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HONK! Fest 2012



The brass hit the fans this weekend as the 2012 edition of the HONK! Fest took to the streets of Somerville. Turn to pages 12-13 for more photos.

Photo by Bobbie Toner

Union Square Plan approved

By Jim Clark

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last week to work out details of the proposed Union Square Revitalization Plan.

Once the dust cleared and the debate was ended, Aldermen approved the Plan, clearing the way for the redevelopment process to proceed.

The program, outlined in the 150-page document that the Board approved, will call for acquisition of certain properties in the D2 sector that will further facilitate the Green Line Extension effort.

Alderman Lafuente, in addressing the Board, said, "This is another opportunity to grow our tax base, which will allow us to maintain our public safety, city services, and keep our tax rate low. As a small business owner, I am mindful of what we do here today, and how it will impact other small business owners in Union Square."

In questioning the \$31M figure that had been mentioned as the price tag for this bond, Lafuente asserted that his understanding was that the cost would actually be \$8M. "I think that we have a responsibility and an obligation to use real numbers when making

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Somerville Boxing Club aims to knock out youth crime and substance abuse

By Terence Clarey

Tucked away behind the Edgerly School at 11 Otis Ave. a large banner welcomes visitors to the "Somerville Boxing Club" an organization that celebrates its one year anniversary at this location later this month. The club teaches kids to box but has a more important mission.

"We want to keep kids on the straight and narrow and want to get kids off the streets," said Bruce Desmond, Somerville Alderman-at-Large and one of the eight members of the Board of Directors of the Somerville Boxing Club.

Normally the gym, with two sparring rings, speed bag, heavy bags and a wide array of exercise equipment, would be buzzing with activity, but on this particular Friday afternoon the gym is largely empty, but for five volunteers and two young boxing trainees.

This is because a team from the club was traveling to a tournament in Ohio and, later this month, a team will travel to the Rocky Marciano tournament in Brockton,

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Steve Detar (left), 12, and Anthony Rego (right), 13, are making the most of the opportunities provided to them by the Somerville Boxing Club. Veteran referee Ed Fitzgerald (center) lends a hand at the club.

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NEWTALK

Be sure to watch the Board of Alderman meeting this Thursday evening. They just might be discussing the new proposed salaries for many of the city's non-union workers, including the Board of Alderman themselves.

This Thursday, the 11th, at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant at Assembly Square Mall, the Somerville High School Cheerleaders will be hosting an event to help raise money. They will be passing out flyers that night, and when you bring them in to the Ninety-Nine they will donate a percentage of your bill. They will also be selling raffle tickets.

Many Happy Birthdays here in the 'Ville to the following former 'Villen Mike Berry, of Florida, who reads our paper online every week. Mike grew up here and his family is still around. To Gay Koty, school nurse and all around nice lady as well as a hard worker. Mike Buckley, great guy with a great family. Also Ben Echevarria, who is a nice guy as well.

Get well wishes go out to our good friend and loyal reader of The News, Al Baldasaro, who had been hospitalized this past week. He's now home on the mend. Al is a State Representative in New Hampshire and formerly an East Cambridge guy.

Saturday the 13th is the annual gala celebrating the Walnut Street Center's 40th anniversary at the Armory on Highland Avenue. The Walnut Street Center was founded by Claire Olsen, a Somerville resident, 40 years ago. A live auction for Patriots Tickets, an African Safari and more will take place. Help to raise funds for the Center by attending. Tickets are \$75 apiece and can be purchased online. For more information and tickets, please visit www.wscinc.org/gala2012.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Magoun Square at a crossroads

Tim Taddia says:

the big problem we have in magouan sq is parking regulations it is killing business,you can drive broadway from powdehouse sq. to sullivan sq. during the day it looks like a ghost town .people are not coming .Go to meford or arlington every sq is full with shoppers . Somerville needs help with parking .just look around it's not working.

Charlie says:

Tim, Magoun Square has similar parking regulations to many of the other squares in Somerville, including ones like Davis and Union which are much more active with customers and visitors. The big problem I see is a lack of destination restaurants or stores. I live near Porter Square and I always am looking for a reason to visit Magoun. Other than Old Magoun's Saloon, what else is there to draw me in? I usually end up going to Davis, Union, or even Ball Square/Powderhouse Circle because there are many more places there I'd like to visit.

Winter Hill Barney says:

Talk about parking being the problem is truly absurd. Bill gets toward the heart of the issue in his excellent article: relatively few businesses can be successful these days in the kind of tiny storefronts that used to be such an important part of the economic activity in urban areas. What sustained them in the old days, and what would sustain them now, is high levels of neighborhood pedestrian traffic. One thing that would do wonders for Magoun Square is some good commercial office space full of workers who need to eat lunch. I don't know if there's even a possibility of such given the types of buildings that are in and around the area, unfortunately.

Johnny says:

Barney, you're on the right track, but parking is at least part of the issue. Smart people will not open a business in an area that does not have adequate parking for customers. Also, who is going to open an office without parking for their employees?

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on who you think was the winner of last Wednesday night's Presidential debate. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Who do you think was the winner of Wednesday night's Presidential debate?



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A Question 3 advocate's response

By Jim Clark

When Mike Cann read about the recent meeting at the Cross Street Senior Center, where the Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Initiative - Question 3 - was discussed, in last week's edition of *The Somerville News*, he knew that he wanted to respond with his own point of view on the matter.

The initiative, which would allow for the use of medical marijuana in the state, is slated for voter approval or rejection in November.

Cann is especially qualified to present the counterpoint opinion to what was presented at the meeting by principle speaker Cory Mashburn, Director of the Somerville Office of Prevention. As a medical marijuana user himself, Cann has served as President of Mass-Cann/NORML and has sat on its Board for over ten years. In addition, he hosts an independent media show that he hopes will shed light on what he considers to be a very misunderstood subject.

Cann has strong opinions on how the opposition to Question 3 presents its arguments against the initiative. "It seems very one sided," Cann said. "It seems very stilted towards a predetermined outcome. They're not really interested in a complete dialog."

He went on to say that he felt that a number of points brought up at the meeting were flatly untrue. "Like Colorado's teen use going up. He [Mashburn] didn't cite a source. I looked it up, and

Colorado's teen use has gone down since medical," according to Cann. "And that's from the YRBS, which is the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance system, and that's from the Center for Disease Control."

Cann feels that the opponents of medical marijuana are presenting information that is completely opposite to what his own researches have uncovered. "You can talk about the MS [Multiple Sclerosis] Society. Their most recent expert opinions are that cannabinoids do help with neural damage. It helps the patient live a longer life." He feels as though the medical marijuana opponents deny this sort of thing.

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As for pharmaceutical alternatives such as Marinol and Sativex, Cann is convinced that these drugs are not only far less effective in helping patients relieve their symptoms, but in many ways can be detrimental to one's health and well being. "They talk about how cannabis today is 10 percent THC and how much of a problem that is, but then they start saying that you should just use Marinol and Sativex instead of the cannabis. And when you look at Marinol, it's 100 percent THC. So, you're complaining that 10 percent is too much but now

you want to give me 100 percent in a pill form?" Cann says that it's more expensive for the patient and it gets you higher. "It makes people paranoid. It zonks people out."

Conversely, Cann maintains that cannabis is something natural that's been bred for thousands of years as medicine. "This is the first medicine. It's always been the best medicine," says Cann. "I don't even like to call it medicine. That's only one part of it. It's really an herb. It can be food, it can be fiber, it has all these other uses."

Ultimately, Cann asks, "Why do you want to take something that is just a plant that helps people and give it to us in a pill form that's ten times stronger for ten times the amount of money - money that goes to these corporations that are pushing these other drugs like oxycontin?"

Cann goes on to state that much of what he sees as misinformation being fed to the public is due to the fact that opponents of medical marijuana tend to "cherry pick" their facts, often citing outdated studies and reports that tend to skew the debate in their direction. "A lot of this is politics and I feel that a lot of what they're saying is just not truthful."

The reasons for this disconnection from the truth, as Cann sees it, partially involves fear: "I gotta think that somebody like Cory [Mashburn], who lives in Somerville, he obviously works in Somerville, I believe he really thinks these things are true, unfortunately. And maybe that's it. They believe it so much they want to prove it."

Cann also wonders if some in the opposition are just looking for jobs. "They need to ramp this back up. They're losing their drug war. Every single state is now looking at medical marijuana," according to Cann. "We're looking at 62 percent support for legalization, full legalization in Massachusetts. That's more popular than Obama. That's more popular than Mitt Romney."

"They're grasping at straws," says Cann of the initiative's opposition. "We're going to win on this. People know. Their life experiences have taught them." Needless to say, he feels completely confident that the initiative will pass.

Mike Cann is co-host of and produces a weekly live streaming show at UnRegularradio.com. He also has his own YouTube channel at <http://youtube.com/mikecann>.

Fires started by candles



Photo by Ryan Epps

The cause of two recent local fires have been attributed to unsafe use of candles.

On October 8, at 2:26 a.m., the Somerville Fire Department responded to a fire at 130 Sycamore Street.

Arriving fire companies found heavy fire conditions on the third floor of a three story, multi-unit residence located on the corner of Forster Street.

While extensive fire damage was confined to the third floor, heavy smoke and water damage was suffered by the other apartments below. Firefighters had to ventilate the roof.

One occupant of the third floor was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

Damage is estimated at approximately \$300,000.

An investigation by the Somerville Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) has determined the cause to have been a candle. This is the third fire in the past several

weeks in Somerville resulting from a candle.

Somerville firefighters on Tuesday morning, October 9 at 5:34 a.m., responded to a fire inside Apt. #505 at the Properzi Manor, a high-rise apartment building located at 13 Warren Avenue.

Arriving firefighters found that the building's sprinkler system had activated and extinguished a fire in a 5th floor bathroom. A candle left burning on the bathroom sink had ignited a shower curtain.

Somerville residents are strongly urged to use candles safely. Never leave candles burning unattended, always extinguish candles after use and use candles with a one foot "circle of safety" free of anything around them that can burn.

- Deputy Fire Chief Charles Breen

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Bad inspection sticker, even worse hiding place

Police officers patrolling the area in and around the Home Depot parking last Monday made a random RMV inquiry on a vehicle they were following.

The Registry data indicated that the vehicle was active, but it had failed its inspection earlier in the year. As officers continued to follow the vehicle out onto Mystic Ave. they noticed that there was a passing inspection sticker displayed.

