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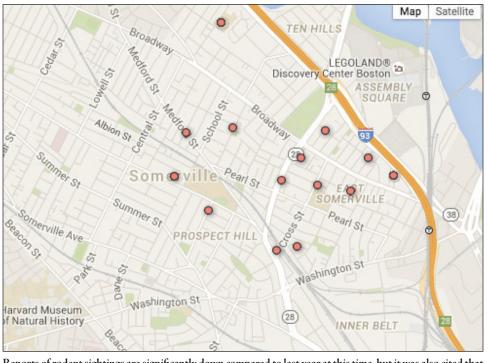


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Reports of rodent sightings are significantly down compared to last year at this time, but it was also cited that this could be partly due to "311 fatigue" by those who have been reporting in the past.

By Josie Grove

Rats are a part of urban life, but that doesn't mean Somerville is happy about its rodent residents. The Board of Aldermen convened a Rodent Issues Special Committee in the fall of $2013\ \mathrm{and}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{committee}, \mathrm{made}\ \mathrm{up}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{Aldermen}$ Maryann Heuston, John Connolly, and Matthew McLaughlin, had its most recent meeting on September 9 of this year. "We met last week because I had dozens of orders for rodent control, so we met to go over all those orders formally," said Alderman McLaughlin. The special committee named eight specific sites as well as several streets where residents have reported seeing rats. "And we submitted formally a request for information regarding efforts to control rodents," said Alderman McLaughlin.

East Somerville, which encompasses Mc-Laughlin's Ward One, is particularly afflicted. "I think there's a number of Continued on page 4

The magical butterfly effect of Melanie

Masterful songstress to grace the stage at Johnny D's

By Jim Clark

The butterfly effect. This is the scientific theory that a single occurrence, no matter how small, can change the course of the universe forever. In the case of Melanie Safka-Schekeryk - known professionally simply as Melanie - a right zig here and a lucky zag there made all the difference in the way things turned out for this remarkably talented singer-songwriter.

Achieving huge success with hit records such as Lay Down (Candles In The Rain) and Brand New Key in the early 70s could have been missed if the hand of fate had not moved her in the right direction at just the right time.

"I didn't go out to get a record contract," she says of her early days as an unknown entity working small venues in Greenwich Village in the 60s. "I was going for an acting audition. They needed a girl who played a guitar and could play the part of Barbara Allen in a very esoteric kind of play Continued on page 7 called Dark of the Moon."



Melanie will be playing and singing your favorites and throwing in a few surprises as she takes to the stage at Johnny D's on September 29.

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Join East Somerville Main Streets on Thursday September 24 at 7:00 p.m. for the premiere of the This Is East video project. East Somerville Main Streets, in collaboration with Somerville Arts Council and SCATV bring the stories of East Somerville to life. With interviews with dozens of members of the neighborhood, the This Is East video project tells the story of a community. Come to Chuckie Harris Park for a viewing of the film and watch your neighbors tell you what East Somerville means to them. Watch the trailer at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn1ZWSPKXT4. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded East Somerville Main Streets, in conjunction with the Somerville Arts Council, a grant to fund a place making initiative for East Somerville during 2014 and 2015. The initiative will celebrate, maintain and promote East Somerville's identity at this time of change for the neighborhood. This event is only one piece of a much larger place making initiative that includes video stories, other events and more.

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.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition is holding its 20th Annual Somerville 5K Road Race on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Davis Square in Somerville. The race starts and ends at the end of the bike path, behind Rite Aid on Highland Avenue and Grove Street. A Buffet Brunch follows the race. You can further support the Somerville Homeless Coalition by getting pledges for the race. Set up your own fundraising page here: http://bit.ly/1R7Lovn. Read about their programs here: http://bit.ly/1FVBSQe. Additional Info: The start is 9:00 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. Registration and check in: On race day 7:30—8:30 a.m. Wheelchairs must pre-register by September 20 to ensure safety precautions with local police. Early number pick-up available the week before in Davis Square. Details on pick-up option will be e-mailed at a later date.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Bowling together

Kate Zebrose says:

Odd that you should mention bowling. I approached the bowling alley in Ball Square, wanting to bring my kids. This would have been around 1995 I think. I felt unwelcome. It was many years ago now, so I couldn't tell you exactly why. It looks welcoming now with a friendly banner, but I am told it is because it is slated to be demolished for the green line. I went to the community meetings where we were asked where to put the station. Everyone at the meeting was suggesting that spot, so I guess bowlers don't go to community meetings.

I know there are people who feel the 'new comers' have been unwelcoming, but have they welcomed the 'new comers'? Because my neighbors, long time residents, have been so welcoming I feel a great sense of community here. Much more than where I grew up in Framingham.

Freebie says:

My neighborhood here, a combination of "new" newcomers (<10 years here), "old newcomers" that came in the last 80s/early 90s wave, and then 2nd and even one 3rd generation natives. We all get along great and take care of each other. The natives, especially the older ones, seem genuinely appreciative to see families putting down roots and so many kids playing in the neighborhood again.

Oliver Seppo says:

Yeah, I miss the good old days when my neighbors would not mind their own business and gossip when multiple young women kept showing up at my place!

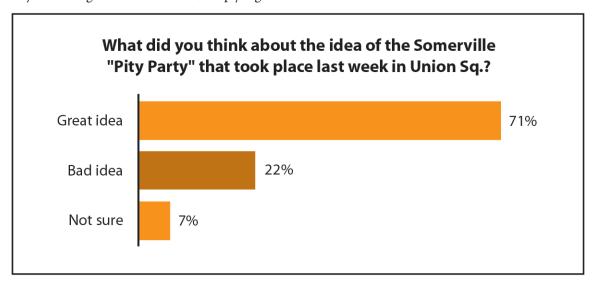
A.Moore says:

There is probably never going to be a place where everyone is 100% happy with it. Personally I expect change. I have not cared for the changes over the years but that is they way it is. I can't bring back what I like about Somerville so it is a little frustrating. I enjoyed the walkability here and having everything at hand within walking distance. Using our car was a rare experience back then. Unless you were there it is hard to imagine. I had hopes this city would work towards that type of living. But sadly no. I don't blame people for wanting to change it to fit their needs, that's how it works. I see it differently than a 20 or 30 year old person being here 70 years. I miss having back yard barbecues where many of the neighbors would show up with their different foods and we would have a great time lasting for many hours. We knew everyone around us.

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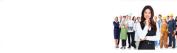




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Vigil sheds light on addiction

By Amy Swain

Tuesday, September 15 saw Somerville's second annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil. The event was held at Somerville High School, put together by Somerville Overcoming Addiction (SOA), a local group dedicated to helping those affected by the disease of addiction.

A large part of what SOA works for is overcoming the stigma associated with addiction, and recognizing those struggling as individuals friends, family, coworkers and peers - with a disease.

Matt Ganem, MC of the event, opened with remarks on that topic, and also by declaring the event less of a mourning, and more of a recognition of that idea. "Events like this are for healing. Let's celebrate the lives of the people we lost. It's not about mourning death; we've already been there. We've already been to the wakes and the funerals. It's not about mourning death, it's about embracing their life, carrying their memories."

Local talent Maggie Leon carried on the ceremony with a heartfelt original song entitled Where Has my Brother Gone. While the idea was not

to mourn, the sentiment was very emotional for everyone in attendance.

As it was with the story Amanda Rodrigues shared about growing up with two parents suffering from addiction. Rodrigues shared her struggles, her triumphs, and reminded us of the dangers of projecting a negative future on a child of addicts. This, she says, can be more harmful to the child than the parents themselves. Through their constant attempts to better themselves throughout their lives, they taught her to do the same; to continue trying, no matter what.

Similarly, Joann Rivieccio shared her story of parenting two sons suffering from addiction. She told of the grief of not being able to find resources for a son she lost in 2009, and the joy she feels now, seeing the group come together, along with other organizations, to assist families struggling like hers had. "I want you all to know that you are not alone," she said. "And I'm not here to speak about my family, I'm here for you."

In a conversation I had with Riviecco after her speech, she disclosed that her story was just too sad. She said that her mes-



Somerville Overcoming Addiction's Candlelight Memorial Vigil brought people together to remember those who succumbed to the ravages of drug addiction, and to look forward with hope for those seeking help and healing.

sage was to let people know that it is okay to feel the void. "We don't know how long it will take us to recover. We may never recover." Still, she, as well as the rest of the group and those in attendance, continues to try, and to help others through the work of SOA.

Emma Smith-Benzen, Miss Preteen Massachusetts 2015, shared James Joyce's acclaimed poem Feel no Guilt in Laughter, and Lucus McCain performed a haunting acoustic song. Candles were lit before members read lists of the many they have lost to this disease, and then a moment of silence, a prayer, both for those lost, and for those left behind to mourn.

Booths for organizations involved included Banyan Treatment Center, Cambridge Needle Exchange, Wicked Sober, OPEN (Overdose, Prevention and Education Network), Teen Challenge New England, Learn to Cope, and Cambridge Health Alliance. Each of these organizations are eager to help anyone who needs them. Anyone curious about getting help or helping others can visit websites for the above, or visit Somerville Overcoming Addiction on Facebook.





