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## Community Emergency Response Team requested by Aldermen



The City of Somerville could benefit greatly by implementing FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program, according to advocates such as the Board of Aldermen.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen, at their meeting on Feb. 14, formally requested that the mayor implement a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the city.

The volunteer citizen support group, which is part of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration), would assist city emergency response efforts during emergency or disaster situations.

According to Citizen Corps, a FEMA sponsored organization, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more

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## The Somerville Maple Syrup Project sticks to the city

By Cathleen Twardzik

Leading up to the *Maple Syrup Boil-Down Festival*, which will occur on March 9 at the Somerville Community Growing Center, three free Groundwork Somerville workshops for youngsters, aged 5 to 9, which are entitled *Maple Syrup in the Library* will take place.

That program, which was funded by the Friends of the Somerville Public Library and is coordinated by the children's department, is being run by Groundwork Somerville "maple syrup" educators.

The first library event, entitled *Sap and Tap*, took place on February 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the library's west branch at 40 College Ave. At that event, an explanation of what sap is and the reason why it "flows" in the spring, as well as the way in which a maple tree is tapped were explained to the young attendees.

The second event in the series, entitled *Trees Are Our Friends*, will happen

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The Maple Syrup Boil-Down Festival will occur on March 9 at the Somerville Community Growing Center. Somerville maple syrup in maple leaf bottles will be for sale at various venues throughout the city.

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# NEWTALK

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce is having their Government Affairs Breakfast with Somerville's Board of Alderman President. The event is 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, at Somerville Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street. Chamber Members \$25. Non-members \$30. Non-members must provide contact information for payment purposes. Advance registration required with name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guests to [smackey@somervillechamber.org](mailto:smackey@somervillechamber.org) or call Stephen V. Mackey, President/CEO Somerville Chamber of Commerce, 2 Alpine Street, P.O. Box 440343 Somerville, MA 02144 at (617)776-4100. Visit them on the web: [www.somervillechamber.org](http://www.somervillechamber.org)

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Happy Birthday to some of this week's celebrating Villens: Heather Wright, who works at the police station. Kristin Kelson Chalifour and Renee Narkevicius Zayas celebrate this week as well. Also, Happy Birthday to Jessica Mantia, who has grown up before our eyes into a lovely young girl. And happy birthday to Elio LoRusso, who is celebrating in the Ville this week. We want to wish a Happy 23rd Birthday to Jessica Rose Bastardi. Jessica is also daughter to Somerville Alderman Maureen Bastardi. Happy Birthday to Alicia Baldasaro, who just turned 21 this past weekend. Alicia is daughter to our good friend NH State Representative Al Baldasaro, who is also involved in many of Somerville's organizations and activities. Happy Birthday to Somerville girl Susan Lampedecchio, who is out partying in and around the Ville with her Bo Mike. A happy birthday to our friend Somerville Police Officer Scott Gamble. And a Happy Birthday to both Brian Barton, a big union official with the electrical union in Boston, who grew up here in Ville. Birthday greetings to Robert Lomanno, who is a Bostonian florist over across from City Hall. He runs a great place and they one of only a few florists left here in Somerville. Finally, this week our old friend Denise Racicot-Kallis is celebrating another big one this year.

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *One for the history books*

mememe says:

Take note of the Fire hydrant one, this is huge, and a great way for you to help out your neighbors.

"Make sure that sidewalks in front of your property are shoveled to a minimum width of 42". This allows residents in wheelchairs to safely pass.

+ Call 311 to report unshoveled sidewalks. We will log and track these properties, and issue fines on a daily basis as allowed by law to any property owners failing to properly clear sidewalks."

Does the city and state have the same responsibilities? There are public areas where there is walkway that is still not cleared. They are the property owner, what 'stick' is there to make sure they fulfill this obligation as well mayor?

Courtney O'Keefe says:

I wonder if there is a Google map noting the location of fire hydrants throughout the city? If not, there should be. If yes, then it would be cool to have Street Teams created to ensure they are properly shoveled.

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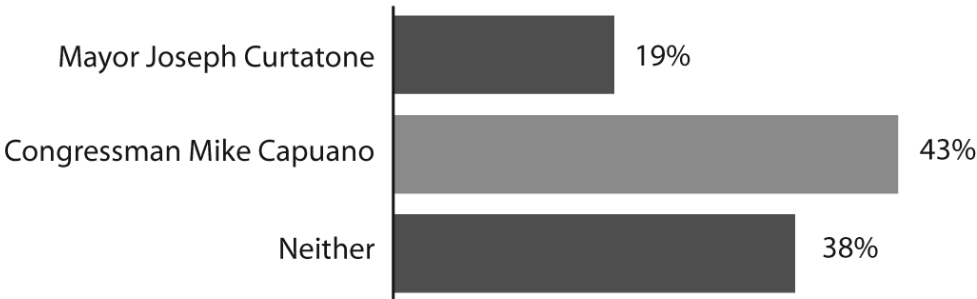
As important as it is to clear the streets, and Somerville does a better job than it's neighbors, Mr. Mayor's favorite word to describe a snow emergency is "Cha-Ching!" Tagging and towing before the snow starts? Nothing but a big money grab.

Log onto [TheSomervilleNews.com](http://TheSomervilleNews.com) to leave your own comments

## 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, if Somerville candidates Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Congressman Mike Capuano ran for Governor of Massachusetts in 2014, who you would vote for. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### If Somerville candidates Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Congressman Mike Capuano ran for Governor of Massachusetts in 2014, who would you vote for?



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# Hoping for big things at the Somerville Museum

By Terence Clarey

If it is up to the Somerville Museum Board of Trustees President, Barbara Mangum, 2013 will be a year of big things happening. With the roof replaced, and upcoming window painting and handicapped access improvements in the near future, she hopes that the museum will be able to showcase more exhibitions and host more events than before.