Because the Registry reports indicated that the vehicle had failed its inspection, officers stopped the vehicle in order to question the occupants.

Officers approached the driver, a woman later identified as Rowena Golay, 56, of Randolph. Police explained why they stopped the vehicle and Golay reportedly told them that her inspection sticker has not expired and commenced to hand over some documents to them. The officers reported that Golay appeared to be nervous and her hands were noticeably shaking.

Golay was told by officers that her inspection sticker was counterfeit, and that this was a crime and that she could be placed under arrest. The woman reportedly told police that she was 56 years old and that she had not been arrested since she was a teenager.

She reportedly went on to say that she had merely driven her nephew to Home Depot to pick up a few things. Police reported they could find no evidence of goods purchased or any receipts for any such purchases.

The male passenger of the vehicle, later identified as Justin White, 30, of Boston, was asked if he had a driver's license, since Golay was going to be placed under arrest and officers wanted to provide the opportunity for the vehicle to be driven away rather than have it towed. White showed his license but informed officers that it was suspended. Golay and White were then asked to exit the vehicle and sit on the curb while officers conducted a search of the vehicle.

When the glove compartment of the vehicle was opened officers noticed that a section of it was broken and there appeared to be tissue paper stuff into the opening. As the paper was pulled out, a plastic bag was discovered with a corner cut out of it, which appeared to the officers to be consistent with packaging methods used by narcotics dealers.

The vehicle search also reportedly turned up a prescription bottle. When asked about it, Golay denied knowing anything, but White reportedly told officers that he wanted to be honest with them and that he had hidden the bottle when the vehicle was pulled over.

Golay and White were then advised of their Miranda rights and were handcuffed.

Inspection of the contents of the prescription bottle yielded five pills, which were identified as Suboxone, a class B narcotic. White reportedly admitted to illicitly buying the pills a week earlier "because it was too hard to get a prescription for them," according to reports.

Prior to being transported for booking, a frisk search was performed on both Golay and White. When asked if she had anything on her that police could have missed, Golay reportedly told them that she had around \$600 in her underwear because "it didn't fit in her pockets."

Golay then reportedly retrieved the money, four separate stacks of bills, and handed it over to police. Officers on the scene determined that due to the presence of the pills, the cut sandwich bag, and the manner in which the money was handled, that Golay would be charged with possession with intent to distribute class B narcotic, conspiracy to violate drug laws, and possession of a forged RMV document.

White was charged with possession with intent to distribute a class B narcotic and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests: A juvenile , October 1, 3:00 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest. Charles Macauley , 52, of 53 Irving St., Medford, October 1, 7:44 p.m., arrested at 52 Partridge Ave. on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor. Rattana Lakkim , 28, of 9 Putnam St., October 3, 12:12 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery. Niall Vallega , 20, of 21 Henderson St., October 3, 6:43 p.m., arrested at 237 Washington St. on charges of unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, attaching wrong motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Brian Wise , 28, of 22 Pratt St., Malden, October 4, 9:51 a.m., arrested at 26 Glen St. on a charge of fugitive from justice. Alexander Karis , 20, of 1 Lawson Terr., October 4, 10:04 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery	and assault with a dangerous weapon. Carlos Pineda , 20, of 12 Woods Ave., October 4, 4:25 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of utter false check, forgery of check, larceny of a motor vehicle, larceny over \$250, forgery of document, larceny from a victim, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, number plate violation, and witness intimidation. Steven Lucas , 30, of 8 Willard Ave., Medford, October 5, 5:23 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250. Michael Splaine , 24, of 28 High St., October 5, 6:19 p.m., arrested at 1214 Broadway on a charge of possession of a class A drug. Curtis Knight , 46, of 102 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, October 6, 4:16 p.m., arrested on a charge of assault and battery. James Bartolo , 28, of 436 Pleasant St., Melrose, October 7, 3:16 p.m., arrested at 160 Washington St. on warrant charges of motor vehicle lights	violation and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license. Victor Villaneuva , 39, of 11 Washington St., Roxbury, October 7, 5:52 p.m., arrested at 160 Washington St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon. Incidents: Theft: October 2, 9:45 a.m., police reported a theft at Wallace St. October 2, 10:23 a.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave. October 2, 2:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Parkdale St. October 3, 5:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway. October 3, 9:20 p.m., police reported a theft at Madison St. October 4, 3:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St. October 4, 6:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Glenwood Rd. October 4, 7:06 p.m., police reported a theft at 45 Day St. October 5, 2:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Craigie Terr. October 5, 5:23 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 Mc-	Grath Hwy. October 5, 7:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Sacramento St. October 5, 9:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St. October 6, 1:43 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq. October 6, 1:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St. October 7, 12:40 p.m., police reported a theft at 290 Washington St. October 7, 7:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 76 Middlesex Ave. Breaking & Entering: October 3, 9:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cross St. October 5, 8:25 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St. October 6, 10:18 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St. October 7, 4:45 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St. Vehicle Theft: October 4, 6:31 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Glenwood Rd.	October 5, 7:36 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Harrison St. October 7, 8:31 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Heath St. October 7, 11:31 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Oakland Ave. October 7, 11:36 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway. Assault: October 3, 12:12 a.m., police reported an assault at Putnam St. October 3, 6:43 p.m., police reported an assault at 237 Washington St. October 4, 10:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Lawson Terr. October 4, 8:03 p.m., police reported an assault at North St. October 5, 7:37 p.m., police reported an assault at School St. October 6, 8:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Heath St. October 7, 1:21 a.m., police reported an assault at Everett Ave. October 7, 8:32 p.m., police reported an assault at Oak St.
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Progress made in Davis Sq. Streetscape project

By Emmanuel Vincent

One more meeting was held for the Davis Square Streetscape project at the Tab Building. It was an opportunity for the public to see where the city was headed with the project to and offer their own opinions regarding the information that was presented to them.

"Right now we are still at the gathering stage," according to Mayor Curtatone. The goals of the project were re-stated, which includes a greater flow of Davis Square for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Also, the desire of more green elements such as recycling stations has been expressed.

They city was able to determine what needed to be a priority focus of the project feedback that they gathered from resi-



The Streetscape Project continues its efforts to improve Davis Square.

dents. One area of concern was Elm Street at the intersection of Grove and Russell. The community learned the city considered adding a plaza there. The idea was met with some criticism, as some thought it would force people to relocate.

People voiced their opinions on what they themselves think

is detrimental to the square. "The bikers are incredibly rude," said one member of the audience. "It's like they don't even care. There are now no additional meetings currently set up for the Streetscape project. However, the city is anticipating that one will be held in December.

Oktoberfest in Somerville



The Somerville Chamber of Commerce held its second annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct 7, at Elm and Chester Streets. The best of bratwurst and beer, along with food served from local restaurants Redbones, The Burren, Diva Indian Bistro, Foundry on Elm, Joshua Tree, and Mike's Food & Spirits was enjoyed by hundreds who stopped by for the annual tradition. The Mad Bavarian Brass Band entertained the crowd performing polkas and great music.

Fantasia Square dedication



On Saturday, Oct 6, Peter P Fantasia was honored by the City of Somerville with the dedication of the PF3 Peter Fantasia Square at the corners of Boston and Hamlet Streets. Mr. Fantasia received the Silver Star for his gallantry in action on Nov. 12, 1944. Fantasia served as an aid man attached to Company L, Yankee Division during the initial attack by the German army and the subsequent capture of Rodalbe, France. His company suffered casualties under heavy enemy fire but Technician Fantasia provided medical care and comfort to his wounded comrades during every assault, risking his life to do so. When their evacuation was ordered, he refused to leave his badly wounded comrades. This refusal led to his being taken as a prisoner of war of the German Army. He was held until April 28, 1945 when he was liberated by the Russian Army. The ceremony was led by Jay Weaver, Director of Veterans' Affairs for Somerville.

Valentino Square dedication



Valentino family and friends gathered at Saturday's Square Dedication for Columbus Valentino who was killed in Germany in action in 1942 during WWII. Columbus lived on Dell Street in Somerville with his eight siblings. Columbus was an MP in the United States Army. Somerville Department Police dispatcher Ken Ward, a nephew, still has his Uncle Columbus' Army issued whistle from his uniform as a keepsake. Columbus Valentino's square dedication is at the intersection of Dell and Tufts Streets in Somerville.

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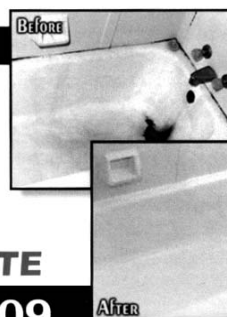
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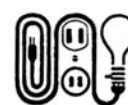
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Mini-Maker Faire makes it to Somerville

By Cathleen Twardzik

On October 13 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mini-Maker Faire, which is a Somerville Arts Council and Artisan's Asylum event, will occur in Union Square.