By Jim Clark

Shoplifter attempts dangerous getaway

Police received a call from the Union Blvd. exit. Saks Off 5th at Assembly Row early last Saturday evening reporting that a man had been spotted concealing merchandise in a bag and was about to leave the store.

An officer working the area arrived at the store and was told that the suspect, Robert Preston, of Revere, had just left the store via the Grand

The store's loss prevention employee pointed out Preston to the officer as he walked away. Preston reportedly turned and saw the officer and then began to run towards the K-mart parking lot.

The officer gave chase and ordered Preston to stop, according to reports, but he instead ran towards a parked car, which he entered and locked the doors.

Preston reportedly threw a bag into the backseat area and rolled up the driver's side window.

The officer reported that Preston appeared to be reaching for something in the car so he drew his weapon and ordered the suspect out of the car.

Instead of complying with the officer, Preston reportedly gunned the cars engine and

raced through the parking lot, endangering many people who were in the parking lot.

The car reportedly struck the officer on the arm as Preston sped away.

The officer radioed for backup response and reported that Preston's vehicle was heading along Middlesex and Mystic Avenues towards Medford.

A patrol unit located the vehi-

cle as it raced down Mystic Ave. and finally stopped it near Bailey Rd., whereupon Preston and a female passenger were subsequently removed.

Preston was placed under arrest and charged with failure to stop for police, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

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Arrests:

Alceu Santos, of 193 Elm St., Cambridge, September 15, 12:49 p.m., arrested at Prospect St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Angelina Monteiro, of 25 Channel Center St., Boston, September 15, 1:28 p.m., arrested at Union Sq. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended

Yusufhanad Mohamed, of 77 North St., Malden, September

15, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.

Rafael Velasquez, of 3 Columbus Terr., Cambridge, September 16, 4:09 p.m., arrested at Prospect St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and failure to wear a seat belt.

Ramon Decarvalho, of 15 Eliot St., Framingham, September 17, 10:36 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Adam Leal, of 23 Federal St., Fitchburg, September 18, 4:44 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of daytime felony breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and larceny over \$250.

Michael Lopes, of 34 Summer St., September 18, 9:58 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and possession of a class B drug.

Robert Preston, of 60 South Ave., Revere, September 19, 6:56 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of failure to stop for police, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Jose Carrasco, of 115 Wal-

nut St., Everett, September 20, 1:36 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Paul Capotosto, of 52 Neponset St., Revere, September 20, 8:18 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Arnout Fontein, of 32 Spring St., September 20, 8:18 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

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factors," said the alderman. struction. I think construction's "There's a lot of construction going on in East Somerville, so that's definitely a factor. It's the densest part of the city, so more people per square foot, so that's a factor. Improper disposal of trash, on Broadway in particular, where you've got a lot of restaurants. That tends to be where a lot of the rats and the rodent sightings have been." The special committee named eight specific sites as well as several streets where residents have reported seeing rats. Many are restaurants and construction sites.

There are restaurants all over Somerville, so why do the rodents seem to be concentrated in East Somerville? "If I were to guess, it would be because of population density, and cona big part of it," said McLaughlin. When you dig up the ground, rodents will move. Most of the time, rodents will stay within a few hundred feet of their nest, but if you move them, they spread out.

The spate of development and construction planned for Union Square and Winter Hill could exacerbate the rodent problem in East Somerville. Construction sites are supposed to take steps to control rodents, says McLaughlin, but the city needs to enforce those regulations with regular inspections. "We require all construction sites to bait for rodents, and I'm trying to push for the Inspectional Services Department to make sure that happens."

The city piloted a rodent sterilcity this year. "Basically, it's like rodent birth control, it stops rats from reproducing," explained the alderman. "Other places, like New York City, they've seen as much as a fifty percent drop-off in rodents," said McLaughlin.

For now, Somerville relies on "just regular baiting," says Mc-Laughlin. "I've been meeting with neighbors on streets that have particularly bad rodent problems to make sure they have bait so that they can deal with the problem."

Individual property owners can get help from the city through the Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program, which the committee discussed last week. "People can call if they want to

get assistance with rodents in ization program at six sites in the their houses," said the Alderman. To be eligible for the program, "You have to be a property owner and fall within a certain income range. The city gives you bait, and helps you with rodent control measures."

> There are still a lot of questions, says Alderman Mc-Laughlin, and the Rodent Issues Special Committee is trying to get answers by working across departments. The committee asked that the directors of the Inspectional Services Department and Somer-Stat attend future meetings of the Rodent Issues Special Committee, or send representatives from their departments to report on the effectiveness of rodent control work.

According to a May 18 statement from the City of Somerville, 311 Constituent Services received only 24 reports of rat sightings between January and May 2015, down from 103 in the same period of 2014. McLaughlin does not think the decreased number of calls means that rat sightings have decreased. "People get tired of calling 311 after a while," said McLaughlin. "I don't think everyone is reporting all the rat sightings. I've placed more orders for rats on individual streets than 24 orders. I've placed dozens of orders regarding rat control in East Somerville.

"This summer is really bad in East Somerville especially," said the alderman. "It seems like other neighborhoods don't have

PHCS redevelopment community meeting

By Tom Bannister

According to information released by the city, community members are being invited to a meeting about the redevelopment of the former Powder House Community School on Monday, Sept.ember 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.

Held by MarKa in partnership with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Department, the meeting will

include a charrette community planning session, and offers community members the opportunity to meet the development team recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee, and accepted by the mayor, to redevelop the former school located at 1060 Broadway in Teele Square. Residents are invited to provide their feedback on MarKa's proposal and continue discussions around creating a project that reflects the community's hopes for the site. Join the dialogue or learn more at www.markacommunities. com/powderhouse.

Better Block: Winter Hill Community Walk and Talk

As part of the Winter Hill neighborhood planning process, neighborhood residents and business owners are invited to brainstorm ways to improve Winter Hill in the short-term using low-cost "tactical urbanism" strategies through a community walk and talk scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28 from 6-8 p.m. at 328 Broadway—the future home of Winter Hill Brewing Company with Team Better Block.



Community members can help transform Winter Hill by lending their ideas for pop-up businesses, landscaping, parks, outdoor seating, art and entertainment. The evening will begin with a Better Block presentation, followed by a 45-minute community walk. Following the walk, small group discussions will be held to gather all the feedback that will be used in the next steps in planning the future of the neighborhood.

For more information, contact Max MacCarthy at mmaccarthy@somervillema. gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2515.

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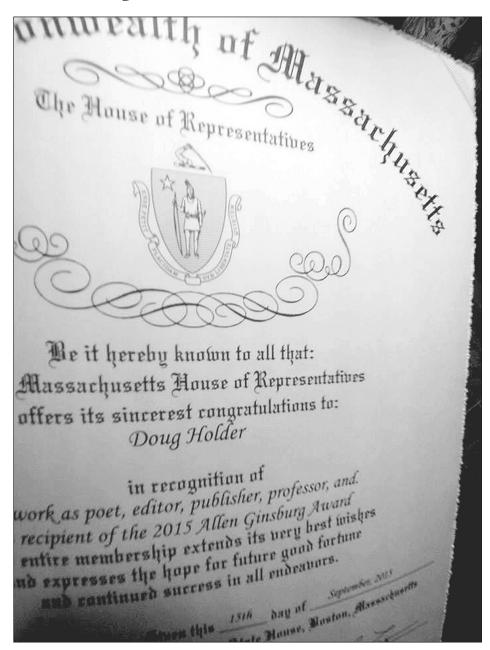
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Doug Holder honored by State House



Somerville poet, and Arts Editor of the Somerville Times, Doug Holder was recently honored by the Massachusetts House of Representatives. A citation was presented to Holder by State Representative Denise Provost in recognition of his work as a poet, editor, publisher and professor.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti, Chair of the Committee, for public input related to the city's proposed ban on plastic bags. The public is invited to attend and be heard.

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Celebrating 10 years of 'What the Fluff?'

By Rebecca Danvers

The illustrious Marshmallow Fluff creator, Archibald Query, concocted the beloved gooey spread in Union Square in 1917. On Saturday, September 26, the tenth anniversary of the madcap festival will celebrate Query's invention with musical performances, a cooking contest, fun for every age, and Fluff treats of every sort.

The Fluff Festival offers zany activities for every age. Children will enjoy Fluff games at the Midway Kids Area, games and activities overseen by Knucklebones, a ride on our Roaming Railroad train, face painting, and sand art.

There is plenty of fun for all ages provided by Villari Martial Arts, MA Ghostbusters, Brooklyn Boulders, and our Shenanigans Stage, overseen by an Archibald Query recreator, featuring sticky activities such as Fluff jousting, Fluff Musical Chairs, Blind Man's Fluff and even Fluff Hair-Do, showing that it's perfectly okay to play with your food.

Vendors will have a variety of Fluff inspired crafts, and fest-goers can sample the taste of Fluff from local vendors presenting sweet and savory Fluffalicious delights like Fluff Pizza, Fluff Tacos, Fluffanutta Donuts and lots more. Area businesses get into the spirit too, turning over their menus. Fluff-inspired cocktails and Fluff-topped beer are on tap at nearby restaurants.