The roof replacement project, which began in 2008 with fundraising efforts, was completed this past December. It was a costly and time-consuming process, mainly because the building is a registered historical site.

"It was the original roof," Mangum said. "It needed repairs, but because this is a historical building it had to be replaced in-kind with slate so it wound up being a very expensive project."

The new roof needed a special kind of slate and the workmanship needed to be done precisely, so the building retained the original look it had when it was built in 1925 to house the growing collection of the Somerville Historic Commission. The entire project ended up costing around \$220,000 and was paid for by a \$104,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facility Fund and matching private donations.

The improvements and refitting don't end there. The windows and trim need to be scraped and repainted, and this work is projected to cost another \$43,000. According to Mangum, they have gotten off to a good start raising \$23,000 already. "We've just got a \$10,000 donation in addition to \$13,000 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission."

She said they hope to get the money raised by spring so they

can get started on that work. In addition to replacing the roof and painting the windows, the museum is also making alterations to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

To conform to the ADA law, a hydraulic lift will be added to the entrance on Westwood Street, inside passageways will be widened to accommodate wheelchairs, and a handicap accessible restroom is under construction on the first floor. This work needs to be done by October 1, 2013, so there will be two fundraising tracks.

"We're looking at two deadlines," said Mangum. "One in mid-April when we need the \$20,000 (for the windows and trim) and July 1 getting the remainder of the funds," for the ADA work which is projected to cost up to \$163,000.

Mangum knows the effort will be a challenge but she is hopeful the funding will come through. "Since Somerville passed the Community Preservation Act, that is an exciting grant we can apply for."

They are also scheduling a fundraising event on March 15 and are in the process of developing a Kickstarter website effort to raise money online.

While the work and fundraising continues, the Somerville Museum has been hosting regular exhibitions. Recently the museum hosted a talk by Somerville artist John Superti to discuss his book *I Cavalli di Firenze* which chronicled his search for his ancestors in Italy. The exhibition included Superti's photographs and artwork documenting his journey. They are also hosting an event called *Early Music Afternoons* on Sundays which showcases musical styles from English Renaissance music to jazz.

On February 24, in honor of Black History Month, Kathleen Walcott, a member of the Cam-



The Somerville Museum is being renewed and refitted for the enjoyment of visitors for many years to come.

bridge African American Heritage Trail Commission and Alice Mack, Somerville poet, will present a lecture on African, African American and West Indian culture and its impact on early Somerville history from 1630-1860.

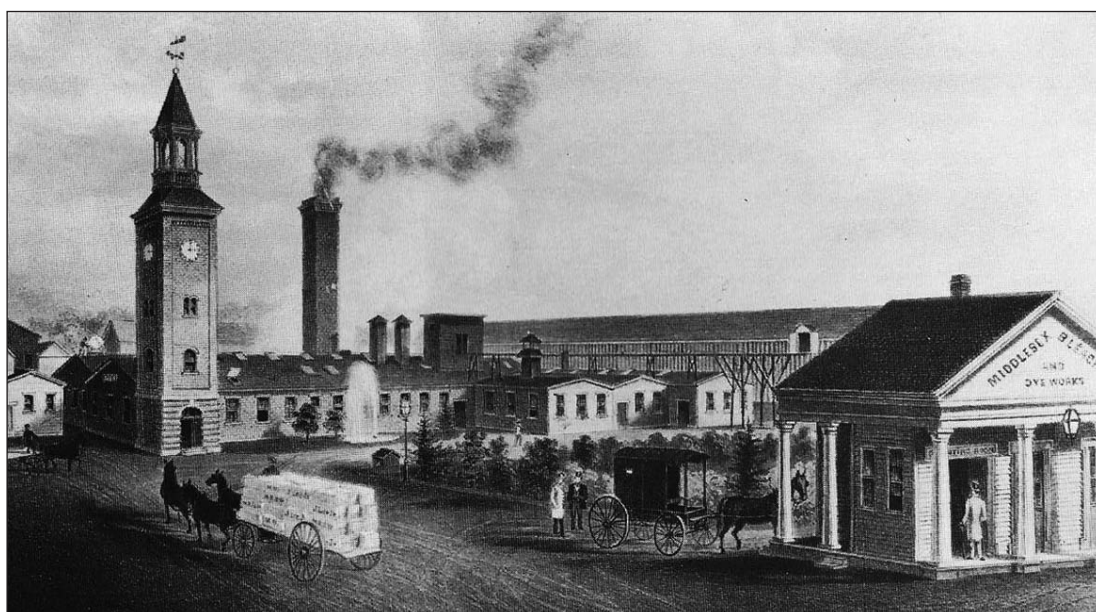
Mangum is hopeful that with many people involved, they can overcome the financial obstacles and make the Somerville Museum a great place to visit in 2013.

"We want people to come out and support the Museum and

help us preserve it for the next hundred years because we have big plans for this place."

If you would like to see a calendar of upcoming events or donate the Somerville Museum, you can visit their website at [www.somervillemuseum.org](http://www.somervillemuseum.org).

## 2013 Local History Series



The first lecture of the season, *The Somerville I Didn't Know*, will focus on the influences that Africans, West Indians, and African Americans had on the early years of development of the city from 1630-1860. Alice Mack, a native of Somerville, a poet and history teller who has been studying African-American history for several decades, will deliver the talk. Kathleen Walcott, a member of the Cambridge African American Heritage Trail Committee, will give a brief introduction that includes life stories of present day Somerville African American residents. Sunday, February 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m. with reception to follow. Somerville Museum, One Westwood Road, Somerville. Free for Historic Somerville members, \$8 suggested donation for other attendees. For more information visit the website at: <http://www.historicsomerville.org> or email [info@historicsomerville.org](mailto:info@historicsomerville.org). You may also call 617-625-5809.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Suspected heroin dealer arrested

An undercover police narcotics unit working the East Somerville area last Thursday took notice of a man who they believed was engaged in activities consistent with narcotics trafficking.

