of urbanization in the world's history. We need to ask: How are we going to move everyone around? And the answer is: Lots of ways. We need to plan for and build a wide range of transportation systems-for public transit

riders, bicyclists, walkers and car drivers-because the cities and regions that plan for that future that we know is coming are the places that will thrive and be economically competitive in the 21st century global economy.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

was recently asked to leave his job. We operations for SCATV. A very creative restaurants along the river were full

know that Bruce Desmond in IT has lady and smart. She will be missed. and lots of people seemed happy.

in a high up position. We heard he She was very professional, running the regardless it was a great show. The

affective organizer. Although there is no primary for the office, he's on the ballot in November.

been making the rounds to various departments and employees in the city and has warned them not to be going online for personal reasons during working hours. By the way, some reports say that about 10K to 12K people in Somerville were registered on the Ashley Madison website. In case you don't know, this website promotes infidelity, and so far no elected official's names have surfaced.

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

The Fluff Festival is September 26 at Union Square. For more information go to www.flufffestival.com. Lots of good things go on at this festival every year. \*\*\*\*\*

We want to wish Wendy Blom, who headed up SCATV here in the city, the very best in her future endeavors.

Very tough shoes to fill for the next Director.

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

Our 40th annual Best of Somerville Awards will be done in October. A ballot will be in the paper, so make sure you fill it out and let us know who you like the best in the many categories offered. If you don't see a category you would like listed and want to nominate someone in it, feel free. Best of Somerville is done every year. You can go online to our website and check out previous winners, and maybe they will still be this year?

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

The fireworks at the Riverfest the other night was spectular, a great display. It seems like a lot of people from outside the city attended this year, but

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We heard that Tufts originally requested to fireworks themselves on Friday September 11, but quickly changed their minds when someone realized the date. For a University that charges about \$60K a year you'd think they would have not requested this, but regardless they did it on Saturday night. Both ends of our city had fireworks, and some of us could see both from Ten Hills.

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

One candidate running for office is working very hard, especially recently as he has been all over the city. Sean Fitzgerald is seeking one of the four Alderman At Large seats currently being held by incumbents. Sean has run before here in Somerville. He has a strong base and he's proven to be an

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There will be a neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed Dunkin' Donuts at 325 Alewife Brook Parkway in Somerville,, sponsored by Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne on Thursday, September 22, 6:20-7:30 p.m., at Capen Court Community Room, One Capen Ct., Somerville. Dunkin' Donuts on Alewife Brook Parkway at the corner of Gordon Street is looking to move and expand to a full size Dunkin' Donuts store at Alewife Brook Parkway at the corner of High Street. The developer, their attorney, and the architect shall be present to speak with neighbors to answer any questions. For more information about the meeting please contact Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne: (617) 440-4433 or Katjana@katjana.org.

## •••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|September 16

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

#### Central Library Somerville Reads Kick Off: The Real Martian: Earth Explores the Red Planet

Marita Coombs 617-623-5000 x2942 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Thursday|September 17

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

East Branch Library Somerville Reads Good CRAFTernoon: Space Painting! Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday September 18 Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. 79 Highland Avenue

#### Sunday|September 20

**SomerStreets (Strike Up the Bands)** 12 pm.|Holland St. (Davis Sq. to Teele Sq.)

Monday|September 21 Central Library

Sing Along with Matt Heaton Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Tuesday|September 22

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14 Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Wednesday|September 23

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

Central Library On D.E.C.K. Stephanie Santiago-857-237-4206 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library** Somerville Reads Movie Night: Gravity Heidi Downing-617-623-5000 x2920 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 179 Highland Avenue

6 p.m.-8 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

#### MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|September 16

Johnny D's Young Dubliners (Celtic Rock) – Rare Acoustic Performance + The Gobshites

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille** 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 **Joshua Tree Bar & Grill** Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

#### Thursday|September 17

Johnny D's World Music/ CRASHarts presents: Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca Bad Marriage (Rock) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays/7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave/617-666-3589