In addition to the fun activities and games, tasty and unique food, and fluffacious crafts, there is great music on the Main Stage. This year's performances include Ten Tumbao, a funky and soulful Afro-Latin-Caribbean band; the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, a costumed funk/street beat improvisational brass band performing a unique blend of original and traditional music; and Lilla, offering a blend of soul, hip hop, reggae and pop with a jazzy twist. This year there will also be a performance by the School of Honk at the Sidestage.

And, of course, no Fluff Festival would be complete without the Flufferettes. They were originally a music group in the 1930s that promoted Fluff on the radio for Durkee Mower, the makers of Marshmallow Fluff. The group comes alive each year for the visual age as colorful and sassy song-and-dance performers. The ladies of Rogue Burlesque return to the festival with their unique brand of gorgeous, geeky burlesque.

Each year local creativity is also promoted through the Cooking Contest. This is a great opportunity to test your culinary genius and sink deep into the sugary fun by creating a marshmallowy concoction for the cook-off. The winner gets a private, behindthe-scenes tour of the Durkee Mower Fluff Factory.

This year's esteemed Cooking Contest judges are Brian Mercury, the Executive Pastry Chef from Harvest who was named



The Flufferettes are raring to go as the 10th annual What the Fluff? festival hits Union Square this coming Saturday.

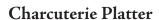
Boston Magazine's 2014 Best Pastry Chef and The People's Best New Pastry Chef (East) by Food & Wine Magazine; Sarah-Beth Chester, the owner of 7Ate9 on Highland Avenue who has been put at the top of the CBS Boston Best Cheesecake list; Greg Karczewski, President of US2 (Union Square Station Associates), the City of Somerville's master developer partner for Union Square Revitalization Project and this year's sponsor of the Cooking Contest; and Emma Smith-Benzan, our

reigning 2015 National American Miss Massachusetts Pre-Teen Queen.

What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention, Saturday, September 26, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Union Square. Rain date: Sunday, September 27.

Dorothy's Corner





This past weekend a group of friends came over for dinner. The menu consisted of an amped-up charcuterie platter, tagliatelle bolognese, sautéed broccoli rabe, a variety of white and red wines, some from as close as upstate New York and as far away as France, and for dessert, various Italian pastries and cookies.

I decided to choose different styles of cheeses from multiple regions of Italy. The first of four was a buratta, consisting of mozzarella and cream made from cow's milk originating in the Apulia Region, Southern Italy, Puglia. It has a very soft and creamy consistency and is a light flavored cheese. I like to drizzle some fruity olive oil and balsamic vinegar over the top to add a more distinct flavor. Pecorino di Pienza Rosso, made from sheep's or ewe's milk from the Tuscan Region, Central Italy. This cheese is a little lighter in flavor from from the robust Pecorino Romano, but definitely holds its own flavor wise. Gorgonzola Dolce made from cow's milk, from the provinces of Lombardia and Peimonte in Northern Italy. Otherwise known as "The Sweet One", this cheese has a creamy and buttery texture and is by far one of my favorite blue cheeses. I always serve this cheese with honey on the side. Last but not least, Calcagno, made with ewe's milk from the regions of Sardinia and Campania, an island off the coast of Italy and South Central Italy. A hard cheese that's flakey and smooth and is in the pecorino family.

I also like to include an array of meats on the platter. I chose a Salami Emilia, a nice



traditional salami that has a smooth and sweet flavor. Prosciutto di Parma Pio Tosini, one of the best prosciutto's I have ever tasted. Not as salty as the traditional prosciutto di Parma and exhibits a delicate buttery and nutty flavor. Soppressata, a dried salami that has a slightly pungent flavor and typically made with pork, but can also be made with beef.

Other items I like to include are olives, I used Alfonso and Castelvetrano Olives. Include a mixture of crackers, sliced fresh bread, honey, dried fruits, and spiced and flavored nuts are also a great addition. I really like the variety that Q's Nuts has to offer. They are worth checking out at either their storefront at 348 Highland Avenue, Somerville or their website http://www. qsnuts.com.

For your next charcuterie platter, be adventurous, try items you never have before. It's great to discover the limitless selection of specialty items that are offered. You don't necessarily have to pick a theme like I did. It's quite acceptable to mix things up. Always ask questions when you're at the cheese counter. The cheese-mongers are more than happy to describe their products and have you taste before you buy. They also have great suggestions on how much product you need to purchase for the amount of people you are entertaining. Good luck and happy entertaining!



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The magical butterfly effect of Melanie CONT. FROM PG

As it turned out, they were looking for a girl who played guitar, which Melanie affirms was not all that common in those days.

She turned up at the audition for the play at the famous Brill Building in New York City, but she realized that she did not have an office or suite number with which to find her way.

"I knew the name of the group that was running the audition, and I was just on time, but I didn't know where to go."

She ended up asking the doorman at the building where he thought the auditions might be, and he said, "Try room 511. They're doing weird things there."

So she ran to 511, which turned out to be the office of Hugo & Luigi music publishing company. The receptionist there said that she was in the wrong office, at which point Melanie began crying. The receptionist asked her to hold on while she tried to find out the room she should go to. In the meantime, Hugo and Luigi walked into the office and spotted Melanie, who was very distraught and sobbing.

They asked the receptionist, "What does she want, Joyce?" and they were told that she had come to the wrong place. Then they asked "What does she want, an audition? Set her up for Thursday!"

Melanie eventually got to her audition for the play but didn't get the role she was after. However, after Thursday came and went, Melanie Safka had been signed by Hugo & Luigi, and through them met her future husband and music producer Peter Schekeryk. From that point on, her professional career took flight.

She made two albums in those early years that achieved moderate success in the U.S., while enjoying better recognition in Europe. Melanie and her husband got word about a music festival that would be held in upstate New York and they secured her a spot as a performer about a year before the event took place. The event known as Woodstock.

When the time came to do the show, Melanie had been working on a project in England, but decided she should probably return to the States and honor her commitment to play the festival. This was yet another pivotal moment in her career.

When she got to the site of the festival it was rainy, and she spent a lot of time waiting by herself in a little tent, unsure of when she would be called onto the stage to give her performance.

At last she was called up and, in the dark of night, as the rain gently fell, thousands of candles – which had been passed out to the audience by the Wavy Gravy Hog Farm collective – were lit and held high as Melanie sang her songs of peace.

The moment was beautifully captured in her song Lay Down (Candles In The Rain) which



Melanie's son, Beau Jarred, will be accompanying her on guitar during her performance at Johnny D's on September 29.

came out the following year on her smash hit album *Candles In the Rain*.

The record brought her world-wide recognition, and the song that sprang from the Woodstock experience became an anthem for love and peace in the post-hippie era days of the early 70s. A number of other songs from the same album, such as What Have They Done To My Song and Ruby Tuesday also enjoyed great popularity.

Her own popularity reached another high point with the release of the single *Brand New Key* a couple of years later.

Melanie has remained active professionally throughout the ensuing years. She and her husband Peter, who sadly passed away five years ago,

had three children together, all of which have musical talent and work professionally in the business.

Melanie's son, Beau Jarred, is a classically trained guitarist and often joins her onstage as an accompanist. He will be performing with her at the show at Johnny D's next week.

Melanie is also enthusiastically engaged in social activism, currently involved with the Youth For Human Rights group.

She says that she is still writing songs and hopes to have some new recordings to bring to her fans in the near future.

In the meantime, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to appreciate her artistry as she plays the intimate venue, Johnny D's, on September 29.

As the butterfly effect dictates, what has gone before leads us to where we are at the moment, and we are certainly lucky to have the rare opportunity to take in this lovely woman's beautiful music, live and in person.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for CLEAR TITLE TO PROPERTY (S 1981) Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of September 14-18. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Senate 31-7, approved and sent to the House a bill that supporters said would provide relief to Massachusetts homeowners who currently lack clear title to their homes due to prior faulty foreclosures while opponents argued it would curtail illegally foreclosed homeowners' right to regain title to their homes.

Supporters said the measure was filed in response to a Supreme Judicial Court decision that voided thousands of foreclosure sales. They noted the court said that a foreclosure is void if the foreclosing lender could not produce a written assignment of its mortgage prior to the first publication of notice. They argued the bill remedies this problem by allowing the affidavit that is recorded during the sale of the property to serve as conclusive evidence that the foreclosing lender is in compliance. They said this will help thousands of homeowners who unwittingly purchased an improperly foreclosed property and are currently without a clear title and consequently unable to sell or refinance their homes.

Opponents said the bill would curtail illegally foreclosed homeowners' right to regain title to their homes and strip them of their fundamental right to protect their property. They noted that limiting to three years a foreclosed homeowner's right to raise claims to challenge the validity of their foreclosure is too short.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALLOW OWNERS OF FORECLOSED HOUSE TO STAY AND PAY RENT (S 1981)

Senate 15-23, rejected an amendment that would allow a homeowner facing foreclosure to continue to live in his or her home and pay a fair market rent until the bank sells the home.

Amendment supporters said this is a good deal for the homeowner, who is allowed to remain in his or her home longer, and for the banks, which will be paid rent instead of having the home sitting vacant. They noted that this will prevent vacant properties from falling into disrepair and resulting in a blight that reduces the value of homes in the neighborhood. They also argued that vacant houses can sit there for months or years and sometimes becomes a place for illegal activity of all sorts.