The suspect, later identified as Robert Scofield, 27, was observed walking near Broadway and Franklin Street, frequently pausing and speaking on his cell phone, according to reports.

The officers followed Scofield in their unmarked car, observing his actions and who he met as he moved through the area.

Scofield was reportedly seen walking along Rt. 99 through Boston and into Everett, according to police, then along Meacham St., eventually stopping to meet someone in a car who he met with in the parking lot of McDonald's. Scofield entered the vehicle and it drove away, stopping again at a nearby Dunkin' Donuts parking lot, police said.

As soon as the car stopped, Scofield was reportedly observed exiting the car and he again started walking along Broadway, through the Sullivan Sq. rotary.

At the Vernon St. intersection, Scofield was reportedly stopped to speak to a pair of individuals that police said were known to them as narcotics users.

As Scofield resumed walking, police intercepted and detained him. Police reports indicate that Scofield appeared nervous suffered from a severe case of dry mouth as he was questioned. A pat search reportedly turned up several plastic bags that was suspected by police to contain heroin.

Scofield was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class A drug.

## Alleged drug mule caught holding the goods

Members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit engaged in ongoing drug investigations in the Winter Hill area focused their attention on a particular residence as a suspected location of trade in cocaine last week.

Last Friday, based on information from an informant, police set up a sting operation aimed at putting a known so-called drug "mule" - one who transports narcotics to and from places where transactions are made - out of business.

Undercover officers placed an order for cocaine with a known distributor, to be delivered at the address under surveillance. It was agreed that a delivery would be made 25 minutes later, according to reports.

Approximately 20 minutes later the suspect in question arrived at the residence by car and proceeded to the front door of the home.

The suspect, identified as Alex Flores-Plaza, 32, of Dorchester, was greeted by police as he entered the apartment and immediately attempted to flee, according to reports.

Flores-Plaza reportedly discarded plastic bags containing what police believed to contain cocaine as he ran. Police also reported that Flores-Plaza struggled and resisted being detained by officers, but he was eventually caught and secured, according to reports.

The suspect was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with drug possession and resisting arrest.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Oscar Lopez**, 34, of 248 Broadway, February 12, 6:40 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Kevin Dillon**, 55, of 90 River Rd., February 12, 8:30 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Robert Scofield**, 27, of 18 Norwood Ave., February 14, 1:58 p.m., arrested at Austin St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

**Edward Cottier**, 45, of 328 Main St., Medford, February 14, 2:55 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of harassment prevention order violation, disorderly conduct, and trespassing.

**David Smith**, 48, of 49 Marshall St., February 15, 11:57 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Alex Flores-Plaza**, 32, of 48 Aspinwall Rd., Dorchester, February 15, 3:30 p.m., arrested at 11 Evergreen Ave. on charges of drug possession and resisting arrest.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

February 12, 12:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Melvin St.

February 13, 9:15 a.m., police reported a theft at 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

February 13, 1:06 p.m., police

reported a theft at 247 Washington St.

February 13, 6:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

February 14, 6:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

February 15, 8:27 a.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

February 16, 8:19 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

February 16, 9:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

February 18, 2:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

**Robbery:**

February 12, 10:02 p.m., police reported a robbery at Robinson St.

February 17, 7:17 p.m., police reported a robbery at Bow St.

**Breaking & Entering:**

February 15, 1:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Atherton St.

February 15, 11:37 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

February 16, 10:13 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Atherton St.

**Vehicle Theft:**

February 16, 10:37 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Beacon St.

February 18, 12:19 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Albion St.

**Assault:**

February 12, 4:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

February 12, 8:30 p.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

February 15, 1:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

February 15, 2:12 p.m., police reported an assault at 5 Meacham St.

February 16, 5:56 p.m., police reported an assault at 14 McGrath Hwy.

**Drug Violation:**

February 14, 1:58 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

February 14, 3:42 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 46 Medford St.

February 15, 3:30 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Evergreen Ave.

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# Somerville veteran receives long awaited honor

By William Tauro

Lifelong Somerville resident and retired former City of Somerville health and building inspector James Legee, a World War II Honoree, was recently presented a long awaited Belgian Meritorious Cross from Belgium, which Somerville Director of Veteran's Service Jay Weaver was able to obtain for Legee's efforts and service of duty during the Battle of the Bulge.

Legee never received the decoration after coming home from Europe, but after all these years he is proud and honored to finally have this well deserved and long awaited for medal in his possession.

When drafted by the United States Department of the Army as a nineteen-year-old Somerville boy, Legee served during WWII and was awarded three battle stars for his activity in the war.

Legee served in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns and was honored by the 280th Engineer Combat Battalion.



Decorated veteran James Legee.

Along with his new recently presented metal from the Battle of the Bulge, Legee in the past was also presented the Good

Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Sir/Madam:

### Beacon Street Reconfiguration Plan - Unworkable and Dangerous

The last few days have given us a picture of what Beacon Street would look like if the Curtatone administration has its way in reconfiguring Beacon St., Somerville. It's not pretty. Indeed, it is unworkable and dangerous. Over the objections of residents and businesses, the City plans to install cycle tracks that will narrow the road and reduce parking by half. With this

storm, Beacon was narrowed to approximately the width the City's plan calls for and it looked more like a parking lot than a main artery. Every delivery truck that double parked turned Beacon into a one lane road. Every resident that parked to unload groceries did the same. If two vehicles double parked in opposite lanes, Beacon would be literally impassable. This is the future that Beacon St. faces 24/7/365 if the Curtatone plan goes through.