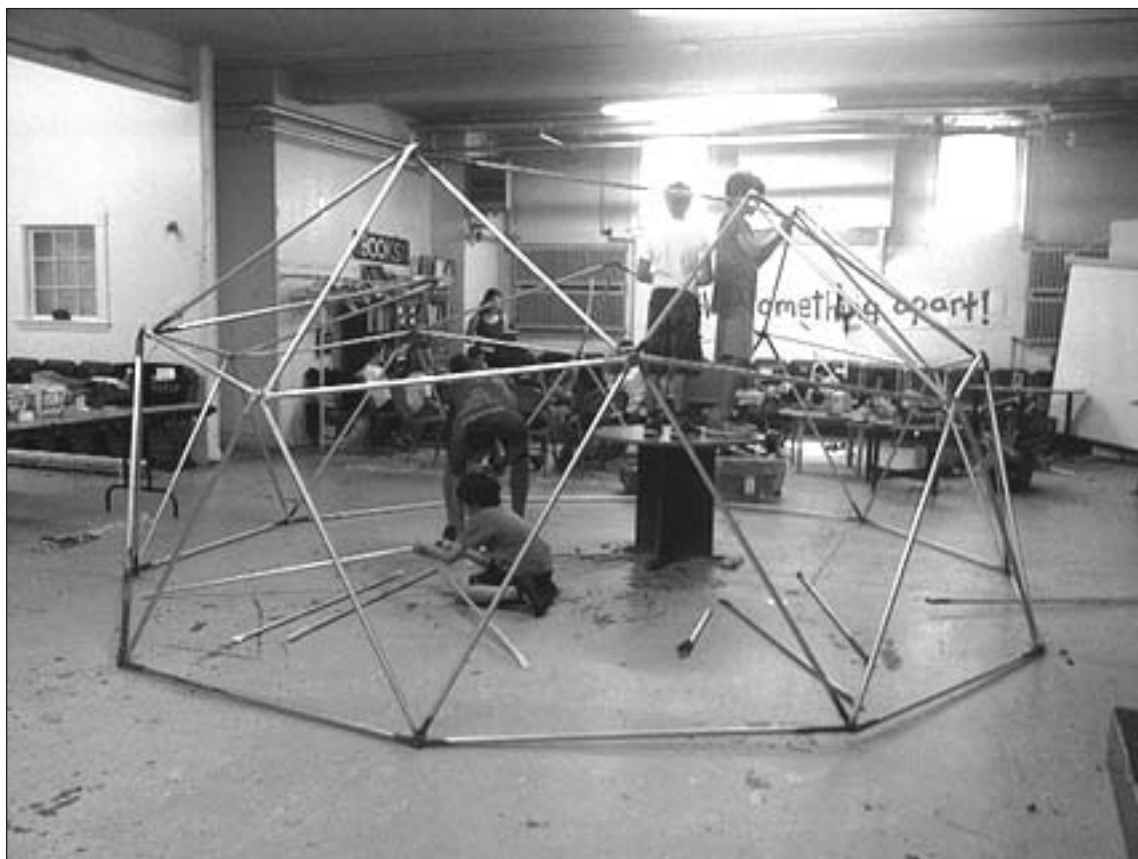
Greater than twenty organizations will have booths at the event, and they will involve family fun and kid-friendly activities, such as mini-bowling machines, robot snakes and workshops about stop-motion animation. Booths will also include small insect robots from ArcBotics and Mineways 3D-printed Minecraft objects.

Artisan's Asylum found that a Maker Faire in the Somerville vicinity existed. Therefore, the organization resolved to commence such an event in the city "in conjunction with" Art-sUnion and the Somerville Arts Council.

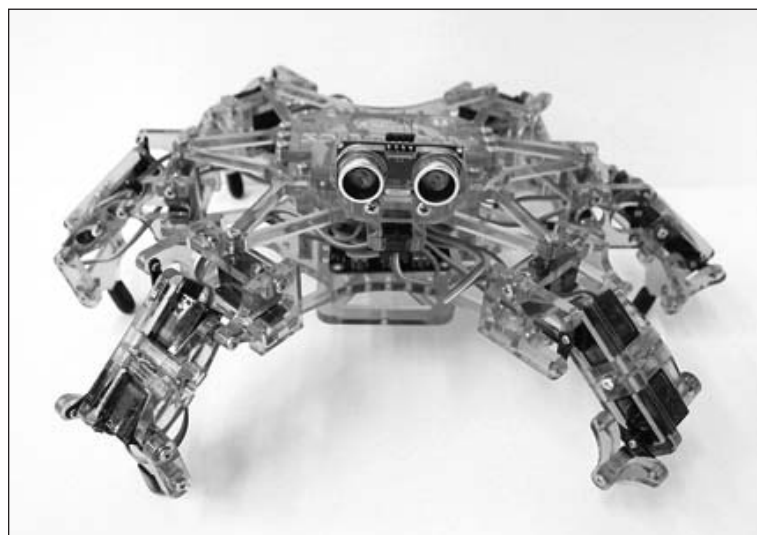
"The purpose of this event is to celebrate the DIY culture that's rampant throughout Somerville, and the surrounding area [to] give the public a chance to see some of the amazing projects that are being produced, here, on a regular basis. We hope to inspire the residents of Somerville to get involved their own DIY projects," said Gui Cavalcanti, Co-Founder and President of Artisan's Asylum, which is the organization that is sponsoring Maker Faire Somerville.

"The purpose of this event is to celebrate the DIY culture..."

"There will be several educational workshops at the event.



Dome building can be fun and educational. Find out more at the Mini-Maker Faire this coming Saturday.



Robot fans are welcome.

We'll be building geodesic domes, making stop-motion animations, and creating mosaics, to name a few. We'll be in the Union Square parking lot, which is surrounded by several restaurants, but we don't have a lineup available of food vendors at this time," said Cavalcanti.

At the event, look for Sparkfun Electronics, an organization which will show community members "how to solder and assemble electronics kits," according to Cavalcanti.

The Collaborative Electronics Media Institute (CEMI), which

is an electronic music platform, will also attend. Event participants will discover how "to make electronic music together, regardless of skill level."

"Arcbotics will be present, showing off low-cost educational robotics kits that are being developed here in Somerville," said Cavalcanti.

In 2006, Make Magazine created Maker Faire to be "a celebration of the spirit of do-it-yourself (DIY) innovation in America. It typically showcases new technology, home-built arts-and-crafts products [and]

startup manufacturing-based businesses," he said.

Artisan's Asylum, which is a community craft workshop, which makes manufacturing equipment via studio rentals, memberships and classes available to the public. The organization's building possesses greater than 140 rental studios, all of which are utilized by many artists.

In the future, the event may include additional "exhibitors and show off as many DIY projects made in or around Somerville as possible," said Cavalcanti.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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Do bicyclists pay the excise tax?

The View From Prospect Hill



There sure are a lot of bicycles buzzing around Somerville these days. More so than ever, it seems. People are opting to utilize them as either a supplemental or primary means of transportation like never before.

This leaves certain questions unanswered in many peoples' minds. Questions like: Should these vehicles be registered and licensed? Should they be required to be insured, just as motor vehicles are. And what about a vehicle excise tax?

If bicycling is gradually replacing use of the automobile, to whatever degree, then why shouldn't the owner/operators of them be held to the same responsibilities and obligations as the motorists?

Does it not cost municipalities considerable sums to create bicycle lanes on public thoroughfares? Would registration and licensing not only generate much needed revenue to fund these public works, but also help law enforcement to locate and identify stolen bikes? Wouldn't anyone putting their personal safety at risk biking on our streets be better off by insuring themselves against accidents and injuries? And as for the excise tax, isn't what's good for the goose also as good for the gander?

It's a constantly changing world, adapting to the needs and challenges of its inhabitants moment by moment. Perhaps this is the time to reevaluate the practical meaning of what makes a vehicle a vehicle, and what it should mean to be a responsible owner/operator of one. Could this possibly lead to a better and fairer system for all concerned? We're just asking.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy wedding anniversary to our good friends Paul and Madelyn Fortier. We wish them many more years of happiness.

Don't forget Open House at the Masonic Lodge of King Solomon's at 125 Highland Avenue, Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the public.

Join the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), Somerville's anti-poverty organization, as it holds its annual meeting celebration on Tuesday, October 23, at the Somerville City Club (across from Holiday Inn).

So, we still hear around town that a new soccer stadium is coming here to Somerville as well as Revere at the old Wonderland Park area. Many want it here in Somerville. What do you think?

We hear that a longstanding local real estate company is changing ownership with a slight change in the name, very soon. We hear something will be happening within the next 30 days or so.

A special After Hours Chamber of Commerce gathering at Maxwell Green off Lowell Street will be happening on Wednesday, October 17, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No cover and free appetizers. Excellent networking and free business card drawing. RSVP to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

The 66th Annual Somerville Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Powderhouse Awards, at the Holiday Inn on will be held on Wednesday, November 7. Over 200 business and civic leaders gather for a reception and dinner that features award presentations for excellence in various business, economic, and community categories. Sponsored by Bunker Hill community college and Telecommunications Insight Group. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. dinner. Tickets are \$100 pp and \$800 per table of 8. Additional sponsorships are available. RSVP to smackey@somervillechamber.org

October 17th is the final day to register to vote in the November elections. If you haven't registered yet, go to Somerville City Hall to get it done. It takes about five minutes and it's all set.

Happy belated wedding anniversary to our good friends Anita and Sal Fusco. When you see Sal around town in uniform driving one of the police bikes, tell him you read it here in The News.

Somerville Resident Paula Haley will be participating in the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Walk to raise money to fight kidney disease. Her husband and daughter have been afflicted with Polycystic Kidney Disease. Sadly, this disease took the life of her late mother-in-law. She is trying to do what turn this negative into a positive. If you would like to make a donation, please go to the following link and enter her name, Paula Haley, under Support a Walker: http://donate.kidney.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Walk_copy_of_homepage.

This Saturday, October 13, the 20th Annual Tour de Somerville will take place. This year's theme is "Edge of the City." They will ride as close as possible to the Somerville city limits in a 15-mile counter-clockwise loop. The tour will visit the industrial grit of Boynton Yards and Inner Belt, the emerging development of Assembly Row, the leafy campus of Tufts University, and the parklands of the Mystic River and Alewife Brook. Somerville police will help escort the ride, and Redbones will provide light refreshments at a rest stop by the Mystic River. Meet on Saturday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at Seven Hills Park (behind the Holland Street MBTA entrance in Davis Square). They will depart promptly at 10:15. In case of steady rain, they'll postpone the ride to Sunday, October 14, same time and location.

COMMENTARY

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A Vote for Union Square



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The October 9th vote by our Board of Aldermen to approve the Union Square Revitalization Plan was both historic and courageous. We can now move ahead quickly to submit the plan for state approval, which means we can maintain momentum to-

ward the goal of a Green Line station at Union Square by (according to our July agreement with MassDOT and the MBTA) "late 2016-early 2017." It means that the City now has the tools to shape development in Union Square to reflect the goals and principles laid out in our citywide Comprehensive Plan: new business opportunities, new jobs, and new housing all supported by transit-oriented development strategies.

Make no mistake about it: this is the kind of bold action that has helped our city to move ahead on Assembly Square, that has helped our real estate market weather the recession more effectively than most communities in Massachusetts, that has helped us achieve the best bond

rating in our history, that has earned us "Best Place to Live" ratings from Boston Magazine and the Boston Phoenix - and all while spending fewer local tax dollars per capita than any other city in Massachusetts.

That's why the vote was historic. It was courageous because it represents change - and any change is going to generate at least some controversy. In this case, the concerns expressed by opponents were about whether the Green Line will really come to Union Square; whether valuable businesses will be displaced by the development process; and whether the City is at risk if it purchases development parcels in the Union Square district only to find that developers aren't interested in partnering with the

City in a smart-growth, transit-oriented development approach.

These concerns are understandable, but ultimately misplaced.