Some amendment opponents said a bill before the Judiciary Committee accomplishes the same goal. They argued the Senate should not rush this amendment through the Senate as an amendment to an unrelated bill dealing with titles but rather allow the bill to be the subject of a public hearing, public input and the transparent legislative process. Others said they are against the amendment because if the owner of the house cannot afford to pay the mortgage, it is unlikely he or she will be able to afford the rent and will likely get evicted. They said it only prolongs the limbo period.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REGULATE UBER AND LYFT - The Financial Services Committee heard testimony on several bills regulating controversial car-sharing services like Uber and Lyft that use a smartphone application to receive ride requests. Hundreds of people showed up at the nearly 12hour hearing that lasted from 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.

The proposals include giving the Department of Public Utilities the power to certify and regulate car-sharing services; requiring background, driving record and Sex Offender Registry checks and fingerprint samples on all drivers; and requiring that vehicles used by these companies be registered in Massachusetts.

Representatives of Uber and Lyft companies defended their services noting they create many jobs with flexible hours and good pay. Opponents, led by the taxi industry, said that these services are the same as taxis and should be subject to the same strict regulations as cab companies.

BOSTON POLICE (H 2339) - Gov. Charlie Baker vetoed a bill that would have allowed retired Boston police officers to be appointed as special officers in order to serve on police details. The officers would have to have been be off the force for no longer than 4.5 years, under the age of 68 and pass a medical exam. The measure had already been approved by the city of Boston, which said it currently can't provide sufficient officers for details and could make great use of trained ex-officers.

Gov. Baker said he supports the intent of the bill but in his veto message noted, "The United States Department of Labor has alerted my administration that if this bill as written were to become law, Massachusetts unemployment insurance law would no longer conform to federal requirements." The governor urged Boston and the Legislature to draft a new version of the bill that won't result in the state violating federal law.

PUBLIC HEALTH HEARINGS - The Public Health Committee held a hearing last week on dozens of proposals including:

BAN "JUNK FOOD" IN VENDING MACHINES

(H 2005) - Requires vending machines in state-owned buildings to only serve what the bill defines as healthy foods. The measure bans the sale of soda and allows only water and carbonated water, coffee and tea, fat-free or 1 per cent low-fat dairy milk and up to 12 ounces of 100 per cent fruit juice or fruit juice combined with water or carbonated water. On the snack front, each item offered must meet certain standards including containing fewer than 200 calories, no more than 35 per cent of calories from fat, 0 grams of trans fat and no more than 200 milligrams of salt.

MANDATORY BICYLCE HELMETS FOR ALL

(S 1117) - Requires all bicyclists to wear a helmet. Current law only requires riders under 16 to do so. The measure also requires The Department of Public Health to pursue ways that would encourage bicycle operators to wear highly-visible fluorescent clothing.

MANDATORY DIAPER-CHANGING AREA (H 19123) - Requires restaurants that serve families with children to have at least one designated diaper-changing area or facility on the premises that is open to all customers.

MUST LABEL FISH (H 1941) - Requires the state to establish a food labeling program for commercially sold saltwater fish including tuna, mackerel, swordfish, grouper, striped bass and bluefish. The label would provide

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consumers with information about the risk factors and toxin levels of eating these with a focus on the health of young children, women of child-bearing age and pregnant women.

RESTAURANTS MUST LIST ALLERGENS (H **1949**) - Requires restaurants to identify any ingredients

that contain protein derived from milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat or soybeans. The list would be included on the menu or in some other way readily available to customers.

NO ENERGY DRINKS FOR KIDS (H 2303) -

Prohibits the sale of "energy drinks" to anyone under 18 years old. Energy drinks are defined as beverages that exceed a caffeine content of 71 milligrams per 12 ounce liquid.

NO LATEX (H 2055) - Prohibits any employee who handles food from using latex gloves. Non-latex gloves would be permitted.

BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (H 2066) -

Bans the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam ones that supermarkets, fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks. One-year delays from the ban could be applied for each year if the establishment can prove undue hardship. The establishment must prove there are no reasonable alternatives to the use of polystyrene containers and that compliance with this ban would cause significant economic hardship to the business.

MUST PROVIDE HOOKS IN BATHROOMS (S

1182) Requires all public bathrooms to contain a hook so that people can hang a jacket, purse or other personal belongings to avoid placing these items on the floor.

GROCERY STORES (S 1230) - Establishes a committee to examine the lack of grocery stores in some communities across the state, especially in urban and rural areas. The committee would investigate the causes of this limited access and report the effect on public health

as well as make suggestions to solve the problem.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special Gov. Baker Edition

Gov. Baker was on WGBH Radio 89.7 FM with talk show hosts Jim Braude and Margery Eagan last week for his monthly appearance on "Ask the Governor."

"It's pretty clear I've lost my 'new governor smell' because there is no one filming today." — Baker commenting on the fact that there are usually television cameras taping his appearance on WGBH.

"Maybe this makes me an old fuddy duddy at this point. It probably does ... I have no problem with the fact that we don't discount alcohol." — Baker's comments to a caller who asked if Baker supported allowing state restaurants and bars to return to holding happy hours during which between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. these establishments offer discounts on alcoholic drinks.

"Eighty percent of the people who end up addicted to heroin, according to federal statistics, started on prescription pain meds." — Baker on the state's drug problem.

"Two weeks ago, my wife had minor dental surgery and was handed a prescription for Percocet and basically said, 'No, not interested, don't want them. [What followed] was the equivalent of sort of being ordered to fill the prescription. She came home with 20 of these. She took one and then we threw away the other 19. With all the visibility around this issue, you would think that sort of thing wouldn't still be happening." - Baker talking about prescription pain medication.

"I'm nervous. I'd be kidding if I said I wasn't." — Baker on whether the MBTA would be able to avoid a repeat of last winter's widespread service problems during and after big snowstorms.

"I did not know that." — Baker after being told by Margery Eagan that he was recently ranked 35th on the list "Most Influential Pot Smokers in the USA." In 2014, Baker admitted that he had tried marijuana in the 1970s while in college. He is opposed to legalization of recreational marijuana.

"We talked two, sometimes three, four times a day ... as we dealt with all the issues around the snow ... That ... terror, anxiety, whatever you want to call it, around dealing with all the snow was a great way for us to get to know each other early on." — Baker on political website Politico's headline, "Gov. Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh's political bromance."

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 14-18, the House met for a total of three hours and 58 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 52 minutes.

Mon. September 14 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.

Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Tues. September 15 No House session No Senate session

Wed. September 16 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. September 17 House 11:01 a.m. to 2:23 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 3:41 p.m.

Fri. September 18 No House session No Senate session

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Liquor licenses needed to support thriving restaurant industry and local entrepreneurs



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Most people know that Somerville has become a dining hotspot for everything from tiny taquerias to nationally renowned gourmet restaurants. What's less well known is that successful local restaurants do more than expand our dining options—they help revitalize and stabilize our neighborhoods. Busy cafes and dinner spots mean more people are on the streets, other businesses benefit from that foot traffic, and opportunities for street crime decrease—new jobs and new tax revenues follow as well. In short, when restaurants thrive, our neighborhoods thrive. But this local economic engine is threatened by Beacon Hill's antiquated liquor license cap.

Our ability to award liquor licenses is a powerful economic tool, helping improve the likelihood of success for restaurant owners while sparking neigh-

borhood vitality and creating jobs. But we're running low on licenses—just at the time that significant commercial development is both underway and in the planning phases. We're running short because Massachusetts still has a Victorian-era cap in place that keeps control on Beacon Hill over the number of licenses in each community. Instead of giving control to the cities and towns that know their communities best as most states do, in Massachusetts we're hamstrung by a 1900s law that was essentially designed to keep Irish immigrants from drinking. It's clearly time for an update, but in the meantime, we still have to ask the state Legislature whenever we need licenses. So last week, I testified on Beacon Hill in support of our petition to the state for more licenses.

The economic data make the case. Restaurants are an important part of our economy today: 2,800 people in Somerville work in the hospitality industry, which is more than 6 percent of our total workforce-and a number that has risen by 24 percent since 2011—with approximately \$137 million in annual sales. At the same time, since 2011 Somerville's unemployment rate has dropped from 5.2 percent to 3.7 percent. Our growing restaurant industry has played a part in that. Meanwhile, since Assembly Row opened, Somerville's meals tax revenue has risen 33 percent, and is projected to rise another 11 percent in fiscal 2016, providing critical revenue that helps us fund education, public safety, and the infrastructure investments our community needs.

Local jobs, increased tax revenue to fund the services we all rely on, and a boost to neighborhoods and surrounding businesses—these are the benefits that come from having a thriving restaurant industry in our community. But opening and maintaining a successful restaurant is no easy task, especially if the owner cannot obtain a license to serve beer, wine or cocktails. With a license, a restaurant can mark up the price on alcoholic beverages to subsidize its food offerings, reducing the owner's risk. Without it, a restaurant operates on a razor-thin operating margin, all while competing with other restaurants that can already serve alcoholic beverages.