So for a cycle track that runs for less than a half mile (yes, you read that correctly), the Mayor

will degrade the livability of the Beacon St. neighborhood, but be able to tout "the first federally funded cycle track." Nice line on an ambitious pol's résumé, but a disgraceful price to be paid by his constituents who live and have businesses on Beacon St. The Mayor is as tone deaf to his constituents worries as he is to the complete lack of feasibility of this plan and the several viable alternatives available.

Thank you.

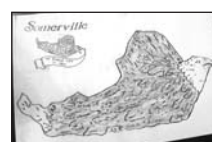
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## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



### Eagle feathers #20

## "42"ude and fortitude

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

What is fortitude? And why does Somerville have so much of it? Fortitude, according to Webster's Dictionary means: "strength of mind that allows one to endure pain of adversity with courage." A few synonyms would include: bravery, fearlessness, endurance, intrepidity, perseverance, strength and staying power. Fortitude is a quality that has been exhibited through the ideas, words and actions of thousands of Somerville citizens throughout the years. Somerville has, on the lighter side, a healthy dose of...well...let's call it "42" ude. By this, I mean the city's uncanny number of parallels and connections with the number 42. The number 42 has been cited as something of an enigma by various sources and cultural references. The most well known might be from Douglas Adams' iconic book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. In his *Hitchhiker* series, the number 42 is stated to be the answer to life, the universe and everything. "42" ude is emblematic of fortitude and describes a situation which is unique to this city. Are you ready to take a walk through time? Let's go!

Somerville was the home of John Winthrop, the first Governor of Massachusetts, who crossed the Atlantic with his Puritan followers in 1630 when he was 42 years old. He presided over the court that created Harvard College, the first college in the nation, which graduated its first class in 1642. Winthrop and his followers established Charlestown, which covered most of the land between the Charles River and Merrimack River including what are now 13 cities and towns. Woburn was the first town to separate in 1642. Somerville was the last, exactly two centuries later in 1842.

A man of great fortitude, Captain Richard Somers, hero of the war with Tripoli and quite probably the namesake of our city, spent the last day of his life on the forty-two gun U.S.S. *Constitution*, planning his attack on Tripolian pirates. The men of the gunboat that he commanded gave their lives trying to destroy the enemy's fleet. They had fortitude, just like the thousands of men and women of this town who followed in their footsteps.

Everyone knows about the battle of Lexington and Concord and where it began, but not too many people are aware that the battle ended in what is now Somerville, after 42 Minutemen died. Most people know where the Battle of Bunker Hill began but not too many people are aware that it raged on well into East Somerville. The construction of the Bunker Hill Monument, honoring the participants in that first real battle of the revolution which had over 1,500 casualties, was completed in 1842. While talking about Charlestown's famous monument, we can't overlook Somerville's two famous monuments. Firstly, the Powder House Monument has a 42-inch plaque explaining its history as a windmill and powder-house arsenal, which the British attacked on September 1, 1774. This incident predated Lexington and Concord by eight months. General Washington, who would take over the newly formed colonial army ten months later, was 42 years old at the time. Washington was the standard of fortitude. He led our troops to victory during the revolution and was our first President. Hundreds of streets, schools and people have honored his name. The most obvious examples would be Washington, D.C., the American Capitol, and Washington State (the 42nd state). The second-most visible Somerville monument is the 42-foot tall Prospect Hill Monument which commemorates the first American flag raising and the birth of the Continental Army. This event, in the presence of General Washington, took place on January 1, 1776.

If you live on the north side of Winter Hill, then you live in the four-two section of the city; that is, Ward 4, Precinct 2. This was the polling place where a young student named Barack Obama lived while attending college. His address was 365 Broadway where he lived between 1989 and 1992 while attending Harvard. Little did he know then that he would one day become the President of the United States, the 42nd man to preside in that office after George Washington.

Somerville's dimensions are 4 miles at its longest by 2 miles at its widest and is located on the 42nd parallel. It covers an area of 4.2 square miles. Now that's "42" ude and fortitude!

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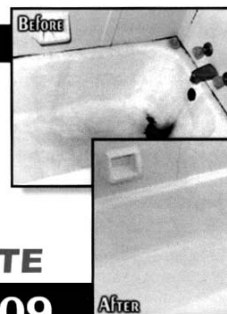
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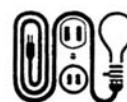


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## Community Emergency Response Team requested by Aldermen

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active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Speaking in favor of the request, Alderman At Large Connolly said, "I think after this past storm, wouldn't it have been nice to have additional people that might have been able to assist with clearing hydrants on streets and to assist with any particular medical emergencies?" Connolly went on to point out, "FEMA, through its subsidiary Citizen Corps, has funds available for local governments to have a Community Emergency Response Team. These funds are used to help train interested individuals in the community who want to assist in disaster areas."

"I'm asking the Administration to take a look at this," Connolly

stated. "I'd like this item sent to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, and request that the Chief of Police,

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to explore"*

the Chief of the Fire Department, the DPW Director and the mayor, that they take a look at this as a way to assist the City of Somerville when there is a major disaster or difficulty."

The Alderman At Large reminded the Board of the 800

volunteers who lent aid during the recent Mexico City earthquake, whereby some 100 of them lost their lives trying to pull victims from the debris because of a lack of training.

"FEMA is basically giving some opportunity to take volunteers from the community who might be willing to participate and help in a major disaster situation," said Connolly. "I think it's a great opportunity for the city to explore."

The request was approved by the Board without objection. The matter will go before Committee for further study and discussion.

More information about the CERT program can be found on its website: <http://www.citizen-corps.gov/cert/>



## Copy Cat Festival wows cat fanciers



The Somerville Copy Cat Festival, inspired by the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, took place Sunday at the Arts at the Armory. The feline extravaganza featured cat videos - produced locally and globally - cat stories, cat limericks and a slideshow of local cats. Emcee Jef Czekaj kicked off the event by reading his book *Cat Secrets* for cat-crazy kids.