First, let's look at the Green Line concern: Can we say with 100-percent certainty that a Green Line station will open in Union Square by late 2016 or early 2017? The answer to that question is, of course, that no such absolute guarantees exist in any aspect of life - including transit policy. But we have agreements to that effect with state officials; we have the state's continuing legal obligation to build the Green Line, and we have the vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization to commit transportation dollars to the full design of a Green Line

Extension that runs all the way to Route 16. (The MPO is the regional body that establishes spending priorities for federal-aid funds for transit projects.)

These factors give us every confidence that the Green Line will continue on track - but only so long as Somerville continues to prepare Union Square as a Green Line destination. Indeed, our refusal to move briskly on a revitalization plan in Union Square would have sent a negative message to state transportation officials and to developers deciding whether to make major investments in the Square's future as a center for smart-growth development.

As for the question of business displacement: this plan will roll out over

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Magoun Square at a crossroads

Part 2: The challenges



By William C. Shelton

Magoun Square was once a thriving commercial district, offering an array of products to its neighbors and serving them as a community center. Many of us would like to see it fully resume those roles. Achieving this requires realism about the considerable challenges the Square faces.

Healthy businesses are the lifeblood of a neighborhood center. They provide needed goods and services and bring people into the square. They hire neighbors who spend wages at other local businesses, strengthening the local economic cycle. Their premises and buildings collectively create a pleasant, human-scale environment. Their owners and workers often participate in civic activities. The higher tax rates that they pay enable a city to maintain infrastructure, create amenities, and deliver services.

Those businesses rely on some mix of sales from three groups: residents, daytime workers, and

customers who come from beyond the neighborhood. Sometimes, if the built environment is sufficiently pleasant and it hosts a sufficient density of comparison-shopping opportunities, customers will come just to be there.

In serving neighborhood residents, Magoun Square competes with Ball Square and Winter Hill businesses. About 4,300 people live within ½ mile of the Broadway-Medford Street intersection. A report by the city's Strategic Office of Planning and Community Development tell us that their collective annual consumer spending amounts to roughly

\$70 million.

But these residents are highly mixed in terms of age, income, education, and ethnic background, with correspondingly different needs, product preferences, and levels of demand. While this kind of diversity makes for interesting neighbors, fragmented demand in such a relatively small market reduces opportunities for specialty stores. Still, Magoun Square captures 30% of spending by consumers in its ½-mile trade area. But this drops off to 8.7% at ½ mile, and 2.4% at 1 mile.

Neighborhood commercial centers augment sales made to local residents with those made

by "destination" businesses. These are merchants who draw consumers from beyond the neighborhood because of their special mix of products and services, the attractiveness of their premises, their reputation for quality and service, or the reach of their branding.

Cara Donna drew customers to Magoun Square from across Somerville, Medford and beyond, who lined up for its tasty pastries. And Little Vinny's enjoyed an enthusiastic evening clientele from a similar trade area. Regrettably, both closed within the last two years.

Olde Magoun's saloon still pulls

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Lucy's



It used to be known as The Florentine Garden before it became Lucy's. It was on that stretch of Medford Street that eventually leads you to John's Auto Sales. Lucy's joins the ranks of places in that area that are now gone like Bradlees and Roma Bakery. Remember when the hot bread sign was flashing on the bakery? Many times we would buy a few loaves of Scali and eat a whole loaf on the way home. I digress.

Lucy's was there for years and many

Somerville folks have a lot of memories about the friendly family eatery. A one word description could be what one Somerville pizza lover said, simply "delish." First of all, let's talk about some of the yummy items that were on the menu. Pizza, delicious salads, fried clams, double steak tips, french fries, great chicken and onion rings. They had something called "Jo Jo Potatoes" that were out of this world.

Do you remember the 10 cent draft beers? Some friends remember hanging in there listening to *Oh Mickey*, and *Always Something There To Remind Me* on

the jukebox. Another friend tells me that she used to take the cheese off of the pizza, eat the crust, and save the cheese for last. All this while listening to *The Archie's Sugar, Sugar* on the jukebox. That song came out in 1969.

A friend's mom was a waitress at Lucy's for years. While her mom worked, my friend would sit in a booth and do her homework. Another pal remembers going in Lucy's and having a beer, when all of a sudden he saw his dad on the other side. He took off and was home in a flash. The place was a perfect hangout for the people who worked at Bradlees and

Burger King. I understand that sometimes Lucy's stayed "open" until 3 a.m.

I heard that the site of Lucy's is now some kind of a private club. Supposedly, Steve's bar was at the site for a while too but I am only going on hearsay. A lot of Somerville kids remember it as a great place to go to after youth hockey games on Sundays. A dish called steak tip parm sounds absolutely awesome! Sitting in Lucy's watching a Patriots game and chowing down sounds like it would be just perfect.

One of our dear friends named Marcia was one of the best

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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. 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. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere,

ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* examines the percentage of times in the 2011-2012 session that Republican representatives voted with GOP House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) on key roll call votes.

Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 374 key votes from the 2011-2012 House sessions as the basis for this report. These do not include quorum calls or roll calls that were on local issues.

No Republican representative voted with Jones 100 percent of the time.

The top five list of representatives who voted with Jones the most number of times include Paul Frost (R-Auburn), 99.7 percent; Donald Humason (R-Westfield), 99.7 percent; Randy Hunt (R-Sandwich), 99.7 percent; Jay Barrows (R-Mansfield), 99.4 percent and Donald Wong (R-Saugus), 99.4 percent.

The GOP representative who voted the lowest percentage of times Jones is Steven Levy (R-Marlborough). He supported the GOP leader 95.7 percent of the time.

The other 26 GOP members voted with Jones at least 95.9 percent of the time.

Here's how all 33 GOP representatives fared in their support of Jones.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported Jones.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed Jones.

Some representatives voted on all 374 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the votes. The percentage for each representative is based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Paul Adams	96.5 % (13)
Rep. Fred Barrows	99.4 % (2)
Rep. Richard Bastien	98.1 % (7)
Rep. Matthew Beaton	98.6 % (5)
Rep. Nicholas Boldyga	99.1 % (3)
Rep. Viriato deMacedo	98.9 % (4)
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	98.6 % (5)
Rep. Geoff Diehl	97.8 % (8)
Rep. Peter Durant	97.6 % (7)
Rep. Ryan Fattman	98.1 % (7)
Rep. Kimberly Ferguson	98.6 % (5)
Rep. Paul Frost	99.7 % (1)
Rep. Susan Gifford	98.9 % (4)

Rep. Sheila Harrington	99.1 % (3)
Rep. Bradford Hill	98.9 % (4)
Rep. Steven Howitt	98.6 % (5)
Rep. Donald Humason	99.7 % (1)
Rep. Randy Hunt	99.7 % (1)
Rep. Bradley Jones	100 % (0)
Rep. Kevin Kuros	97.8 % (8)
Rep. Steven Levy	95.7 % (16)
Rep. Marc Lombardo	96.5 % (12)
Rep. James Lyons	95.9 % (15)
Rep. Shaunna O'Connell	97.8 % (8)
Rep. Keiko Orrall	96.8 % (8)
Rep. George Peterson	98.9 % (4)
Rep. Elizabeth Poirier	98.6 % (5)
Rep. George Ross	98.1 % (7)
Rep. Todd Smola	98.9 % (4)
Rep. David Vieira	98.3 % (6)
Rep. Daniel Webster	97.7 % (8)
Rep. Daniel Winslow	98.3 % (6)
Rep. Donald Wong	99.4 % (2)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MARRIAGE THERAPISTS (S 72) - The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a measure adding licensed marriage and family therapists to the list of licensed mental health professionals required to be recognized by health insurance companies. The current list includes psychiatrists, psychologists, independent clinical social workers, mental health counselors and nurse mental health clinical specialists.

TWO HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON DISABILITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - The 13-member Special Commission on Disability was created by the Legislature in 2011 to examine problems with the state's public employees' disability retirement system. The commission will hold hearings on October 15 at 1 p.m. in Room A-1 of the Statehouse and October 18 at 1 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. The commission is looking for ideas to improve and reform the system.

OFF TO A STUDY COMMITTEE - Various committees recommended that many bills be shipped off to a "study committee" where measures are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. Here are some of the bills heading for that fate last week:

SALES TAX ON INTERNET SALES (S 1554) - Imposes the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on many goods consumers buy on the Internet. Currently, Amazon.com and other Internet companies are exempt from collecting the tax under a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that Internet retailers only have to charge sales tax in states in which they have a "physical presence." The bill would expand the definition of physical presence to include some 5,000 affiliates with physical offices in Massachusetts, which are associated with the large online retailers. This would result in these online retailers being required to collect the sales tax.

Supporters of imposing the tax say that retailers in Massachusetts are losing millions of dollars in annual sales to online retailers, and the state is missing out on millions in tax revenue. They argue consumers often go

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to brick-and-mortar retail stores to see items and then buy them on the Internet in order to get a lower price and also save the sales tax.

Opponents said imposing the tax on Internet sales will simply result in many of the 5,000 affiliates closing up shop in Massachusetts and the loss of many jobs while out-of-state retailers would still be exempt from charging the sales tax.

Meanwhile, Amazon.com is interested in increasing its physical presence in Massachusetts. This has led to negotiations between the Internet giant and Gov. Patrick to strike a deal that would require Amazon to collect the Massachusetts 6.25 percent sales tax.

REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY (S 301) - Allows people to register to vote at their polling place on Election Day. Current law requires people to register three weeks before an election in order to be eligible to vote in it. Supporters say this would increase voter turnout on Election Day. Opponents say it would open the door to fraud and increase election costs for cities and towns already struggling with their local budgets.

WIDTH OF STAIRWAYS (H 3135) - Requires stairways be at least 48 inches wide in any housing projects for persons aged 55 years and over. Supporters say most hallways in homes are only 36 inches in width, not wide enough for seniors in wheelchairs.

POSTING GAS PRICES (S 1674) - Requires the price on the marquee at gas stations to state the per-gallon price if paying with a credit card. Supporters say consumers are often lured into a gas station with a misleading large sign that states a lower cash price for gas only to find that the credit card price is higher.

NO SCHOOL ON ELECTION DAY (S 251) - Prohibits public schools from scheduling classes on statewide Election Day. The measure would designate those days as professional development days, currently required under state law, to train principals, teachers and other professional staff new curriculum frameworks and other skills. Supporters say many schools serve as polling places on Election Day. They argue that crowds entering the schools on those days reduce safety and put children in danger.