The price of becoming a dining destination though is increasing because we are almost out of City licenses. We have just five city-wide liquor licenses left and no beer and wine licenses. Meanwhile, local entrepreneurs are waiting in line for them, be they long-time mom and pop eateries looking to expand their business or newcomers seeking to fill open spots at Assembly Row or elsewhere. The City has targeted areas in need of an economic boost, such as East Somerville, and we've been able to assist small, locally-owned and immigrant-owned restaurants such as Aguacarte Verde, Some'ting Nice and Oliveira's obtain their licenses helping to secure their success. But without more City-owned licenses, which cost \$5,000 if awarded, other hard-working and aspirational local entrepreneurs will have to try and find a private-owned license on the market, at exorbitant costs of \$200,000 or more—a financial hurdle many can't overcome.

Available liquor licenses were vital in making the first stages of Assembly Row successful, creating a sense of place and vitality that led to considerable growth in the near-term and even greater growth in the future. Assembly Square had 12 licenses designated specifically for that area, and 11 have been awarded so far, even though only the first phase

of Assembly Row is open. On the near horizon, the Partners HealthCare building will have approximately 50,000 square feet of first floor restaurant and retail space, while Block 6 is under construction and Block 5 is fully approved, representing another 60,000 square feet of ground floor space that could be filled in part by restaurants. And with plans being drafted for Union Square and Boynton Yards, the expectation of new mixed-use districts in Brickbottom and Inner Belt, and growth in other commercial districts around future Green Line Extension stations, the need for licenses will only grow.

Boston was recently granted approval for 75 new licenses. Somerville's success shows that we deserve the ability to grant more licenses as well. The licenses are integral to our growing economic vibrancy, increased employment, more revenue for our City and the state, and to our long-range planning process. It's also a commitment to support local businesses and local economies. The antiquated cap has got to go. In the meantime, the state needs to support our planning and our growth by approving our petition for more licenses.

Legislators stand together in support of reforms for police investigations

By Tom Bannister

Senator Pat Jehlen, Representative Evandro Carvalho, and Rep resentative Mary Keefe joined in testimony before the Joint Committee on The Judiciary last week in support of reforms for police investigations into officer-involved deaths.

Representative Carvalho filed H. 1227 An Act relative to maintaining the integrity of the judicial system, while Senator Jehlen and Representative Keefe filed separate legislation H. 1428 An Act regarding judicial investigations of law enforcement officer-involved deaths. Committee to release a bill to establish uniform, independent investigations of all officer-involved deaths.

The legislators also jointly submitted written testimony signed by 20 of their colleagues.

"Police officers do a dangerous and difficult job. Without the trust of the communities they serve, their job becomes all the more difficult," said Senator Jehlen (D-Somerville). "By building an independent, uniform

system to investigate officer involved deaths, both the public The elected officials urged the and the law enforcement community can trust that the truth will be found."

"In the wake of protests across the nation, it has become clear that a large segment of the population does not trust the current system of investigation," Representative Keefe (D-Worcester) stated Wednesday. "When the community lacks faith in the impartiality of law enforcement and the judicial system, it makes the jobs of our men and women in uniform much more difficult. The legislature must act quickly and pass a bill this session to repair community relations and encourage community trust in law enforcement."

"As we grapple with the challenges of policing in today's national climate, I hope policy makers can embrace smart system reforms like the Special Prosecutor Act to address points of contention made visible over the last year," said Representative Carvalho (D-Boston). "By embracing independence and transparency in the investigation of offi-



Senator Pat Jehlen.

cer-involved deaths, Massachusetts can continue to lead the way on criminal justice reform."

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times

Just what we needed?



So, who among us participated in the much-maligned "Pity Party" last week? If you did, you are a brave soul indeed.

From the moment the event was announced a hue and cry was heard both far and wide deriding the unique affair, and many felt that it was more than a mere waste of taxpayers' dollars. Some felt that it was an embarrassment to the city.

In case you hadn't heard about it, the

event, sponsored in part by The City of Somerville and the Somerville Arts Council, and created Greg Cook, took a somewhat satirical stab at the traditional outdoor festival by calling on performers and participants to role play in sad, depressed and generally miserable modes of behavior.

As the promoters stated, the event featured "sad musicians, melancholy poets,

and depressed comedians" and encouraged attendees to show up in their finest (or worst) disconsolate regalia.

It was, of course, all in fun below the surface. Sort of an orchestrated flash mob event, in celebration of self-pity and wretchedness. An exercise in making fun of feeling bad. Not such a bad idea, really.

Many objected to public funding of such an event, however minimal that

amount might be. Others rejected the whole concept, feeling that it put the city in a bad light.

When you think about it, though, was this particular event any more off-the-wall than certain others, such as the Fluff and HONK festivals? Perhaps a little tolerance and acceptance might help those who participated in the event feel a bit better about themselves. Hopefully.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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*: Marsha Hamel-McGlashing is celebrating this week. Marsha has done a lot of work with Pop Warner and is one of the main reasons it remains so popular here in the city. Happy birthday Marsha. FYI, she's from a great Somerville family, including her siblings and her mother. Happy Birthday to another local Villen who made good, Joseph Bordonaro is celebrating this week. A Somerville lady from the past and still around in her own real

estate activities, Joetta Silva, whose husband used to own C21 Silva here in Somerville. We hope Joetta has a great day for herself. A nice lady, originally from Ireland, who still has that sweet brogue. Mrs. Joan O'Meara, we hope she and her husband Dan have a great day. We're sure Dan will take Joan out to a nice restaurant. Happy Birthday Joan. Many more and thanks for everything. Our good friend and awesome CPA Wayne Snow, who also grew up here, is still well known with his many Somerville clients, even though he's on Main Street in Charlestown. A great guy. Happy birthday, Wayne. A nice lady celebrates this week as well, Sue MacLeod, of the famous East Somerville MacLeod family. We wish Sue a happy birthday. To Mark Alston-Follansbee, the head of the homeless shelter here and past president of Rotary, also a great guy. He is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday, Mark.

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

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 Registration 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?

Part 3 of the Somerville's Building Department saga: We hear that the morale issue at the City of Somerville Inspectional Services Department is way down. We heard some interesting rumors out of the department. The city has promised to hire two more inspectors to help with the workload but no one has applied for them. Apparently, Somerville is on the bottom of the list for paying ISD inspectors, but not the bottom for management of the department. Remember, last week we reported that the guy originally hired to fill the position of Commissioner of Buildings couldn't pass the test, and the city went ahead and created a new position and gave him a great salary. And now that he's been on the job for just over a year we are told he got a raise of an additional \$20K. The person who is filling the position of Commissioner of Buildings is also getting over \$100K. This position was filled by an inspector that has been with the city for years and is Continued on page 19

Strike Up The Bands @ **SomerStreets**

The city celebrated the latest installment of its SomerStreets series with Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets on Sunday, Sept. 20 on Holland St. Family-friendly activities and entertainment included live music as well as children's activities, family-friendly programming, and student-friendly fun.

























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Somerville High School Sports this week

Wednesday, September 23

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PD for PE and Health Teachers 3:00 p.m. – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf

Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach

5:15 p.m. – Cross Country Practice – Atrium

Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.

5:00 p⋅m. – Boys Freshmen Soccer Practice – Foss Park

6:00 p.m. – Football Practice – Conway Park

Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Junior Varsity Match vs. Lowell @

Ms. Cam's

mixture, hodgepodge

found in 1908?

1. What organization

did Robert Baden-Powell

2. What code name was

given to Nazi Germany's

during the Second World

3. Who said "If you want

man; if you want some-

thing done, ask a wom-

4. In the popular chil-

dren's nursery rhyme what

is Wednesday's child full

5. Which rock band

wrote and performed the

theme for the long-run-

ning adult cartoon South

an?"?

something said, ask a

plan to invade Britain

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

Field House

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Freshman Match vs. Lowell @ Field House

5:00 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Varsity Match vs. Lowell @ Field House

6:45 p.m. – Cheerleading Practice – Atrium

Thursday, September 24

5:15 p.m. – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

5:15 p.m. – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House 5:00 p.m. – Boys Freshmen

Soccer Practice – Foss Park

3:30 p.m. – Cross Country:Boys Varsity Meet vs. Malden @ Blessed of the Bay Boat

3:30 p.m. - Cross Country:-

6. Which country has a

flag that is not rectangu-

7. Who was the 40th

President of the United

8. How many hurdles

hurdles race?

by 33%?

are there in a 400 meters

9. In fashion, what do the

initials DKNY stand for?

10. What year was Black

Monday when the New

York stock Exchange fell

11. What was David

12. Charlie Chaplin

insured which part of his

Answers on page 23

Lean's first film?