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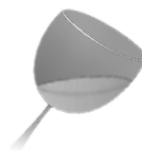


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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



We wonder if it was like this back in the day.

The View From Prospect Hill



So, all the efforts by the School Committee members - in particular Rossetti, Bockelman and Niedergang - to take a non-issue and go ahead and have 10 resumes reviewed for the appointment to the School Committee seat in Ward 1 was all for not. It's now been two months and Ward 1

has been deprived of representation. It appears that the winner of the January 22 vote by the School Committee, Ben Echevarria, couldn't find time to appear for five minutes at the City Clerk's office to be sworn in. What a waste of time for an apparent bag job that seems to have gone wrong

somewhere. Maureen Bastardi's nominee, whom she requested to fill her spot, could have been sitting on the Board back in December. What is it that keeps Mr. Echevarria from stepping up and either serving the ward or stepping aside for someone who is willing and able to do the job? There's

an old expression: either fish or cut bait. Neither thing is being done at this point in time. They talk about transparency, but this whole thing was a sham. We feel sorry for the nine others who applied and were shut out. Better luck - and "process" - next time.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Congratulations to Ava Loren Hardy and Emily Sabatino for being selected to each receive the Superintendent's awards at the Kennedy School on Thursday. Ava is also granddaughter to Somerville's own Michelle Angiulo Bowler. Emily is the granddaughter of our own Cam Toner. Congratulations to both!

A special mention to our good friend and nice guy Frank Conole. Frank is a retired City of Cambridge 40 year DPW employee that has been doing good deeds in Somerville for some time now. For the past six years Frank has been walking his little Shih Tzu lap dog across the city line into Somerville on a daily basis and tidying up the area around the Somerville Firefighter's Memorial that's located on South Street. He even decorates the memorial on every holiday and patriotic event on his own. His little dog died last month but Frank will still continue to do that good deed to honor the Firefighter's Memorial. We hear the Somerville District Fire Chief Dennis Murphy and the Somerville Fire Department is planning to publicly recognize and honor Frank with a citation. We congratulate Frank as well for his good deeds.

Our condolences to the family of Chris Papageorge who sadly passed away last week. Chris was a good friend to many here in the Ville who got to know him at John's Auto Sales over the years. Chris was a nice guy and will be sadly missed.

Somerville's Daniel's Ride 2. Please take a moment and read this. We know Mary Jean personally and she is a very strong, kind, caring, loving person, taking care of her son Daniel as a single mom, and just wants her son to be happy. The majority of us have healthy kids. Put yourself in her shoes for a moment, as we can get up and get ready in minutes, she needs hours just to get Daniel ready for school and get on with her day. We admire her strength. Thank you. "Daniel is now 14 years old. Daniel is a special needs child. He was born with abnormal white brain matter in his brain. It affects his muscle tone and balance. Daniel is also nonverbal but for a child that does not speak his face and smile say it all. His balance gets worse as he gets taller. Daniel is now in a wheelchair. He walks with his walker, and safety has always been an issue. Daniel is also the happiest kid you will ever know. He is a beautiful, sweet, loving little boy. His favorite things to do

are bowling, swimming and horseback riding. Since Daniel was five he has been attending a camp in Bridgewater called HandiKids. It is a therapeutic horseback riding camp for challenged children. They have a 12-week Saturday session in spring and fall that Daniel has been attending. The spring session goes from March to June. HandiKids, now called Bridge Center, is such an amazing place. Daniel loves it. Every time Daniel is in the kitchen he points to the picture of himself on the horse and folds his hands with a smile. Please, they have been blessed with so many generous families and friends that have been helping for years to keep Daniel on the saddle. It costs \$1500 for a 12-week Saturday session. It is so worth every penny. It is a beautiful place and Daniel is cared for and loved by many there. Please help me get Daniel back on the saddle by making a donation directly to the Bridge Center. The address is 470 Pine St. Bridgewater, Ma. 02324. It has been so wonderful that Daniel has been able to attend this camp. Even more wonderful that it is because of the generosity of others. Thank you so much. Daniel's Mom, Mary Jean Bussey."

Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi

invites you to a second neighborhood meeting to discuss a proposed residential development at 625 McGrath Highway (Highland Auto Parts). At the meeting will be Alderman Bastardi, the developer, their attorney, and a planner from the City of Somerville Planning Dept. The meeting will take place at the Community Cross Street Center, located at 165 Broadway (Corner of Broadway and Cross Street East) on Monday, February 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All interested neighbors are encouraged to attend and are welcome to comment on the project. If further information is required or if you are unable to attend but would like to comment please phone Alderman Bastardi at 617-764-5373 or email Alderman-Bastardi@comcast.net.

The Somerville High Hockey 11th Annual Scholarship dinner dance, the "Blueliners," is this Friday night, February 22, 7-10 p.m. at the Somerville City Club on Inner Belt Road across from the Holiday Inn. Italian buffet, DJ with dancing, raffles. Only \$20 for a great cause. These scholarships are for hockey players and cheerleaders. If you can't go and would like to contribute contact scd-kids@yahoo.com for more information.



# COMMENTARY

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## Lessons in storm preparation



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As we continue to dig out from the recent blizzard, even last weekend's relatively minor snowfall presented significant challenges in terms of snow removal and cleanup. Our DPW crews continue to log anywhere between 16 and 40 hour shifts to make our streets and public ways safe and accessible, and in just over a week they have, along with some assistance from private contractors, contributed tens of thousands of man hours to storm cleanup alone. Even with the warmer-than-average temperatures last week, significant amounts of snow and ice linger across the city, and therefore any amount of additional, plowable snowfall not only hinders our cleanup efforts, but creates new concerns around

parking and safety. All of these factors combine to make planning for subsequent snow emergencies more difficult and complex than if Somerville hadn't just experienced a record-setting snowfall.