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

P.A.'s Lounge Fran McConville Jr. Trio|8 p.m. Sasquatch & The Jackalope Dreams of June Matt Minigell Bobby Briggs 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m. Strange Behavior|8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday|September 18

Johnny D's Honky Tonk Masquerade We Dig Free Fridays presents Ghost Pepper + Soulpax 17 Holland St[617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Halfway to Saint Paddy's! Irish food specials all day Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. Jim Buni (of Buttercup), Peter Buzzelle & The Academy, Level/Service/Radio (Chuck Membrino on bass) \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Poets' Theatre in the Cafe - Dick Lourie 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday|September 19

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch World Music/ CRASHarts presents: Lula Pena Playin' Dead Boston's Premier Grateful Dead Tribute 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's One Thin Dime early show! |6 p.m. The Velvet Ants, Roses, Field Day \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Hoof & Mouth: A Sunday Afternoon of Creative Vocals & Improvisational Tap with Vivienne Aerts & Jenny Herzog 4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Battle of the Band|2 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Monday|September 21

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Interesting Points (Panel Show) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room Science by the Pint 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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Sally O'Brien's Bar 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

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Arts at the Armory Bowery Boston Presents: An Evening with Willie Watson & Heather Maloney 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Master Piper Dick Hensold Presented by notloB Music 8 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

#### CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|September 16

Central Library LCC Grant Information Session Heather Balchunas-617-625-6600 x2985 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Thursday|September 17

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!(Session 2)

7:p.m.| 40 College Avenue

First Church Somerville

Friday|September 18

Inclusionary Housing Lottery

10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|79 Highland

Saturday|September 19

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 79 Highland

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Bagel Bards

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

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

#### 17-666- The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room That One Eyed Kid - EP Release Show (David Pollack Opens) Cover Up 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **P.A.'s Lounge** Kat Kennedy|9 p.m. Neversink

Abbie Morin

Leon Trout 345 Somerville Ave

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ 10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m. The Heart Riot Agency|9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

#### Sunday|September 20

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch World Music/ CRASHarts presents: Vieux Farka Toure 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

#### PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

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

#### Arts at the Armory

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

#### Wednesday|September 23

Johnny D's Bobby Whitlock & Coco Carmel 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar** Free Poker, lots of prizes! Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

#### Sunday September 20

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

#### Monday September 21

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

#### Tuesday|September 22

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

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223.

**Attention!** The summer hiatus is over! Bowling, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Yoga and Walking Group are back! Please call Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information on any of our Health & Wellness programs, start dates and times and for registration.

The Moonlighters are back – starting Monday, September 14 and running through June, 2016 – Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors will be meeting at our Holland Street Center from 10:30 – 11:30 every Monday. Sing One – Sing All – Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you require additional information.

The Farmers Market is back – Running through Friday, October 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

**Reducing Clutter** – Thursday, September 24 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are your possessions taking over your home? Do you have too much stuff? Marina Colonas, M.Ed, CPS of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will talk about a program that has been proven to be effective. Lunch will be provided – to register please contact Connie Lorrenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

#### Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto

– Thursday, September 17th – Saturday, September 19th - \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ...Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach – 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel – 2 full American Breakfasts – Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating – The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. PASSPORT REQUIRED and upon registration a copy is requested - Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo – Wednesday, Sep-

age, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

Halloween Celebration – Monday, October 19 at the Winter Hill Yacht Club - from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – There is a fee of \$10. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Danversport Yacht Club – Italian Festival - Wednesday, October 21 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:15 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:30 P.M. A fee of \$77. includes transportation, lunch (Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta or Baked Scrod, soft cheese & crackers, salad, rolls/bread, mashed potatoes, dessert, coffee/ tea) and Fran Zarba and Ray Covicchio will entertain us with Italian songs. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The trip to Hart's Turkey Farm, "Turkey Train", scheduled for October 8th is SOLD OUT.

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

Please note that the Monday morning Fit-4-Life Walking / Talking Group is now scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M. for the next seven weeks.