Girls Varsity Meet vs. Malden @ Blessed of the Bay Boat House **6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice – Conway Park

Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule

3:30 p.m. – Golf: Varsity Match vs. Malden @ Indian Ridge Country Club

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME vs. Andover @ Dilboy Stadium

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Andover @ Dilboy Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

8:00 p.m. – Cheerleading Practice – Atrium

Friday, September 25

5:15 p.m. – Cross Country Practice – Atrium

Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Junior Varsity Match vs. Winchester @ Field House

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Freshman Match vs. Winchester @ Field House

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Freshman GAME vs. Medford @ Foss Park

5:00 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Varsity Match vs. Winchester @ Field House

7:00 p.m. – Competitive Cheerleading: Varsity GAME vs. North Reading @ Dilboy Stadium

7:00 p.m. – Football:Boys Varsity GAME vs. North Reading @ Dilboy Stadium

Saturday, September 26

10:00 a.m. – Football:Boys Junior Varsity GAME – North Reading @ North Reading High School

10:00 a.m. – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME – Lowell @ Martin Athletic Complex Carvalho Field

10:00 a.m. – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME – Lowell @ Martin Athletic Complex

Cawley Field

11:00 a.m. – Soccer:Boys Freshman GAME – Lowell @ Lowell

11:00 p.m. – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME vs. Lowell @ Somerville

11:00 p.m. – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME vs. Lowell @ Somerville

Monday, September 28

4:30 p.m. – Intramurals Field House

Ping Pong and Badminton **3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice –

Stonemeadow Golf

Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach

5:00 p.m. – Boys Freshmen Soccer Practice – Foss Park 6:00 p.m. – Football Practice Conway Park

Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Junior Varsity Match – Medford @ Medford High School

3:45 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Freshman Match – Medford @ Medford High School

4:00 p.m. – Cross Country:Boys Varsity Meet – Greater Lawrence Tech @ Greater Lawrence Tech High School

4:00 p.m. – Cross Country:-Girls Varsity Meet –Greater Lawrence Tech @ Greater Lawrence Tech High School

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Medford @ Dilboy Stadium

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME vs. Medford @ Lincoln Park

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME – Medford @ Medford High School

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME – Medford @ Medford High School

5:00 p.m. – Volleyball:Girls Varsity Match – Medford @ Medford High School

8:00 p.m. – Cheerleading Practice – Atrium

Tuesday, September 29

3:00 p.m. – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf

Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach

5:15 p.m. – Cross Country Practice – Atrium

Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.

5:15 p.m. – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

5:15 p.m. – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House 5:00 p.m. – Boys Freshmen

Soccer Practice – Foss Park

6:00 p.m. – Football Practice –

Conway Park

Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule

3:30 p.m. – Golf: Varsity Match – Medford @ Unicorn

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME – vs. Billerica Memorial @ Dilboy Stadium

JV

4:00 p.m. – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Billerica Memorial @ Dilboy Stadium

6:00 p.m. – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

8:00 p.m. – Cheerleading Practice – Atrium

Wednesday, September 30

3:00 p.m. – Golf: Varsity Match – Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, Methuen vs. Haverhill @ Bradford Country Club

5:15 p.m. – Cross Country Practice – Atrium

Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.

5:15 p.m. – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

5:15 p.m. – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

5:00 p.m. – Boys Freshmen Soccer Practice – Foss Park

6:00 p.m. – Football Practice – Conway Park

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6:00 p.m. – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

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Canoemobile Boston 2015

By Donald Norton

The Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile, a fleet of vans each with six 24' Voyageur canoes, delivers place-based education on urban rivers and waterways nationwide. As part of its national tour of 31 cities, the Canoemobile delivered two days of programming along the Mystic River and Neponset River from September 22-23.

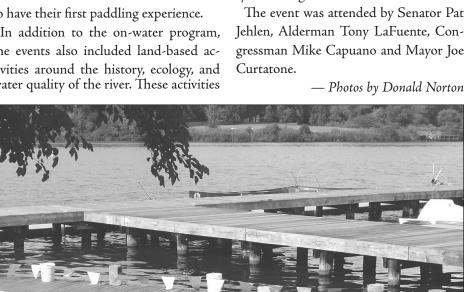
During this time, as many as 600 minority and underserved youth in the Boston and Somerville areas experienced, enjoyed, and learned about their local rivers and watersheds.

Each canoe holds up to nine students/ chaperones and one highly trained environmental educator, allowing participants who have never been on the water to have their first paddling experience.

In addition to the on-water program, the events also included land-based activities around the history, ecology, and water quality of the river. These activities

were facilitated by both federal and local youth-serving organizations.

The event was coordinated by the National Park Service River's, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, and hosted by Groundwork Somerville at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on September 22 in partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Department of Conservation and Recreation and the City of Somerville, with education activities led by the EPA, National Park Service, Appalachian Mountain Club, artist Emily Bhargava with the MUSCRAT Bus, US Forest Service and Boston National Historic Park and implemented on the water by Wilderness Inquiry and a number of community-based organizations.





Tech Gives Back in Somerville

Thirty volunteers came out to the Brown and Healey Schools on Thursday, September 17 as part of the 5th annual Tech Give Back-a day of service for Boston technology companies, coordinated through TUGG (Technology Underwriting Greater Good and Building Impact, a partner nonprofit. Volunteers



spent the day enlivening two schools' playgrounds, painting a large kickball court, putting in new four-square courts, hopscotch and a soccer pitch, and repainting basketball court lines. Students watching the progress chimed in with what else they'd like to see on their playground: "gridiron lines!" "another four-square!" ... and TUGG delivered.





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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

204 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-56-R1-9/2015) Applicants and Owners, Ronald and Linde Dynneson, seek a revision, SZO §5.3.8 to case ZBA 2014-56 to increase the amount of impervious area originally approved for the project. The original approval was for a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.3.g for a change in use to a Historic Bed and Breakfast. The Applicants also received a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which included the addition of dormers and an enlargement of the existing rear addition. RA zone. Ward 7.

415 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-74) Applicant, Somerville Bread Company LLC, and Owner, Double Disco Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish specialty food store use per SZO 7.11.9.3 for a bakery, and parking relief per SZO §9.4. Ward 4.

503B Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-71) Applicant & Owner, Broadway Investments, seeks a Special Permit for modification of parking requirements in order to expand an existing restaurant (currently Churrasco) into an adjacent space that is currently an office use.

74 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-72) Applicant & Owner, Buster Bronze LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure to add a dormer to the nonconforming side yard. RA zone. Ward 6.

44 Powder House Blvd: (Case #ZBA 2015-73) Applicants and owners Francis & Marjorie Lichentenberger seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure by remodeling and adding a family room in the basement. RA Zone. Ward 6.

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



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 9/23/15 & 9/30/15.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK**

Effective October 1, 2015, certain business license fees and other charges in the City Clerk's Office are being revised. For information on these fees and charges, contact the City Clerk's Office, or view the list from the City Clerk's Office department page at www. somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP # 16-27

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

Engineering and Design services for storm-water storage at Nunziato Field.

A Request for Proposals (RFP), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland

Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after September 23, 2015.

Sealed bids will be received until Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information, and bid packages.

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Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-30048

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000.

On September 3, 2015, The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds a NO-TICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property:

- Use of the portion of the property as a residence, school (with the exception of adult education), daycare, nursery, recreational area (such as a park or athletic fields), and/or any other use at which a child's presence is likely;
- (ii) Any activity including, but not limited to, excavation, which is likely to disturb PCB-contaminated soil fill located at 0-7 feet below surface grade associated with underground utility and/ or construction work, without prior development and implementation of a Soil Management Plan and a Health and Safety Plan;
- (iii) Any activity which is likely to disturb PCB-contaminated soil fill located at 0-7 feet below surface grade for a period of time greater than six months, unless such activity is first evaluated by an LSP who renders an Opinion stating that such activity is consistent with maintaining a condition of No Significant Risk; and
- (iv) Relocation of PCB-contaminated soil fill located at 0-7 feet be low surface grade, unless such relocation is first evaluated by an LSP who renders an Opinion stating that such relocation is consistent with maintaining a condition of No Significant Risk.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact M. Margret Hanley LSP, The Isosceles Group, 50 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, Tel. 617.330.2800.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-30048 at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/ SearchableSites2/Site Info.aspx?textfield RTN=3-0030048&search-Type=ALL&CurrentPage=3 or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts Tel (978) 694-3200

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 6:30 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti, Chair of the Committee, for public input related to the city's proposed ban on

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

MIDDI FCEY Division

Docket No. MI 15 D3077DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Ista Didier vs. Sony Didier

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Ista Didier 30 River Road Somerville,MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before 10/13/2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You

are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: September 1, 2015.

Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate**

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HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 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 – 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

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 foliage, 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.