As the most densely populated community in the northeast, we know all too well that parking is at a premium year-round, and that snow emergencies add to the burden. We are equally aware that school cancellations create genuine concerns about lost classroom time and finding childcare on short notice.

These issues are all very much on our minds when we decide whether to declare, and how to manage, a snow emergency. I am, after all, the father of four school-aged children, and a Somerville resident. These decisions have the same consequences for our family as they do for yours. Since my wife and I both work full-time, we are intimately familiar with the difficulties of arranging childcare, carpools, and other challenges we face as parents.

We are a two-car family, and we too grapple with the difficulties of parking on a daily basis. I understand the frustrations of snow emergencies and their effects on our daily lives. We

weigh those effects carefully when deciding how and when to cancel school. Ultimately, safety is and always will be the most important determining factor in whether or not to declare a snow emergency.

Our snow emergency policies state that we may declare emergency anytime four or more inches of snow are predicted to fall. A range of governmental, commercial and media forecasts are monitored well in advance of any potential storm by a city team that includes myself, the DPW Commissioner, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Communications Director, the Superintendent of Schools, our Constituent Services unit and others. We track a number of predications for total snow accumulation as well the timeline for the projected snow fall, and any other weather-related impacts, including high winds, poor visibility or temperature variations that may lead to icing of roads, sidewalks, trees and power lines.

We consult with municipal officials and staff in surrounding communities to better assess regional action plans and resources. We evaluate the needs of residents, businesses and the public schools communities in terms of safety, accessibility,

and balance them against our need to clear streets and sidewalks safely and efficiently. Finally, armed with this knowledge, we meet as a team to weigh each option carefully, mapping out plow routes, priority areas like schools and main intersections, and ultimately determine whether children and school staff can safely access each school and whether a snow emergency must be declared in order for our DPW and public safety crews to quickly respond as necessary in these storms.

One common misconception about the city's snow emergency declarations is that they are synchronized with school closings "because the city needs the school lots for parking." While it is a natural assumption, it is not the reason we typically close school during snow emergencies. More often than not, the declaration of a snow emergency means that city plows and other utility vehicles will be working on main thoroughfares and small secondary roads, plowing snow to the curb, sometimes in poor visibility conditions that may be dangerous for children and parents walking in these areas. It may also mean, as evidenced by the recent blizzard, that high snow piles impair visi-

bility for pedestrians and drivers, or yet-to-be-shoveled and/or icy sidewalks that force pedestrians - namely, children - into the road. There are any number of scenarios like these that must be considered during snowstorms and other emergencies that require the closure of schools for everyone's safety.

We are well aware that snow emergencies are not a one-size-fits-all action, but that every resident has a unique set of needs that may include an unusual work schedule, specialized parking requirements, childcare concerns, or difficulty with accessibility during snow events. We do our very best to balance each of those needs as much as possible. Whatever the situation, our goal is to provide information about emergencies in real time, and to communicate the declaration of a snow emergency with as much advance notice as possible to allow residents to plan ahead.

Because we now have the ability, via our Blackboard Connect mass notification system and social media feeds, to notify residents much sooner when we anticipate a declaration (unless, as last weekend, we encounter forecasts that change very quickly), it is often

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Wave high ye gifted teachers



Somerville High School recently presented a production of *The Wizard of Oz*. It was a great show. When I was at the high school, it was the teachers who conducted the drama, music and other extracurricular activities that kept me from dropping out. Along with some guidance from some great...well...Guidance Counselors, the talent shows, musical revues and plays sealed the deal for me. I was a proud member of the class of 1971.

If I hadn't taken the exciting classes taught by enthusiastic teachers, I wouldn't have graduated from Somerville High. That would have made my four years at Emerson College impossible also. It was bad enough they tried to make me take geometry again after I had flunked it the year before...with the same teacher! Thankfully Mr. Julio Perno, who was my guidance counselor, designed a special course (the Jimmy course!), heavy on music, just for me. Thanks to him I stuck it

out through high school and went on to get a BFA in Musical Theatre and Directing. Certain teachers reached out and left a permanent positive mark on us.

I asked some former Somerville High School students which teachers made the most impact on them. I will try to leave out the accounts of the few teachers who terrorized us. This is far from a complete list as there were tons of awesome teachers along the way. This is just the shortlist. Mine starts with music teachers Mrs. Mary Carafotes, and Mr. Andy Smith. These two teachers influenced me immensely.

Here come the quotes from former students. I hope we spelled the teacher's names correctly or we will be after school clapping erasers.

"Mrs. Carafotes and Mr. Ruplenas (music) made my senior year the best year of my life!" "Mr. Tarello, the Chemistry teacher...the best class ever." "Dr. Buckley was the best teacher I had at the high school." "Mr. Tom O'Brien taught me how to type 95 wpm and I made a lot of

money with that." "Mr. Sweet helped me overcome my math anxiety. Had I had him several years earlier, I might have actually amounted to something." "Mr. Gordinier and Mr. Pignatello rocked! They were very hip (and young) and we could really relate to them." Mr. Digoli once told a student, "Stephen, there is nothing sadder in this world than a dumb jock. For (crying out loud), use your brain. You are smart, don't waste it." I never forgot that. "Thanks Mr. Brenner...If it weren't for him, I'd be walking everywhere!" (I take it he was a driving instructor.) "The best guidance counselor ever was Mr. John Gartland." "Mrs. O'Brien the Building Master...loved keeping me after school!" "Ms. Danis (McMicheal). She was one of the art teachers at SHS. She recommended me to Mass Art for Saturday classes and encouraged me to make a career in the Arts. I owe my career to her." "Coach Nunziata was soooooo cool." "Mr. Moriarty was my English and creative writing teacher. Years after I graduated I found

essays I had written. The feedback he gave when grading them was in a respectful, adult tone. Made me realize why I liked his class so much. He treated us like young adults." "Mrs. Brinley for geometry also comes to mind. Very tough and demanding but she knew how to teach. I ran into her 25 years later and thanked her for giving me the confidence to pursue a career in IT field. She taught me how to problem solve and be analytical. Only time I ever got an A in math!" "Marian (Paglinca) Joyce got me my first job." "SHS Class of '70 nothing like it!" "Dr. Burns was tough as nails but a great history teacher."