The Fall Foliage trip scheduled for Monday, September 28th is SOLD OUT.

Bowling at Flatbreads is starting up on Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00 P.M.

The Halloween Celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, October 19th is SOLD OUT. LGBT EVENTS:

**LGBT Monthly "Movies To Come Out To"** – Monday, September 21st – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Stay tuned for dinner selection and movie viewing. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

#### STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

#### **Tuesdays**:

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### **Thursdays:**

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

#### Fridays:

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

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

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday|September 16

10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

#### Thursday|September 17

10:00 Blood Pressure Check (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)
Toronto / Red Sox Trip

#### Friday|September 18

10:30 Farmer's Market (H) 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H) Toronto / Red Sox Trip

#### Monday|September 21

9:00 Walking & Talking Group (H)
9:30 Veterans Group(H)
10:30 Movie & Lunch (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
5:30 LGBTQ "Movies To Come Out To" (H)

#### **Tuesday**|September 22

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Twin Rivers

tember 23rd – for a fee of \$81. You will see brothers; Brian, Dennis & Carl Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine perform their big hits. You will also enjoy lunch with a choice of Baked Chicken or Baked Scrod – includes minestrone soup, vegetables and dessert as well as coffee or tea. Check in time and return time have yet to be determined. Please contact Connie for additional information or to reserve your spot at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Halloween Super Bingo – Wednesday, October 7 – at our Ralph & Jenny Center from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – There is a \$10. Fee – Price includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Kim Moss at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot.

All Aboard! Hart's Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets – Thursday, October 8 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage an dessert.) Beautiful fall foliKowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### Mondays:

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

#### Wednesday|September 23

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo

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## Bowling together CONT. FROM PG 10

At the time that de Tocqueville wrote *Democracy in America*, the United States was probably the freest society on earth, with Americans who weren't slaves enjoying the greatest opportunity as individuals to improve their circumstances.

Two generations later, the United States entered a "gilded age" of oligarchy, constrained opportunity, and Jim Crow laws. But the progressive movement at the turn of the Century—led disproportionately by Republicans—and movements of the 1930s—led disproportionately by Democrats and socialists reduced inequality, restored opportunity, and increased political participation. The medium for those movements was a multitude of voluntary economic, political, social, and religious associations.

Over the past 35 years, the United States has once again become an oligarchy, with the highest level of economic inequality in the developed world. *The Wall Street Journal* tells us that a poor child growing up in Canada, Japan, Australia, or anywhere in Western Europe has a better chance at prosperity than one growing up in the United States. It's probably no coincidence that the disintegration of relationship networks, voluntary associations and community has paralleled the growing concentration of wealth and power among fewer Americans, as well as increased divisiveness and gridlock in political life.

But the reasons to form voluntary associations that de Tocqueville observed almost 200 years ago exist aplenty today. And as Tip O'Neil famously observed, all politics are local.

There are as many reasons to get together as there are things to make better in our beloved city. Both old Somerville and newcomers have much to contribute.

A reborn community is in gestation. The price of admission to it is participation.

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6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Active Aging
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The White House Chronicle
9:00am	Legacies	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00pm	Art as Protest
10:30am	Art at SCATV	Friday, Sep	tember 18
11:00am	Youth Media	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group
12:00pm The E	Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	7:30am	Shrink Rap
1:30pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	SCATV Art bloc	9:00am	SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
5:00pm	Energy Theater	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:
6:00pm	Ville Pirates	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders
6:30pm	Haitian Poetry	1:00pm	Creative Somerville Series
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Haitian Poetry
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour
10:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV
Thursday, Se	ptember 17	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Dance Group
7:00am	The Struggle	9:00pm	Energy Theater
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show
9:00am	Creative Somerville	10:00pm	The Somerville Line
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:30pm	Visual Radio
11:30am	Ablevision	Saturday, S	eptember 19
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Arabic Hour
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	7:00am	The Somerville Line
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00pm	Honk Festival
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
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12:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Shrink Wrap	
12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:00am	Road to Recovery	
1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Ablevision	
1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
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6:00pm	Abugida TV	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)	
7:00pm	Abugida TV African Television Network	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	
8:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	The Literati Scene	
9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:00pm	Creative Somerville	
10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	
Monday, September 21		7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
	-	7:30pm	Greater Somerville	
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m	Exercise with Robyn and Max
m	Esoteric Science
m	Free Speech Television
m	Henry Parker Presents
m	Literati Scene
m	Ville Pirates
m	Youth Programing
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#### Wednesday, September 16