Painting as a Tool for Stress Management and Wellness - Monday October 26 -- at our Holland Street Center. Mind Full or Mindful? – A series of quarterly workshops with Patty Contente, LICSW, that helps use your creative side to manage stress. This workshop is free and space is limited. Please call Janine Lotti at 617625-6600, ext. 2300 or email JLotti@Somervillema.gov to reserve your

New York City Weekend Getaway - Saturday & Sunday, November 7 and 8 - \$170.- per person / Double and \$250.- per person / Single. Start your Holiday shopping early, go see a play or just enjoy the sights. Coach transportation will drop you off at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Macy's Department Store on Saturday the 7th. After a great night's sleep at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford, CT and an early breakfast head back into NYC to see the 9/11 Memorial before heading home. Departs our Ralph & Jenny Center, Saturday, November 7th at 5:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 8th. A \$50.- deposit is required upon reservation. Seats are limited and will fill up fast. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Manhattan Dolls at the Common Man Inn - Tuesday, November 10 – Plymouth, NH – For a fee of \$81.- you have a choice between Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Meat Lasagna includes, bread, salad, pasta salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, homemade cheesecake, coffee and tea. Then the Manhattan Dolls will sing through the decades, from the 30s to the 60s. Check in is 8:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 9:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have any

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:

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 Kowaleski 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) 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 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

Thursday | September 24

9:00-11:00 De-cluttering Kick-Off (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)

Friday | September 25

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

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

Monday | September 28

9:00 Walking & Talking Group (H) 9:30 Veterans Group(H) 10:30 Movie & Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday | September 29

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)

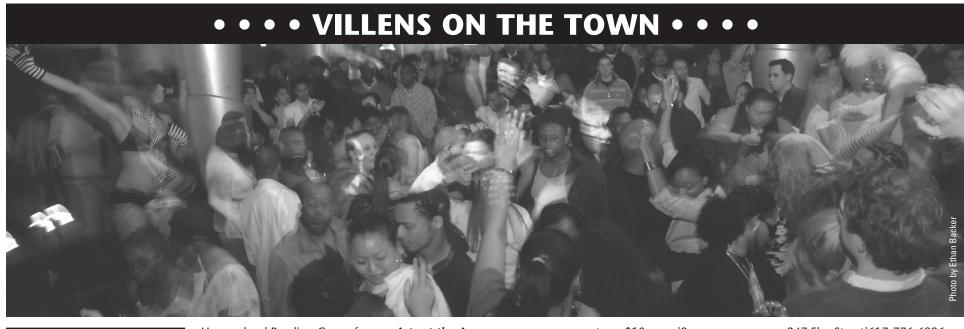
Wednesday | September 30

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

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

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.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday | September 24

Central Library

Central Library

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

West Branch Library Somerville Reads Craft: Duct-Tape It! Annamarie Almeida 617-623-5000 x2977 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College

Friday | September 25

Central Library

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

Avenue

Central Library

Tufts Cognitive Development Lab Courtney Nugent-617-627-7944 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library

Somerville Reads Story & Craft: Make a Martian! Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Central Library

Somerville Reads Family Movie Night and Potluck Dinner: War of the Worlds

Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2954

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

Monday | September 28

Central Library

Sing Along with Matt Heaton Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday | September 29

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14 Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

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

Central Library Somerville High School Anime

Emmanuel Mukadi

2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday | September 30

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 115 Broadway

Somerville Reads Book Talk: The Martian Marita Coombs-617-623-5000

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC ARTS

Central Library

Wednesday | September 23

Bobby Whitlock & Coco Carmel 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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

The Fretless, with Nathan Gourley, Laura Feddersen & John Coyne|7:30 p.m. Comedy @ 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Melissa Rorech

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

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

Thursday | September 24

Johnny D's

David Aguilar USA Tour '15 (Featuring: Eleanor Dubinsky & Pablo Reyes)

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Los Goutos with Hillbilly Holiday, The Beauty Way \$5 cover 8:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Gianna Botticelli|8:30 p.m. Hunter

Night Mayor Sick of Sarah 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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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.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory The Loop

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | September 25

Johnny D's

Porch Party Mamas LoVeSeXy....."a tribute to the music of Prince" + Gunpowder Gelatine

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6

HearNowLive presents Blue Eyed Soul, Mark Femino, Nate Livingston \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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

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P.A.'s Lounge

Fantasy Echoes 8 p.m. **Lousy Instruments** Off Grove

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On The Hill Tavern

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

499 Broadway |617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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Davis Square Theatre Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m.

255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Calling all Hip Hop Artists, Poets, Beatboxers, Singers and Dancers! 7:30 p.m.|Cafe

Ask a Sex Abuse Survivor - Michael Broussard 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | September 26

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Tribute to THE BAND featuring The THE BAND Band Forró Zabumbeca - Forró in Stereo CD Release Party! 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Muck and the Mires, Sugar Blood Jinx, Hambone Skinny \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren **Back Room**

Burren Comedy All-Stars with host Steve Macone! 7 p.m. Scattershots

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Stand By 8 p.m. Penn Johnson Spectral Bat The Owens

The Furs 345 Somerville Ave

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65 Holland St

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

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Joshua Tree DJ El Sid!

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Arts at the Armory Intermezzo - Trio Concert

3 p.m. Cafe An Evening With Greg Brown 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall An special evening with Jennifer

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | September 27

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band

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

Natalie Flanagan, Michael Tarbox, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

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

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Arts at the Armory

Beyond Wrestling - "Power Keg" 5 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 8 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Monday | September 28

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone (Stand-Up) 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 Solas Nua Theatre|8 p.m. 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

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Tuesday | September 29

Johnny D's

Melanie with special guests Beau Jarred and EVA (folk /singer -songwriter) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Juliet & The Lonesome Romeos|7 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. **Back Room** Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8

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

Arts at the Armory

Alex & the XO's with guests Paper Waves 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | September 30

Johnny D's

Jeff Jam Dance Party Billy D & The Rock-its 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

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Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy @ 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Sunken Armada|9 p.m. Hidden Markov My Mothers Moustache 345 Somerville Ave

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Arts at the Armory

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS Thursday | September 24

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library!(Session 2)

7:p.m.| 40 College Avenue **East Branch Library** Melissa McCue-McGrath, author of Considerations for the City

7:15 p.m.- 8 p.m.| 115 Broadway **Central Library**

Steve Almond / Against Football Marita Coombs-617-623-5000

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville

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

Saturday | September 26

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday | September 27

Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Monday | September 28

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 29

Central Library

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

very knowledgeable, and on top of that he's certified and passed the test for the job. The other guy, Goran Smiljic, who couldn't pass the test, is now in a newly created position as "Department Head" (FYI, they gave him a raise since he's been on the job). We heard he's best of friends with Omar in the mayor's office. They have been seen together many times throughout the city at lunch in various places. It's a good thing Somerville has so many restaurants to choose from to have discreet conversations. We heard Omar doesn't have many friends, but we guess we heard wrong and we're glad for him. While on the same subject, another person hoping to open a business here is still waiting after 60 days for his permits and is afraid to say anything to the department. He has asked us not to use his name in fear of retaliation by the department head. We can't believe a city department head would retaliate, so we asked a couple of DPW employees on the promise not to say who they are, but we guess this guy Goran intimidates employees. ******

Some administration's personnel departments are busy trying to fill positions in the city and also busy creating them as well. We heard several other departments in the city have department heads as well who are not certified. We heard from sources that the Director of Traffic & Parking, who used to work for

Good Time Emporium.

A couple of weeks back we thought it

was a violation of contract or maybe ethics or whatever to have a city employee take pictures on city time, collecting money from the taxpayers for one of the so-called area newspapers. This guy even posted it on Facebook saying he was the official photographer of the paper until it was taken down, but not before it was copied. One source told us they have pictures of him in DPW work clothes holding a camera. Guess he must be best of friends with the mayor or some alderman? It feels like he can do whatever he wants on taxpayer's salary? ******

Candidate for Ward 6 Alderman, Charles Chisholm, has asked us to mention that he appreciates those who came out to vote last week and truly appreciated those that voted for him. He thanks them and he also wishes the two finalists the best of luck in the November election. Charles also told us he's not going anywhere. He plans on being active here in the city. He liked meeting people when he went door to door and now, although it's a back seat, he will be seen and heard from. Charles says thank you very much!

Now that the "primary" is over, it's off to the November elections throughout the city. We wish all the candidates the best, and since most of the incumbents don't have any opposition we hope they will still get out and meet the public. We know Alderman Rob McWatters is always working hard in Ward 3. He has those old time political skills, communicates, and knows what's going on in the ward he represents. Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston is also someone who knows her job and is a big listening activist for her ward. She's working very hard on the artificial turf or natural grass issue. A petition with over 1000 signatures has now been gathered and she's working with the administration, hopefully to make everyone satisfied.

The Ashley Madison scandal, which involved a cheaters website that was hacked, has some local celebrities that were found to have been exposed. It wasn't just one firefighter. We now hear that two were exposed for playing on city time. We hear the City Hall guy asked to leave is now saying he's got a better job offer.

We heard from reliable sources that an investigation is going on with a particular department head and her staff. We hear it's another TV investigation team doing it. We're not sure yet, but we think it's Fox 25. It seems like they got word that some people were being taken advantage of. We hope to hear more soon. *******

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?

****** So quiet on the candidate front, especially after that huge turnout of about 10% of eligible voters. One candidate running for office is working very hard, especially recently. He has been all over the city. Sean Fitzgerald for Alderman At Large is seeking one of the four seats currently being held by incumbents. Sean has run before here in Somerville and has a strong base. He's proven to be an effective organizer. Although there's no primary, he's on the ballot in November.

We understand that "Speakout" was taken down. We're not sure why, but we heard some nasty comments was one reason and another was that Gatehouse was just cutting it off. It will be interesting to see the real reason, because with a circulation they have now at 1200 - and most of those buy it only for "Speakout" - to see how long they will last. There are some good writers over there and we only hope for the best for them.

Somerville resident Shelisa Bittle was recently arrested and charged with with disorderly conduct, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and larceny. She was arranged and pleaded not guilty in Suffolk Court. And you thought Somerville's old days reputation was a thing of the past.