ALLOW LIQUOR SALES ON CHRISTMAS (H 1028) - Allows package stores to sell alcohol on Memorial Day, Christmas Day and Thanksgiving.

UTILITY SHUTOFF NOTICE (S 1644) - Prohibits all telecommunications, utilities and insurance companies from discontinuing service because of non-payment of a bill unless the company sends a certified letter at least ten days in advance to notify the customer.

NOTIFY HOME BUYER OF ELECTRIC BILLS (S 1698) - Requires sellers of residential homes or condos to provide potential buyers with detailed information on the utility and heating fuel costs for the preceding twelve months.

VEHICLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS (H 2750) - Requires manufacturers to put a vehicle emissions label on all cars and trucks sold in Massachusetts beginning with 2012 models. The labels, similar to those required in California, score each vehicle based on tailpipe emissions that contribute to air pollution.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“That’s never been a desire of mine to increase taxes. But on the other hand . . . I’m smart enough to know that until you see the figures of what you’re working with, you don’t make any pledges.” – *Democratic House Speaker Robert DeLeo on the possibility of a tax hike.*

“I will say that I am well aware that numerous discussions have been going on about increased taxes and that obviously members of the majority party don't want to have those go public until after the election but they are absolutely underway and going on.” – *GOP House Minority Leader Bradley Jones.*

“Massachusetts leads the nation in utility energy efficiency programs and in efficiency initiatives in the public sector, and is among the leaders in such areas as building energy codes and transportation policies that promote efficiency. These efforts reduce energy bills and energy-related environmental impacts while creating much-needed jobs.” – *Steven Nadel, Executive Director of The American Council for an Energy-Efficiency Economy announcing that Massachusetts retained the top spot in the State Energy Efficiency Scorecard rankings for the second*

year in a row.

“One thing has become very clear: The defendants who stand to benefit most from the Department of Public Health lab disaster aren't low-level, non-violent drug users. They're moving large quantities of drugs, they've got long records or they're violent offenders.” – *Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley on the possibility of the release of dangerous offenders because of the alleged mishandling of drug samples by State drug lab chemist Annie Dookhan. Officials estimate that more than 30,000 drug conviction cases might be in jeopardy.*

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 October 1-5, the House met for a total of one hour and 38 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 25 minutes.

Mon. October 1	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. October 2	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 3	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 4	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Fri. October 5	No House session No Senate session

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A Vote for Union Square

CONT. FROM PG 9

the next 20 years and covers all of Union Square. The “acquisition parcels” it describes may not see changes for many years - and changes that do occur may be driven entirely by market forces that have nothing to do with the plan. In the near term, the parcels slated for acquisition by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority are largely occupied by scrap metal businesses and other uses that are completely out of character with Union Square's long-term development trajectory. (Even those aldermen who voted against the plan last week have not ex-

pressed concern about the future of these parcels.) So what we are left with are businesses (examples include Crossfit Gym and Ricky's Flower Market) that may be a great fit with both present and future visions of Union Square but that occupy land designated as acquisition parcels. The City has every intention of working closely with such businesses to keep them in Union Square if and when the revitalization plan requires acquisition of their property. They will receive the full market value of their properties (including the val-

ue of any improvements they have made in the interim) and have access to relocation funds and other support. Since both business and residential property owners in and around the Square will see the value of their real estate rise as the result of the coming of the Green Line, the construction of a new library (and possibly other civic facilities) and accelerated private development, it's clear that there is an ample upside for the thriving businesses already based in the Square. And, finally, we have the question of whether the City will end up paying for proper-

ty that it cannot quickly resell, with financing costs that become a drag on our bonding capacity. My answer is that in Union Square, as at Assembly Square, our ability to attract and secure the right kind of development partners depends on whether we have a clear vision for the district - and whether we have the necessary tools and institutional resolve to make good on that vision. That's exactly what we get from this plan. Will the revitalization plan ever require alteration or amendment? That's a distinct possibility: Circumstances are

bound to change over twenty years. But our Board was still right to take action in the here and now. This vote takes its place in a record of legislative accomplishment that has firmly established that Somerville is no longer a community that merely settles for what it can get. Instead, thanks to votes like this one, Somerville has become a community that takes charge of its own future and works aggressively - and confidently - to achieve it. That's a change we can live with, not only in Union Square but across our entire city.

HONK! Fest 2012

Activist Street Bands from Somerville to Italy turned Davis Square into a festival this week-end for HONK! Fest 2012.





Photos by Bobbie Toner

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race

The 17th annual Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race took place Saturday, October 6. This year's race featured electronic timing with start and finish mats. Following the race, runners were treated to brunch at Davis Square 7 Hills Park, where an awards ceremony also took place.

All proceeds from the race benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition, an innovative

non-profit organization that provides a wide range of social services to the Somerville area's homeless, near-homeless and working poor. The Coalition is committed to providing those in need with a range of services including emergency shelters, permanent housing for formerly homeless, educational services, food pantry and meal services, and comprehensive case management.



Runners compete as well as contribute to a worthy cause in the 17th annual Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What Shakespearean play was *West Side Story* based on?

2. What play explains the beginning of fairies?

3. How many zeroes are in a trillion?

4. How many days will it be before a clock losing 30 minutes a day shows the right time again?

5. Chrysopylae was the first name given to what well known bridge?

6. What kind of music does Beavis and Butt-head listen to?

7. Why will the tele-
- phone prefix "555" always give you the wrong number?

8. Is the Betty Crocker of cooking and baking a real person?

9. Can you name at least two of the veggies included in "nightshades"?

10. What newspaper returned the Pulitzer Prize for the fraudulent story of "Jimmy's World"?

11. On what part of the plane do you get the bumpiest ride?

12. Who was the "Maid of Orleans"?

Answers on page 21

Top ten winners:

Place	Name	Bib No	Time	Pace
1	Alex Taylor	655	15:14.0	4:55/M
2	Zack Schwartz	861	15:17.0	4:55/M
3	Nick Welch	826	15:46.0	5:05/M
4	Connor Rose	824	15:48.0	5:05/M
5	Alex Sheltzer	840	16:02.0	5:10/M
6	Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot	817	16:20.0	5:16/M
7	Samuel Goldberg	764	17:01.0	5:29/M
8	Veer Bhalla	831	17:09.0	5:32/M
9	Sean Mc Clain	45	17:18.0	5:35/M
10	Giacomo Barbone	766	17:35.0	5:40/M

For a complete list of results go to http://www.coolrunning.com/results/12/ma/Oct6_Somerv_set1.shtml.

The Deputy Chief umps



Somerville Deputy Police Chief Michael Cabral is seen here umpiring at Fenway Park this past Saturday, October 6. It was the Yawkey League All-Star game. He was one of six umpires chosen for the honor of working the game. Deputy Chief Cabral has been an umpire for the Eastern Mass Baseball Umpires Association for the past five years.

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Somerville Boxing Club aims to knock out youth crime and substance abuse CONT. FROM PG 1

MA. For the five volunteers it's not just tournament success that drives them.

"We are trying to accomplish a couple of things," said Desmond. "We want kids to come in and be able to box, the ones that want to, but we also want kids that don't want to box that might want to work out to have a place to come after school."

Dan Johnson, construction laborer and boxing club volunteer, exemplifies how the volunteers hope the club can benefit young people.

The original Somerville Boxing Club was started in 1978 and over the years it came and went in different locations around the city, including the historic Paper and Provisions Warehouse on Somerville Avenue. When it was not in operation Johnson said he found he really needed it.

"When the Somerville clubs

were started, I was involved and then I got away from it," he said, and as a result, "I was led astray for many years," saying that he got on the wrong side of the law. As an adult he realized the club was very important to keeping him from getting into trouble.

"It gave me something to do. It filled a void."

Now Johnson has a steady job and volunteers with the kids using his own experience to help them. He also benefits from the work.

"The (return of) club has been a God send for me" he says about turning his life around and being able to help kids not repeat his mistakes.

Also, in the office trading good-natured barbs with the others was Norman Stone, a trainer with 45 years of experience. If his name sounds familiar that's because he was the trainer

for John "The Quiet Man" Ruiz, two-time WBA heavyweight boxing champion.

In addition, Ed Fitzgerald, who has 50 years under his belt as a boxing referee and once officiated a local charity exhibition match between Muhammad Ali and local fighter Ronnie Drinkwater while Ali was under suspension for opposing his army draft notice in the early seventies, sat in.

City Youth Department worker Nancy Bacci, who manages the Somerville Boxing Club, and also sits on the Board with Desmond, wanted to emphasize the selfless efforts that many people have put forth to make the club a success.

"We have over 400 members (and we are) entirely a volunteer organization," Bacci said.

Two of the types of kids the organizations hope to reach are

Anthony Rego, 13, and Steven Detar, 12.

"One kid comes in here, with his head down," observed Stone. "He wouldn't talk to anybody, wouldn't look at anybody. Now he's here all the time helping out. He's really come out of himself." That kid was Rego.

"It gives me somewhere to go after school," said Rego, who has won two fights and recently won a Junior Olympic fight at Dilboy Stadium on August 24.

"My friends told me about it. At first, I really didn't know much about it. I never really watched it," he added. Once he started doing it he became hooked.

His personality has also grown from his participation. "Now he's more friendly with everyone. He helps out everyday," said Stone.

Steven Detar, whose father was a light heavyweight boxer,

says, "I just think it's a great place. I just like to come down to work out," he said.

In addition to boxing and workouts, Desmond said they offer academic tutoring and drug and alcohol counseling.

"A lot of people who have experience with drug and alcohol related problems have conquered these problems," said Desmond of many of the volunteers. "A lot of good people come down here who make themselves available for pretty much any problem a kid might have. I've never been around a better group of people in my life."

"We're like a family" Stone added.

The Somerville Boxing Club is open 3-8 PM Monday through Friday and 10 AM-2 PM on Saturdays. There is no charge to box or work out for Somerville residents.

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Lucy's CONT. FROM PG 9

waitresses ever. She worked at Lucy's for years. (Hello to Debbie and Gary!)

The area around where Lucy's was is full of memories. John's Auto sales used to be a gas station that was owned by John's father. As we mentioned before, Bradlees was where target is now, and Roma Bakery was across the street.