9:00am:	Connecting Communities
12:00pm:	Public Schools' General Staff Meeting
12:40pm:	The Mayor's Report
1:05pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
1:35pm:	Somerville Fight Night
6:30pm:	Haitian Community Engagement
8:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
8:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues
9:00pm:Unio	on Sq. Civic Committee Advisory Meeting
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12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues
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12:30am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
1:00am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
1:30am:	Project STAR 2015
2:15am:	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer
9:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Somerville Fight Night
3:15pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
3:45pm:	Project STAR 2015
6:00pm:	Connecting Communities
6:30pm:	The Mayor's Report
7:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
7:30pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting
8:00pm:	Public Schools' General Staff Meeting
8:40pm:	Open Air Circus
10:20pm:	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer

#### Friday, September 18 12:00am: The Mayor's Report 12:30am: Community Path Ribbon Cutting 1:00am: Union Sq. Civic Committee Advisory Meeting 3:00am: **Open Air Circus** 9:00am: Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston 12:00pm: 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square 12:30pm: The Mayor's Report 1:00pm: Somerville Fight Night Public Schools' General Staff Meeting 3:40pm: 6:30pm: Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston 7:00pm: SomerViva em Portugues 7:30pm: 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square 8:00pm: The Mayor's Report Haitian Community Engagement 8:30pm: 10:00pm: Community Path Ribbon Cutting Saturday, September 19 12:00am: SomerViva em Portugues 12:30am: Project STAR 2015 1:15am: 1:45am: 2:15am:

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12:00am:	The Mayor's Report	
12:30am:	Haitian Community Engagement	
2:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	
2:30am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	
3:00am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	
9:00am:	The Mayor's Report	
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	
12:30pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	
1:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night	
3:00pm:	Haitian Community Engagement	
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	
7:30pm:	The Mayor's Report	
8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	
8:40pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	
9:55pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	
10:25pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	
Monday, September 21		
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12:30am:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	
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1:30pm:	Project STAR 2015
2:10pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting
2:40pm:	Somerville Fight Night
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – LIVE
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12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues
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9:00am:	The Mayor's Report
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5:00pm:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	
8:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Brockton	1
10:00pm:	String Camp & Camp HONK	S
	Summer Concert	1
Thursday, Septen	nber 17	1
12:00am:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	3
9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	9
11:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Brockton	1
1:00pm:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	1
4:00pm:	Connecting Communities	
5:00pm:	Project STAR 2015	1
6:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	3
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9:00pm:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	
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Jane's Walk in Union Square

Community Path Ribbon Cutting

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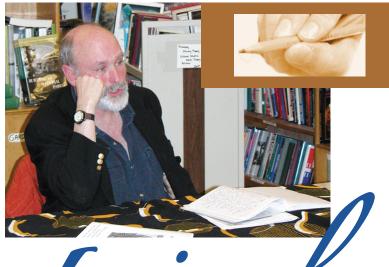
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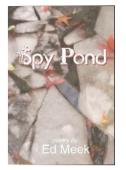
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# edited by Doug Holder

Davis Square poet Ed Meek writes about a Robert Frost moment when he was at the famed literary retreat Breadloaf. This poem is included in his new collection of poetry *Spy Pond*.