Put on your Sundy Best this Saturday

By Rebecca Danvers

Critically-acclaimed Kentucky duo, Sundy Best, will be bringing their unique blended sound of country, folk, rock, bluegrass and R&B to Thunder Road in Somerville on Saturday, September 26 for their Salvation City Tour.

Sundy Best released Salvation City, their third eONe album on Tuesday, December 2 to a CMT Listen Up! Artist of the Month honor and Rolling Stone live stream. Their second release of 2014, Salvation City brings an electric punch to their music from Nick Jamerson's guitar playing and powerful vocals coupled with Kris Bentley's impressive drumming that ultimately evolves their music as they reach new ground with their writing and sound. All songs are written by Sundy Best and produced by RS Field. Captivating crowds wherev-

er they go, the duo has recently been featured in Paste Magazine, Country Weekly, New York Times and multiple times in Rolling Stone magazine.

Sundy Best's March 2014 release of *Bring Up The Sun* has sparked a lot of attention on the popular Sirius XM station *The Highway* as well as a string of top videos on CMT, GAC and various other video outlets. They have over 2 million views already on their YouTube chan-



nel and a vast growing Kinfolk Movement following.

With over 300 tour dates nationally over the last 18 months covering 25 states and two albums released in the books for 2014, Sundy Best kicked off

2015 touring Canada with Dallas Smith in January and are now currently touring the states for their Salvation City Tour USA.

For more show and ticket information, please visit www.sun-dybest.net.

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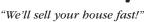
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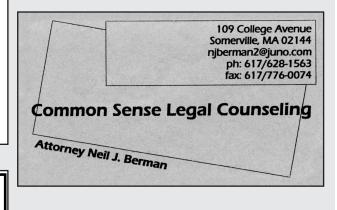
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12:00pm:	Somerville School Committee	9:00am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	9:10pm:	Somerville Fight Night		Agenda for 9/28 Meeting
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A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Lauren Holahan is a twenty-year-old photographer and musician. She is currently studying photography at Endicott College. In this prose poem she captures the unrehearsed joy of a young woman – with a flourish of colors and vivid images.



Her skirt flares out as she dances around the desolate concrete parking lot, its floral pattern bringing a new life to the grey and white ground below her tiny, high-heeled feet. She almost slips; stilettos aren't exactly the proper footwear for spinning around in circles while clutching a bottle of champagne in one of her bony hands. This doesn't dim her spirits, as she laughs off her near-fall and raises the emerald-tinted bottle to her lips, leaving little rings of blood red lipstick on the bottle when she pulls away. I can tell from the amount of makeup beginning to melt from her face that she will wake up in the morning with unpleasant black marks that could compete with even the worst of under eye bags. Her feet will be incredibly sore from her moonlit adventures strutting imaginary catwalks across campus and hours of dancing to the beat of an amateur DJ. But from what I can see, she doesn't care. Right now as she spins, she is in a ballroom in Paris, or perhaps the fields of an Italian vineyard, dancing around happily. And that is all that matters.

— Lauren Holahan

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Talking with Michael C. Keith



Author of the memoir 'The Next Better Place'

Over the past year or so I have become acquainted with Michael C. Keith, a professor of Communications at Boston College, a scholar of talk radio and other media, and the author of the memoir The Next Better Place (Algonquin Books). His memoir, as described in a review on http://www.ew.com/ is: "... a heartbreaking memoir of staggering mileage. In 1959, 11-year-old Keith and his father set off from Albany, N.Y., for the shining El Dorado of California, hitchhiking, hunkering on Greyhounds when they could, sleeping in cars, rooming in boarding houses (and skipping town without paying the rent). Keith's adventure quickly degenerated into babysitting his alcoholic dad, pushing the boundaries of personal hygiene, and flirting with the law. It's the shabbier side of America, but the sense of freedom Keith tasted comes through loud and clear, as does his affection for his father."

Keith is a prolific writer in many genres. He is also on the board of the Newton Writing and Publishing Center in Newton, Mass. He recently appeared on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Why did you use first person narrator? **Michael C. Keith:** I mulled it over for quite a while, but in the end I felt it would be the most authentic way to convey the account. I believe a memoir works best when it is told in the present tense. That is to say, not from the faraway past. It also occurred to me that it would be the most colorful way to tell my story. I selected an 11 year-old narrator because at that age a person understands a lot but certainly not everything. So it struck me that the naiveté' or innocence of the kid could work to enrich the perspective of the dominant character. Eleven year olds are very quirky. I was very quirky at that age. I wanted to capture that.

DH: How hard was it to capture the voice of the 11 year-old as a middle age adult?

MCK: Surprisingly easy. I believe I had retained that 11 year-olds' voice in my head my whole life. From the beginning, it was just there. It came effortlessly. It wasn't something I really had to work at. I never did try to write the memoir from the POV of an adult. I think that would have been much more difficult and less effective.

DH: Malachy McCourt advised memoirists to stretch things and not to get caught up in exact facts. What are your thoughts on this?

MCK: The writer Tony Early observed that "A memoir is a combination of memory and imagination." I agree with that to the extent that one must first and foremost recall things as clearly as possible and when there are gaps in one's recollection, invention may be acceptable and necessary. However, that invention should be confined to specifics and details and not the manufacture of things that never happened. Let's say the invention part should be confined to coloration – perhaps modestly enhancing the quality of a character's personality – and the reconstitution of names and dates that elude memory. A memoir should never be fiction, not even partially fiction. I think that is a corruption of the genre. Tell it like it was, was my mantra and she should be so for any memoirist. If you have to fictionalize a memoir, call it a novel, because that's what it is.

DH: How would your father have reacted to the

MCK: I think with mixed feelings. He would have resented the parts wherein he was depicted as a drunk or con man. On the other hand, I believe he would have been pleased that the story had been captured in book form. He would have been somewhat in awe that I had published it. Still, he would have had many gripes, just as he did when he was alive.

DH: Explain the book's structure, the short chapters, for example:

MCK: It's chronologically framed to reflect our hitch-hiking odyssey to California from Albany, NY, and back. The book's narrative is spread across 15 months but is really a compression of 12 years of road travel. This took some consideration, but for the sake of plot and ten-

sion, condensing the dozen years into several months made the best sense. The memoir consists of some 69 mini-chapters and 7 sections. Each chapter depicts an incident of some sort. It made sense for me to structure the memoir this way, since I like to write in increments, short bursts. The idea, too, was to reflect the passage of miles; to create a feeling of motion/movement. Early on, I was taken with 70s counterculture author Richard Brautigan's use of short (micro) chapters and the titling of each of those chapters. For me, this approach allowed for greater creativity. Each chapter title serves as a sort of précis for the content of a particular chapter. Holding with the idea of movement, the titles are road markers, if you will.

DH: Why the movie references?

MCK: Movies were an integral part of my life on the road. Whenever I could, I took in a movie. In many respects they became my classroom, since I spent little time in actual school. They primarily served as an escape from the hardships of the road. In the movies, everything was perfect and all things seemed possible. They had a profound influence on me. I wanted to be like the good and righteous heroes depicted in the films, and the heroes were typically people of accomplishment. I took great inspiration from the stories and their plots, and I think they had a profound impact on the direction I took as an adult. For the two hours I spent in the darkness of a theater, all seemed right with the world. Movies also fanned my desire for adventure and kept me longing for the next better place that may exist down the road.

DH: How many times did you rewrite the memoir?

MCK: It took a number of years to produce the penultimate manuscript. I'd write a few pages and then move on to something else. A year or two later something would motivate me to begin again. At one point, I thought I'd write it as a screenplay, but that was a genre essentially unfamiliar to me as a writer, so I'd return to the book form. The first version of the manuscript was 320 pages. It contained a prologue and epilogue. The first section was kind of an account of my early adult leading up to the recollection of my days on the road with my alcoholic father. The epilogue attempted to convey the rest of my life up to now. In the aggregate, the two sections accounted for about 40 pages of the manuscript, with the mid-section numbering about 280 pages. It still didn't seem right to me at the time, so I set it aside yet again. I've always read a lot of memoirs, and it was the reading of Angela's Ashes that caused me to return to my memoir. I had an epiphany that clarified for me the problem with my manuscript. I realized I did not need the prologue and epilogue; that the manuscript's mid-section was the book and as such complete and perfectly organic. It ended up being the book Algonquin published and with virtually no changes or revisions. The diamond had been there all along but ob scured by unnecessary pages.

DH: What do all the reference to open space symbolize?

MCK: The potential of God, I could say, although I'm not religious. The high plains with their unobscured vistas filled me with a sense of sublime freedom and possibility. In a story I wrote about the power of the high plains, the protagonist observes, "It's like standing on the forehead of God." I really did feel like I could make contact with the cosmos . . . touch the heavens. That feeling has never gone away.

DH: What makes your book cinematic?

MCK: It's highly visual and the characters are unusual and, to a considerable extent, pretty fascinating—two things important to any film. Furthermore, it's the story of a unique relationship, one possessing universal themes. It also mixes humor with pathos to give it great texture.

DH: What are the 5 most important elements of a memoir?

MCK: 1.) A good story, 2.) engaging narrative, 3.), colorful description, 4.) clear theme(s), 5.) satisfying outcome/conclusion/resolution.



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