It's funny how we will drive through this great city of ours

and still remember some of our favorite spots that are gone. The sign may be different, the front of the store is completely changed, yet all we think of is what used to be there. Just drive by the site of Lucy's and you will experience a flood of memories. That's one of the things I love about living in Somerville for an entire lifetime.

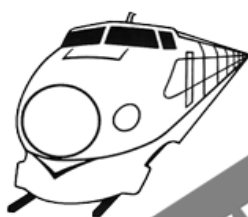
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THE Somerville News Person of the Week


October 10, 2012



Meet Eugene A. Ferraro. "Gene" to his many friends here in the 'Ville. Gene is a lifelong resident who grew up near Prospect Hill, went to school here and got married. He is a grandfather now, still living in Somerville. Gene is also very active in the local Somerville Rotary Club and has been for a very long time. He is a former president of the club and has had various other duties there over the years. Since his induction into the club back in 1983 he's stayed very active and attends meetings regularly. He's a great guy, always smiling and extremely courteous to all those that know him and, frankly, to just about anybody who meets him. He has a strong commitment here to Somerville, and has seen a lot of changes, like most of us since the 1960's in High School. He makes a great pick this week for The Somerville News person of the week. When you see him around the city say "Hi" and have a nice conversation with one of Somerville's lifelong ambassadors. Have a talk with him about the past. Congratulations, Gene. Enjoy the notoriety for the week. You deserve it, but this could cost you a fine at Rotary next week. We're sorry, not!

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MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

94 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2012-75) Applicant, Sprint Spectrum, and Owner, Beacon Place Condominium Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and two equipment cabinets. RC zone. Ward 2.

146 Hudson St: (Case #ZBA 2012-76) Applicant/Owner, Hudson Street, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a structure on a non-conforming lot to construct 3 dwelling units in an approx 5,200 sf building and 6 parking spaces. RB/RC zone. Ward 5.

29 Elmwood St: (Case #ZBA 2012-77) Applicant Charles Casassa and Owner Casassa Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, including adding a dormer on the left side of an existing single-family dwelling, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a to modify parking requirements for relief from two parking spaces to convert the structure into a two-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 7.

263 Elm St. a/k/a 5 Davis Sq: (Case #ZBA 2012-78) Owner, The 5 Davis Square, LLC, and Applicant, NE Frog Pond LLC, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment (frozen yogurt parlor), a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to modify the existing storefront, including window openings, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from parking requirements. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

252 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2012-79) Applicant and Owner, Manuel Perez, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family dwelling by modifying an existing second-story deck on the rear façade, which includes a staircase and railings. RB zone. Ward 5.

23-25-27 Village St: (Case #ZBA 2012-80) Applicant and Owner Adele Naude Santos, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming structure, including adding a second story to an existing building, as part of adding a second dwelling unit to the property. RC zone. Ward 2.

221 Willow Ave. Unit # 1: (Case #ZBA 2012-82) Applicant Paula Dowd and Owners Frank and Barbara Pisano, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 for relief from the provisions of SZO §8.5.E to finish a portion of the basement to add additional living space to an existing two-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.


219-221 Elm St, a/k/a 387-391 Summer St and 217 Elm St, a/k/a 376 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2012-83) Applicant Painted Burro, Inc. and Owner Lavery Family Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO 7.11.10.1.1.c to establish a restaurant use between 5,000 and 9,999 gross square feet and a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to modify the storefront, including window openings, of the existing nonconforming structure. CBD zone. Ward 6.


Copies of these petitions 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 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 may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.


Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-33

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

Fire Hydrants and Related Parts


An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, October 8, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of one (1) year, from 11/1/2012 through 10/31/2013, with two (2), one - year options to renew.

Email Orazio DeLuca at odeluca@somervillema.gov, for all bid information.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-35

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

Roof Repairs of all Municipal Buildings

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, October 10, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


The contract term shall be from November 7, 2012 through November 6, 2013

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

For bid packages and specifications please email: Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager: odeluca@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-34

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

Fire Truck and Ladder, for the City of Somerville Fire Department.

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, October 8, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Monday, October 29, 2012 at 11:00A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the City of Somerville or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this procurement.


The contract term shall be for a period from 11/01/2012 through 10/31/2013.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on two petitions of Auto Gallery of Somerville LLC dba American Auto Gallery at 682 Mystic Avenue:

1. A Garage License, for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles, all for 2 vehicles inside and no vehicles outside, operating Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM, Sun Closed.

2. A Used Car Dealer's License Class II, storing no vehicles inside and 23 vehicles outside, operating Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM, Sun Noon-5PM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Painted Burro, Inc., 219 Elm St. for alterations to premises to expand into the space next door known as 217 Elm St., Somerville, MA and to extend the Entertainment licenses for Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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1998	Dodge	Neon	Vin# 1B3ES47Y9WD620108
2003	Ford	Crown	Vin# 2FAFP71W63X192232
1980	MG		Vin# GVVDJ2G507256

Sale Date: October 25, 2012
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. -Somerville, MA 02143

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Aguacate Verde for a New All Forms alcoholic beverages 7day Restaurant license at 13 Elm St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding **the 2013 Annual Plan** on Wednesday, December 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on **October 19, 2011**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.



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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of 99 Restaurant of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & pub, 20 Cummings Street, Somerville, MA for Transfer of Stock and New Stock Holders.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Amelia's Kitchen, Inc. to trade a Wine and Malt License for a New All Forms alcoholic beverages 7day Restaurant license at 1137 Broadway, Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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The Trial Court
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P4500EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Penelope D Gregory

Date of Death: 06/22/2012

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Robert C Gregory of **Somerville MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Robert C Gregory of **Somerville MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative (s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 10/31/2012. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: October 3, 2012

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1995	Honda	Accord	Vin# 1HGCD5552SA040596

Date of Sale: November 12, 2012
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. Somerville, MA. 02143

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Mark Food Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Oliveira's Steakhouse for a New All Forms alcoholic beverages 7day Restaurant license and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices at 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, October 15, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Cobble Hill LLC d/b/a Cobble Hill for a New All Forms alcoholic beverages 7day Restaurant license and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Devices at 81 Park St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Conservation and Recreation will conduct a public hearing, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 92, ss, 43-47, on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, @ 11:00 a.m. at 251 Causeway Street 7th. Floor, Boston, MA. 02114 to receive written or verbal comments on the petition of 186 Communications to receive a grant of location to install a 4" conduit to facilitate the placement of a fiber optic cable. The proposed conduit path will be from utility pole 9/177 on Broadway, Arlington approximately 348' east to Level - 3 manhole 0515- 3200 on Alewife Brook Parkway in Somerville. Said hearing shall be limited to grants of location within the limits of the Department's layout for Broadway crossing over the Alewife Brook at the Arlington-Somerville municipal boundary.

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Union Square Plan approved

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arguments," Lafuente said. "Everything else that may be in the Revitalization Plan, as I read it, will come before this Board again. The potential new library being one of them."

Board President Taylor said that he felt the plan would put small businesses in Union Square at a disadvantage. "I just don't see the reason for doing this extensively so quickly," said Taylor. "I think we're moving too quick too soon."

President Taylor sponsored a group of Union Square business owner who were allowed to present their concerns about the Plan to the Board. Speaking for the group, Mike Peterson, owner of Mike's Automotive Services, said, "My concern is that a lot of businesses are going to be displaced, a lot of people

are going to be put out of work. I don't see the need for all the property being taken that's been proposed." Peterson went on to express concern that, since the planning process had been ongoing for a considerable amount of time among city planners, there was no forewarning for business owners regarding the city's intentions when they were getting permits for their businesses. After spending a considerable amount of money rehabbing the property that his business occupies, and quite possibly losing it now, Peterson said, "I never would have moved down to Union Square. I would have moved outside of the city. Some place that's more business-friendly."

In addressing the Board on the matter, Mayor Curtatone said, "I

think the misconception, and I think it's very unfortunate, is that we'll make comments that will mislead the public." The mayor went on to indicate that zoning in these areas had expired and that the city had given all the legal notices required.

Further discussion centered on relocation costs, and the role that the Board should play in planning and implementing changes in the Union Square area.

The vote at the end of the meeting saw the adoption of the Plan succeed, with Aldermen Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, Roche, Heuston, Lafuente, and O'Donovan voting for the Plan. Voting against the Plan were Aldermen White, Taylor, and Gewirtz. Alderman Trane was absent from the meeting.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday October 10

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

West Branch Library
Preschool:Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Thursday|October 11

West Branch Library
Star Wars Jedi Knight Training
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Friday October 12

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Sunday| October 14

Central Library
Rosalita's Puppets
Cathy Piantigini
617-623-5000 x2950
2 p.m.-3p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday October 15

Central Library
Sing-along with Liza!
Cathy 2950
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday October 16

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group
Tammy McKanan
617-591-0216
10 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 p.m.-11:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday October 17

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

West Branch Library
Preschool:Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC
Wednesday|October 10

Johnny D's
Tift Merritt|The Pines
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Maar|Bion|Descend Upon the Sane
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Free pool|Game Night|Interactive
Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Legacy's Evening of
Kisstory:Monster's Ball+, 8pm,
\$5adv/\$10DOS www.ticketfly.com
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Somerville Theatre
Dust Up
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thursday|October 11

Johnny D's
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays |7:30
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Ghislain Beauplant|The People's
Party|Maria Mase
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Will Dailey
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch
Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Dave Wells|I Have Ears|Nouns
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Benefit For Barbara Walsh: Rule|Jenny
Dee & The Delinquents|The
Decals|AM Stereo|The Modifiers
Radio Down: The Charms|Dave
Mirabella|Eric Salt & The Electric City
7.30PM, 21+, \$10
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
An enchanted evening, featuring:
Tim Mungenast, Urban Myth, Kevin
Blain
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Cantina la Mexicana
247 Washington St.