Here is a list of some more memorable teachers that my former classmates from 1970's Somerville High School mentioned: Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Sweet, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dywer, Mr. Stauffer, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Murray, Ms. Marotta, Mr. and Mrs. Hrubis, Mr. Walzak, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Bonsignori, Mr. McKusker, Mr. Da Prato, Mr. Lonergan, Mrs. Murphy, Miss

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on five roll calls from the week of February 11-15. There were no roll calls in the House 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.

## LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 57)

Senate 12-25, rejected an amendment that would prohibit illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities. The amendment would supersede a recent policy, implemented by Gov. Deval Patrick, allowing some students who are not in the country legally to pay the lower tuition rates.

Amendment supporters said the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school.

Amendment opponents said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate. (A “Yes” vote is the prohibition. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO OBTAIN PUBLIC BENEFITS (H 57)

Senate 12-25, rejected an amendment providing that “self-declaration of residency” not be accepted as a valid form of residency verification for people seeking welfare and other taxpayer-funded benefits from the state. The measure also lists specific forms of identification drivers can use to prove their legal residence in order to register their car. Papers include a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate and military service papers.

Amendment supporters said many people are cheating the welfare system by being allowed to simply state their address without it being verified and argued this crack-down would save the state millions of dollars. They said the Patrick Administration is currently violating a similar law approved last year by allowing applicants to prove their legal residence with a utility bill.

Amendment opponents said this major policy change should not be made through a budget amendment. They urged the Senate to wait to take a more comprehensive

approach to the immigrant issue. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (H 57)

Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment that would give welfare recipients who receive a temporary social security number from the Department of Transitional Assistance 30 days to obtain an official social security number from the federal government or lose their benefits. The amendment also allows the recipient to continue receiving benefits if he or she provides written verification that he or she has applied to the Social Security Administration for a number.

Amendment supporters said it is time to crack down on people gaming the system and noted the temporary social security number is not real and is not valid. They pointed to the outrage over recent reports of \$25 million in welfare money going to people who aren’t eligible to collect it.

Amendment opponents said they would also like to take some action but would rather do so through a separate bill that will address all the problems in the state’s welfare system. (A “Yes” vote is for requiring a federal social security number or valid application. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## CRIME LAB OVERSIGHT (H 57)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment requiring the state’s public safety department to investigate and determine whether each crime lab in the state is properly accredited by and meets the standards of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. The measure also requires the state to establish a system for receiving anonymous complaints of employee or facility wrongdoing at any of the crime labs.

Amendment supporters said it is time to monitor these facilities following accusations that chemist Annie Dookhan mishandled drug samples and put in question an estimated 34,000 drug conviction cases.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is unnecessary because these labs are already accredited. (A “Yes” vote is for verifying accreditation and opening an anonymous tip system. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 57)

Senate 36-1, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a \$131 million fiscal 2013 supplemental budget to fund several programs including \$30 million for costs of the investigation and response related to the evidence tampering scandal at a state drug testing lab, \$44 million for homeless shelters and \$25 million for public lawyers to represent indigent defendants. It also spends \$200 million from the state’s Rainy Day Fund and saves employers an estimated \$500 million by freezing the unemployment insurance tax at the current 2012 level.

Supporters said the package is fiscally responsible and necessary to continue to fund essential programs.



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



The lone opponent said many attempts by the Republicans to make policy changes and save money in the welfare department, criminal labs and other important areas were defeated. (A “Yes” vote is for the budget. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**A BUDGET HEARING COMING SOON TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU** - The House and Senate Ways and Means Committee held its first hearing on Gov. Patrick's \$34.8 billion state budget last week. The show now goes on the road, and several hearings across the state are scheduled, including Wednesday, February 20, at Worcester State University; Tuesday, February 26, in Greenfield; Wednesday February 27, in Hanover; Thursday, February 28, in Fitchburg; and Thursday, March 7 in Everett. The final hearing will be held on Friday, March 8, at the Statehouse.

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**LIVE THEATER CREDIT** - Gives a tax credit to companies producing live stage shows in Boston in order to attract more of them to the state.

**NO SMOKING AT HOME** - Prohibits smoking in all condominiums, apartments and multi-family homes and allows it only in single-family, stand-alone residences.

**BAN FUNERAL DISRUPTION** - Imposes up to a two-year prison sentence and/or \$2,000 fine on anyone who causes a disturbance within 1,000 feet of a military funeral, procession or burial.

**BATHROOM BREAKS** - Requiring the MBTA to

give its drivers paid bathroom breaks of ten minutes for every four hours worked in a day.

**BAN CELL PHONES** - Bans the use of all handheld cell phones while driving and allows only hands-free ones.

**NO SPRAY PAINT** - Imposes up to a two-year prison sentence and/or \$250 fine on minors under 17 possessing spray paint if they intend to use it to create graffiti.

**REDUCING VEHICLE IDLING TIME** - Reduces from five minutes to three minutes the length of time a driver is allowed to let his or her vehicle idle.

**TAX DEDUCTION FOR GLUTEN ALLERGY SUFFERERS** - Provides up to a \$5,000 tax deduction for the cost of gluten-free food that is in excess of the cost of food containing gluten.

**DON'T CONFISCATE GUNS** - Prohibits the government from confiscating lawfully owned firearms during a state of emergency.