#### **Frost Country**

From Breadloaf, I jog downhill towards town. I pass Wayside: site of the cabin where Frost spent summers writing poems. It's a stone's throw from the Frost House on Frost Road. There, a yellow bus unloads middle school kids, happy to break from school. I imagine

the old poet's craggy head in the clouds. Then I see a sign for the Frost Interpretive Trail. I weave through the parking lot past a Camry and a mini-van. On the trail poems on plaques intersperse with verses carved in wood.

Caught between delight and wisdom, I hesitate at the fork for "The Road Not Taken." Then I realize, it's a loop!

## **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

# **Hybrids of Post-Humanity**

A new member of Somerville's Bagel Bards is Daniel Y. Harris. Harris is the President of the Board of The New York Quarterly. Harris has a manifesto about how poetry should and hopefully will look in our 21st Century. It is a brave new world friends...

**Hybrids of Post-Humanity** *By Daniel Y. Harris* 

In poetry's narrative schism between the 20th and the 21st centuries, pre-lingual and post-lingual tropes vie for the dominance of a new poesis. The pre-lingual confesses. The post-lingual is post-digital and therefore post-human, now determined by Internet detritus. Human beings can now be created out of the refuse of bandwidth. The poetic self is now a digit, an algorithm invented as a bot. Figures are now the boolean crisis of traditional form. To confess is to blog a confession from the spontaneous viral media of annihilation. The original self is an avatar of post-humanity, quicker than the emptied quick of the spammed full. Malicious software spread diseases of hyperlinks. Vessels break to account for another unbreakable form. The text is shattered like glass. The libido, ripe as anthropoid fertility, conjures the last Hebraic hermeneutics.

Post-humanity will/has broken authorial intent. Spiritus, geist and neshamah have become the codes of Emerson's "transparent eyeball." Normative narratives will not relent to purple mold and the affected seasons of self. There are no confessions in post-humanity. Pellicles will evoke the future as a golemic rise of the dark prompt. Now, the hagiography is broken from She, who births a new catastrophe-creation myth as untested experiment. Place will be severed from reference. Acrostic Kabbalah will trumpet the new era. Why, ask the professors of belatedness? Because the future agon will be an ur-femmed account of creation. This pilfering of humanity is not unoriginal genius, but rather a mock arriere-gardism, now committed to recovering the new format of disregarded predecessors. Then, the rabblement will be aroused to poke through platitudes seeking the hybrid, clad in its multi-genre glam. Gray indifferences of moderation are computer viruses. Web nonce is paravisual.



#### Hyle i2 = -1

Soma's ether of was is as Mr. Was said, Eddy's cleavage

of tongues is a hip hydrostat, works against him or a rad

cameo of Prot by a last guerilla theater in Proto-Germanic

hyle: wood and matter, not deed nor a jerk-lift caricature.

Hylomorphism only kills the ousia—just morphē, just

skinned bare tonight, ending Eddy: the human ends Eddy's

gains and losses, body-soul prank inhabits the lying corpse

ceasing to be nous. Nothing rings like hylomorphic theory.

Eddy is fully body, makes up the body, itself after a death

to exist less than not dark yet, gives up these passive agents

for the simple Cartesian life, simply skinned not for body

but for univocity and impossible haecceity. Puzzlement then distracts quiddity's stand against its subjective parts.

Three generations of murdered narratives lets no one go.

— Daniel Y. Harris

#### New Fluff Festival website launched

It doesn't make any difference

which path you choose. You always end up

back in the parking lot

with the Camry or the min-van!

Well, I have to get back for lunch.

No stopping by woods for me.

I'm hungry and earth

is the right place for lunch.

— Ed Meek

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

Somerville's Fluff Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary on September 26, and it has already received the gift of a brand new website: www.flufffestival.com. The team over at Image Conscious Studios (http://icscreative.com/), whom all grew up eating Fluffernutter sandwiches, volunteered their expertise to design the colorful, responsive new website. Based out of East Boston, this local creative agency is no stranger to Somerville, having worked with many of the local businesses including Rosebud, Boston Shaker, and Highland Kitchen. Several of the Image Conscious Studios team members also live in Somerville. For them, the chance to work on such a fun, community project was a no brainer.



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