Friday|October 12

Johnny D's
Paleface|No Static
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Christa Renee band with Humble
Roots \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Steve Walther
Orchestra|Powderhouse|The Alex J.
Cohen Project
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Young Alive|Batlic Sun|The I Want
You

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
90's Night at the Rosebud
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
The Tokyo Tramps (last gig with
Kosei, the drummer)
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Radio Bar
Radio-UP: The Dents|Devil On
Horseback CD
Release|Watts|Gymnasium|Spin Off
Radio-Down: benefit for Barbara
Walsh The Dirty Truckers, Reverse,
Dirt Mall 7.30, 21+, \$10
379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre
The Royal Drummers & Dancers of
Burundi
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday|October 13

Johnny D's
Wanda Jackson| Daniel Romano &
The Trilliums
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Whiskey Kill with The H Bombs, Old
Hat \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Spitting Vinnies
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Chaparrals|Paperback|The American
Blues|Didn't Planet
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Drama featuring DJs
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's
Kevin Connolly Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Jonny Monster Band|Throwdown the
Band
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Radio 1st anniversary party:
Brownboot|Sidewalk Driver|The Field
Effect| Old Jack|The Derangers| The
Rationales|Cocked n Loaded| The
Acro-brats| Autumn Hollow, tba
1p.m., \$12Day/Night

379 Summer St
Sunday|October 14

Johnny D's
Open Blues Band 4 p.m.
Sam Reid & The Riot Act|Taylor
Moore|Sam Chase|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5
p.m.
Darktown Tumblers |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Up: Klink Orchard|Perhaps|Speaker
for the Dead|Moniker|Dan Harris
7p.m. 18+ \$8
Down-PJ Westin comedy show 7:30
p.m.-9:30 p.m.
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Not So Silent Sundays, featuring the
films of George Méliès
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|October 15

Johnny D's
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open
mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy
Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur Run|6:45 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Radio-Down: The Stanleys-Australia &
Lady Pilot \$5
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory
Charmed Mondays
7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|October 16

JohnnyD's
Tufts sQ
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Panda Bar: Patrick Coman & the Lo-Fi
Angels present ... |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz
& Originals etc. Hosted by Tony
Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
UnRegular Radio Presents:Tom's Folly
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of
the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

PJ Ryan's
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory
October Fiction Seminar at the
Armory
6 p.m.|Conference Hall
The First and Last Word Poetry Series
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|October 17

Johnny D's
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Maar|Bion|Descend Upon the Sane
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dave Wells presents
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Free pool|Game Night|Interactive
Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts at the Armory
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday October 10

Central Library
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Maria Carpenter
617-623-5000 x2910
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with
Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union
Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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Thursday October 11 Central Library Depression Screening Patty Conte*4325 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM 40 College Avenue Swirl and Slice 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Union Square Plaza 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 October 13 20th Annual Tour de Somerville Meet at Seven Hills Park 10 a.m. Union Square Farmer's Market 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Union Square Plaza Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St Sunday October 14	Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement. Monday October 15 Central Library Somerville Climate Action John Massey 617-513-1220 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue 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 Third Life Studio Beginning Hawaiian Hula 6 p.m. 781-729-2252 Tuesday October 16 Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue Central Library Teen Creative Writing with Ethan Gilsdorf Marita Coombs	617-623-5000 *2942 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue Third Life Studio Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. 617-628-7884 The Art of Singing Group 7 p.m.-9:15 p.m. 33 Union Sq 617- 628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com Wednesday October 17 Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com
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PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers! Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Coming up:

Annual Health & Wellness Fair - October 25 beginning at 9 a.m. with a strengthening class with Geoffrey. From 9:30 - 11:30 there will be a wide variety of informational tables aimed at keeping you active and healthy along with a variety of health screenings and wellness treatments. Several local markets will be sharing healthy eating tips, snacks and recipes. At 11:30, Dr. Anne Fabiny, chief of Geriatrics at Cambridge Health Alliance who will speak on “Healthy, Vibrant Aging”. Reservations for lunch at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

LBGT Intergenerational Halloween Ice Skating Party - October 26. Tickets available through REC Dept.

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Just starting out with exercise or want to stretch out that body? Chair Yoga with Margaret is for you. Mondays at Holland Street at 4:30 p.m. \$5.

Zumba Gold takes Zumba and tones it down a bit so we can learn the steps yet still get a nice workout. All levels welcome. Suzy takes care to make sure we are all comfortable. Holland Street Center - Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. \$5.

We heard you singing in the shower - now join us in person. The Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

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Trip Corner:

Suffolk Downs - October 17

Luciano's Restaurant Italian Festival - October 19.

Twin Rivers - November 7.

Hanscom Air Force Base Dinner and Bingo - November 14.

Shopping at Patriots Place and Wrentham - November 17.

Hu KeLau - Dinner and performance - December 5.

Shopping in New York City - December 8 & 9.

Newport Mansion Tour - December 13.

Winter Wonderland at Aqua Turf Club - December 18.

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Yoga - Monday at 4:30. Holland Street. \$5. All levels welcome.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. Holland Street. \$5.

Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Holland Street. \$5.

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

October 10

Holland Street Center

No lunch

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

October 11

Holland Street Center

Closed

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

October 12

Holland Street Center

Current Events - all welcome!|10 a.m.

Walking|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

October 15

Holland Street Center

Gardening|9 a.m.

Singing - Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.

ATTICUS|1 p.m.

Gentle/chair Yoga|4:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny

Indoor Exercise|9:30 a.m.

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

October 16

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE - Medical Insurance by appt.|10 a.m.

Belly Dancing|5 p.m.

Care Givers|6:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility and Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

October 17

Hanscom AFB

Suffolk Downs

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

QiGong|1:15 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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Turkey Train celebration



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Burton's attempt to revive 'Frankenweenie' fails

Review by Maria A. Cortes

What comes to mind when you hear about a new movie by Tim Burton? It must be something dark, and twisted, and with Johnny Depp in it. Without the latter, but - undoubtedly dark and twisted - again, as many other Burton's movies, *Frankenweenie* was released to the judgment of the youngest Somerville residents last Friday at the Somerville Theatre.

Victor (Charlie Tahan) is a young boy, who lives with his parents in a quiet neighborhood of New Holland. He is profoundly interested in science and spends all the time alone experimenting and making short movies. His only friend is his beloved dog, Sparky. Trying to help Victor to find some friends, his father (Martin Short) suggests that Victor plays baseball with his classmates. The very first game ends up tragically: Sparky is struck by a car. Victor is heart-broken. Using his scientific knowledge, he attempts to bring Sparky back to life and...succeeds! But, would Victor's life be the same when the

neighbors find out that Sparky is brought back from the dead?

Tim Burton isn't afraid of a challenge. Two years of scrupulous work with over two hundred puppets used resulted in a black-and-white horror comedy that is also the first stop-motion film made in 3-D. Sounds impressive. The question is: Was it worth it? On the one hand, the puppets are truly incredible! Wide-eyed, strangely disproportional, and fragile, they are Burton's reply to a modern age computer animation. Sparky, Victor's beloved pet, would make everyone fall in love with him at the first waggle of his tail. On the other hand, it feels that we really are spoiled by Pixar's grand masterpieces. Burton's black-and-white film seems boring, in slow motion, odd, and the puppets are simply creepy.

Neither vivid editing, nor Victor's tender attachment to Sparky (that would definitely cause some tears by the end), can revitalize *Frankenweenie*. It would appear that Burton, who always paid a substantial attention to the visual part of creating a movie, over-focused himself on



Stylish design and talented voice-over artists can't quite save *Frankenweenie*, now playing at the Somerville Theatre.

in his latest works. Just as in *Dark Shadows* earlier this year, the no-intrigue story in *Frankenweenie* drags itself so slowly that the audience can easily take several big yawns in between of the notable moments. Kids were happy to chew on their popcorn, were laughing at the moments when adults would not, and got very emotional

"when the doggy died" at the premiere showing. But, as the credits rolled, the boy at the last row whispered to his mom in an expected-a bit-more tone: "It was OK." If you are a parent, take your kid to see *Frankenweenie* and make it a nice start of a Halloween season. If you are a Burton's fan you'll like it anyway. But, if you appreciate a

good story, look somewhere else. *Frankenweenie*: directed by Tim Burton. With the voices of: Charlie Tahan, Catherine O'Hara, Wynona Rider, Martin Short, and Christopher Lee. Rated PG. Shows at the Somerville Theater (55 Davis Sq, Somerville, MA 02144). For information about tickets, please visit somervilletheatreonline.com.

Magoun Square at a crossroads

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customers from outside the area. CVS does as well. But for a destination business's customers to linger in the district, other local enterprises must evoke interest, their buildings must be attractive, and the larger built environment must be pleasant, providing a "sense of place."

Vibrant commercial areas are characterized by continuous, active storefronts with numerous doors and windows. Too many of the Square's buildings, particularly on Broadway, are set back from the sidewalk and fronted by off-street parking. That, and the street's width and traffic, discourage pedestrians.

Medford Street has a more intimate feel. But only about half of the Square's storefronts are oriented to walk-in business. The rest are office and service uses that are uninteresting and uninviting to pedestrians. They don't belong at street level. But there are so many vacancies that property owners will offer low rents to almost any enterprise

that zoning allows.

This leads to another problem. The low rents can entice would-be entrepreneurs who possess limited skills to open a business that they have not adequately planned, or capitalized, or for which they have not accurately assessed market demand. The result is a high turnover rate, which conveys a feeling of impermanence and undermines revitalization momentum.

Most of the Square's stores that offer retail goods have narrow product selections and limited window space. Available windows are often used ineffectively, and signage can be confusing.

With such low rental revenues, many property owners are reluctant or unable to maintain their buildings. Run-down and poorly decorated structures put off people who are not familiar with the neighborhood.

For these reasons, and because it doesn't have visually clear boundaries, Magoun Square lacks a sense of place. The City

of Somerville's recent \$3 million investment of stimulus-act funds in traffic management and streetscape improvements provides an essential element in recreating the Square's identity.

For a commercial district to thrive, its customers must also believe that they can easily drive into it, park, and exit. A number of merchants believe that current conditions prevent this. They cite two changes in parking regulations.

Seven years ago the installation of meters ended free on-street parking. And three years ago the city increased meter rates, fine amounts, and hours. Little Vinny's management reported that the extension of parking-meter hours to 8:00 PM correlated with a 40% drop in the restaurant's business.

In addition to residents and destination shoppers, the third segment essential to a commercial district's success is daytime workers. While Somerville's entire population drops by 26%

during weekdays, Magoun Square's drop is closer to 50%. Its daytime job count is only about 50, as opposed to 300 in both Ball Square and Winter Hill, and substantially more in Davis and Union Squares.

So Magoun Square revitalization faces substantial challenges. But it also enjoys substantial assets. Among these are a committed city government and

dedicated neighborhood activists. If they are to succeed, they must be joined by other stakeholders, including merchants and property owners.

I believe that unified stakeholders, fully aligned around a wise strategy, can transform the Square over the long run while making continuous, incremental improvements.

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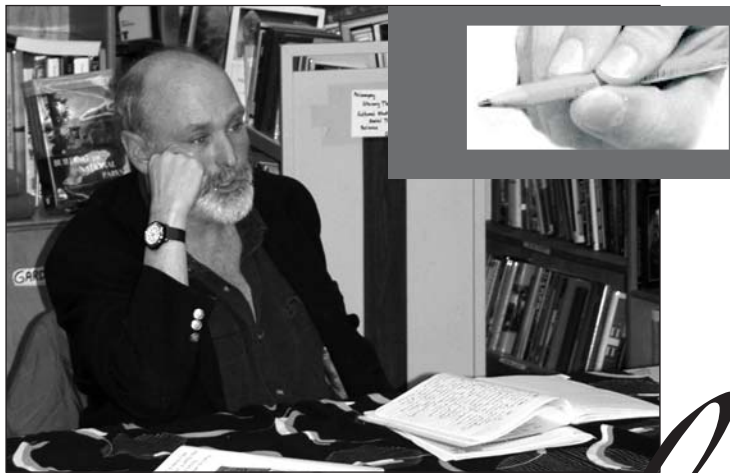
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| 1. <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> | 8. No, she was invented in 1921 to "sign" letters to consumers who participated in Gold Medal Flour promotions |
| 2. <i>Peter Pan</i> | |
| 3. There are twelve | |
| 4. Twenty-four days | 9. Potatoes, tomatoes, raw eggplant, sweet peppers, hot chili peppers and tomatilla |
| 5. The Golden Gate Bridge | |
| 6. Heavy metal | 10. The Washington Post |
| 7. It is a number used in movies and sometimes television | 11. The tail |
| | 12. Joan of Arc |

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 10								
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:00pm	Ablevision	
6:00am	In Ministry	6:30pm	Water: A Storymentary	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	1:30pm	Myths of Marijuana	
7:00am	Drug Awareness	7:00pm	Shrink Rap	4:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	2:00pm	Voices for Recovery	
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	Myths of Marijuana	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max	
9:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	6:00pm	Youth Media Projects 2012	3:30pm	Esoteric Science	
10:00am	Porchfest 2012	9:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:30pm	I Finally Did It	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Culture Club	
Noon	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	National Wildlife Foundation	8:00pm	David Parkman	5:30pm	Physician focus	
1:00pm	Voices For Recovery	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	
2:00pm	Culture Club	Friday, October 12		10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	6:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	
2:30pm	Life Matters	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:30pm	Somervile Rocks	7:00pm	Fluff Festival	
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Voices for Recovery	11:00pm	Gay TV	8:00pm	Creating Cooperative Kids	
3:30pm	Inside Talk	7:00am	Culture Club	Sunday, October 14		9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	7:30am	Physician Focus	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley	
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	8:00am	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks!	
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Myths of Marijuana	7:00am	Flipside	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	10:00am	Somerville News Reading	7:30am	Art At SCATV	11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	
6:30pm	Water: A Storymentary	11:00am	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, October 16		
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	Noon	What the Fluff Festival 2012	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV	
7:30pm	Youth Media Projects 2012	1:00pm	I Finally Did It	10:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Road to Recovery	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Water: A Storymentary	10:30am	The Strike Heard Round the World	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	2:30pm	Commonwealth Report	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report	7:30am	The Struggle	
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:30am	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00am	Democracy Now!	
9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	Noon	The Entertainer's Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading	
10:00pm	Affordable Housing in Union Square	5:00pm	National Wildlife Foundation	1:00pm	Voices for Recovery	10:00am	Tele Kreyol	
10:30pm	Shrink Rap	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Water: A Storymentary	11:00am	Somerville Rocks!	
11:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:30pm	Affordable Housing in Union Square	11:30am	Youth Media Projects 2012	
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	
6:00am	Live Response	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis	
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Road to Recovery	
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	Active Aging	
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10:00am	Active Aging	Saturday, October 13		10:00pm	National Wildlife Foundation	5:00pm	Poet to Poet	
10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:30pm	Voices for Recovery	5:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:30pm	Myths of Marijuana	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	
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2:30pm	Somerville Most Interesting Place	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:30am	Physician Focus	8:00pm	Dead Air Live	
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 10		8:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs E. Boston	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford	2:30am: (15)	SHS Football vs Haverhill		
9:00am: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception	Friday, October 12	12:00am: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception	7:30pm: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	9:00am: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff		8:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	8:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families	
12:00pm: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour		8:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm: (13/22)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 10/11/12	
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Manchester Essex Reg.		8:45pm: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security & Medicare	8:45pm: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security & Medicare	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Medford	
12:45pm: (13/22)	Dogfest 2012		9:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	1:30pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	
1:20pm: (13/22)	Hard Target: Protecting Yourself & Property		1:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs E. Boston	Sunday, October 14		7:00pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	
1:30pm: (13/22)	Riverfest 2012		9:00am: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil		12:00am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
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by Doug Holder

Interview with Poet Steve Cramer

Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Lesley University



I thought I had lost the following interview--but I just recently found it. It was conducted on my Somerville Community Access TV Show Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer in 2004. The audio tape is archived at the Poetry Room at the Lamont Library/Harvard University.

Steve Cramer is the author of four poetry collections, the latest being *Goodbye To The Orchard* (Sarabande 2004). His poems and criticism have been in the *Partisan Review*, *The New Republic*, *The Paris Review*, among others. He was the recipient of fellowships from the "Mass. Artists Foundation", and the "National Endowment for the Arts." He has taught literature and writing at B.U., MIT and Tufts. He currently directs the low-residency MFA program in Creative Writing at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. I talked with him on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet/Writer To Writer*.

Doug Holder: Steve, the MFA program at Lesley University is barely a year old. Can you talk about it, and what makes the program unique?

Steve Cramer: It's a low-residency MFA in Creative Writing. We have four genres: Poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and writing for young people. We will have our first graduating class in the Summer of 2005.

DH: Can you define "low-residency"?

SC: The first low-residency program that I know of was at Goddard College in Vermont. The low-residency programs were conceived as programs for older people who had been through college. It was for folks who had perhaps given up on writing, and then had gone back to it later. In our program writing students and experienced writers can work together in the old way, through the mail, in a one to one relationship. In order to fuel-inject this experience this program holds residencies of about ten days twice-a-year; where everyone in the program, students and faculty get together. We hold workshops, there are seminars, readings, so people leave energized both to rework their writing and to experiment as well. It is a collective experience, followed by an intimate experience between a mentor and someone looking for a mentor. The result is a MFA.

DH: Can you talk about the faculty you hired?

SC: In terms of faculty who live in the area we have Michael Lowenthal (fiction), and Rachel Kadish (fiction). We also have Janet Sylvester who teaches poetry at Harvard. A number of our writers are not American writers, but they do write in English. We have a Jamaican writer Wayne Brown, and Rachel Manley, the daughter of the former prime minister of Jamaica. So we have a diverse faculty.

DH: A former student of yours, who has just joined us, David Sirios, told me your collection *Goodbye to the Orchard* might refer to the orchard at Bennington College where you taught for awhile. Is that true?

SC: It's true and not true. I taught at Bennington for five years. For most of that time my family lived in this seedy apple orchard. There are a number of poems where the orchard figures in. The title poem: *Before the Orchard*, was actually started when we were leaving the orchard. It was a poem I could not finish at the time because I moved out. It was only after a year or two, that I finished the poem *Goodbye to the Orchard*.

Basically the "orchard" is an emblem for me of a natural state that at first is cultivated, but left alone will revert back to a wild state.

DH: Can you tell us something about "Sarabande" the house that published your book?

SC: It was founded by two poets. I don't know what drove them to start an independent literary press. They market books well, and they have a great board of directors. They have a chapbook series. They have pub-

lished chaps by: Frank Bidart, James

Tate and others. It is a very canny way to attract people to their press.

DH: You start and end your book with a "loose" translation of a poem. Can you talk about the structure of this collection?

SC: The book begins with a poem that is a loose translation of *Throw Yourself Like Seed* by Miguel de Unamuno. My recently deceased mentor, the poet Donald Justice, did this all the time. Whenever there was a period in which he wasn't writing his own poems, he either worked on a translation of a poem, and tried to improve it, if he felt it was lacking. I knew both translations would form the foundation of the book. The first one sets the terms of the book, and the last one by the same poet *It is Night In My Study* "was about writing a poem and imagining your own death as the conclusion of writing this poem.

In *Throw Yourself Like Seed* (the lead translation) I don't agree with the premise that your work, your art, is the single lasting thing. I was very conscious of starting with a poem I don't agree with. In terms of what door I would like the reader to enter, I believe it.

DH: In the poem *Body on the Brain*, you really have another take on the body beautiful. I quote: "When we add our stink to a stranger's stink from the next stall, two stinks/stink less than one-and isn't this/ how mind and body mate when we're in love." Are you talking about true love as a sort of mating of warts and all?

SC: This is a poem that has offended more people than any other that I have written. It was posted on an online magazine called: *Slate*. And it was available for immediate comment after it was posted. A cyber population got involved right away, and had some responses like: "You ruined my day!" "Thanks for sharing." I took it as a badge of honor. Yeats wrote: "... and love is pitched in a tent, near the place of excrement." We are essentially body in almost all of our life experience. We are bodies with sophisticated software, with a little free will mixed in.

DH: A prominent poet told me if a young student asked him if it was a good idea to attend a MFA program, he would say: "What ... Are you crazy? Go to law school, there are jobs there. Join the Merchant Marines, at least it's more interesting." How would you respond to this?

SC: MFA programs have been fodder for comments like that since there have been MFA programs. If someone came up to me and said: "Should I go to a MFA program?" I would not answer it with an answer but with a series of questions. An MFA program is the institutionalization between the master artist and the apprentice. I would tell them if they think they are going to get a teaching job somewhere other than Murray, Kentucky, they are fostering an illusion. To work with people on an art, who are masters of the art, is not a new idea. I don't think it is a culturally ruinous thing to have a lot of people interested in writing. Very often if they don't become writers, they become passionate readers.

DH: David can you tell us about Steven Cramer, the teacher?

DS: I was an older student. I was very serious about poetry. I found Steven to be illuminated and illuminating on the subject of poetry. The way he taught Elizabeth Bishop, Louise Gluck, John Ashbury, was really great. You taught me things I would never of learned on my own.

DH: Thank you gentleman, for joining me on *Poet To Poet/Writer To Writer*.

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