**BAN PLASTIC BAGS** - Bans the use of plastic bags by retail stores.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“5.” – *The number of drivers reportedly fined \$500 for violating Gov. Patrick's driving ban during last week's blizzard.*

“\$5.2 million.” – *Secretary of State William Galvin's estimate of how much the special election to replace Secretary of State John Kerry's vacant Senate seat will cost the state.*

“Lynch and Markey sign people's pledge.” – *Title of press release from U.S. Rep. Steve Lynch's campaign announcing that he and fellow Democratic candidate U.S. Rep. Ed Markey have agreed to help promote a ban on outside groups broadcasting ads or sending out political mailings in the U.S. Senate campaign.*

“Markey and Lynch sign people's pledge.” – *Title of a similar press release issued by Markey's campaign.*

“Help them see the generational urgency of this moment and help them find the political courage to choose what's right for our long-term good instead of just what's easy for short-term politics.” – *Gov. Patrick urging people to contact their legislators to support the governor's \$1.9 billion tax hike proposal.*

“I've heard from numerous people and I'm very, kind of, afraid of the class warfare in the regards to the (tax hike) proposal. I've heard a lot of people say, 'Why am I working? The people who aren't working are going to have their taxes lowered by the sales tax.’” – *Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) on Patrick's tax proposal, which includes a hike in the income tax and a reduction in the sales tax.*

**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 February 11-15, the House met for a total of one hour and two minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 16 minutes.

Mon. February 11	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.
Tues. February 12	No House session Senate 2:00 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.
Wed. February 13	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. February 14	House 11:04 a.m. to 12:02 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:03 p.m.
Fri. February 15	No House session No Senate session

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# The Annual Somerville Council on Aging Valentine's Day Party

By William Tauro

The Somerville Council on Aging's Annual Valentine's Party was a great time for all who attended.

The event was held and hosted by the good people of the Winter Hill Yacht Club located on Foley Street in Somerville.

Over one hundred Somerville seniors enjoyed a scrumptious, finely catered dinner that was followed by raffles and a Valentine's theme throughout the hall.

The Somerville Council on Aging's staff prepared and served the dinner and arranged the entire event.









# SOMERVILLE SPORTS

## Prospect Hill girls hoops climbing to the top

By Mike Stoller

He's been coaching for almost a quarter of a decade, but Prospect Hill Academy girls basketball coach Brian Harris says he's still learning about what it takes to win with his squad this season, even though the Wizards have posted a terrific 9-3 record overall and 7-3 in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MASAO).

In his first year with the Wizards, Harris, the former longtime girls hoops coach at Somerville High, is leading a talented juggernaut that's so youthful it's still trying to break out of its offensive-minded only mentality.

"I need them to think about defense, too. We have a

young team, and they're coming in straight from the playground games they're used to," Harris said of his younger players, referring to the offensive-style of basketball mostly played in outdoor recreational games.

*"They're hardworking kids...We're still learning. I'm learning."*

Along with that comes, dare we say it, a bit of ball hogging. The coach thinks his team could win the league title if it distributed the ball more. He is humorous in his take when

he notes how his young standouts think about just shooting the ball and playing every minute possible.

Said Harris, "I've said to my other coaches, 'Do you think if they had five fouls (the number needed to foul out) they would leave the court?'"

But, joking aside, the Wizards have done darn well this winter. Until last week's loss to undefeated Kipp Academy, of Lynn, Prospect Hill was in third place in the MASAO. The defeat cost the Wizards a little in the standings, but they're still well within the top 8 among 14 teams that will make the postseason. The Wizards figure if they win at least two of their remaining four games, they'll be in good shape. Prospect Hill will start

that stretch tonight against visiting Boston Preparatory.

The Wizards are led by their two senior captains, Nehemie Jones and Aaliyah Mercer.

Mercer, a power forward, averages seven points and nine rebounds a game. At 5-foot-9, she takes advantage of her height. "She just plows through everyone," Harris praised.

Jones, who is more of a small forward, has shined on defense along with fellow senior Adel Andemeskel, who plays guard. Both are often assigned to cover the top scorer on the opposing team, and "they both run like deer," Harris said.

The team's other power forward, junior Hannah Eyob, has excelled on both ends of the court. Eyob averages 8.5 points and 11 rebounds a

game. She also extends her 5-foot-10 frame to block three shots per contest.

Meanwhile, a pair of eighth graders, Lara Matos and Agar Felix, leads the team in scoring. Matos averages 14 points a game, with her season-high at 29. She also contributes five assists and six steals per contest. Felix averages 11 points a game. Her best mark this season was 27.

Also contributing is sophomore forward Kamilyah Ambroise, who Harris lauded as the "most athletic" player of the group. Ambroise is second on the team in steals, averaging five swipes a game.

"They're hardworking kids," Harris said of his entire squad. "We're still learning. I'm learning."

## SHS hockey beats Latin Academy, Mystic Valley



Somerville High School was victorious over Latin Academy at the Veterans Memorial Ice Skating Rink in Somerville on Friday night. The final score was 7-2 Somerville over Latin Academy. It was also an evening wherein the following seniors were honored: CJ Albanese, Dan Camara, Joe Desmond, Kyle Higgins, Troy Martini, and Matt Vogel. Somerville High's Varsity hockey team tied up Mystic Valley in the last minute of the opening game of the Mulloy Tournament on Monday. Somerville overcame a 2 goal deficit in their opening game of the tournament to win 4 to 3 in an overtime shoot out.

— William Tauro

## SHS edged out by Matignon



Saturday evening, Feb. 16, Somerville High School boys hockey played Matignon in Stoneham. Somerville was down 2 to 0 after the first period. At least Somerville was getting some scoring opportunities. The score went to 2 to 1 after second period. It could have been an upset in the making. Number 17, Cory McGlashing, scored for Somerville. In the end, Somerville lost to Matignon 3-1.

— Richard Foscarota

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

## #357

1. What Red Sox pitcher's erect posture earned him the nickname "Frankenstein" in the clubhouse?
2. In what film did Cher play Loretta Castorini?
3. What year anniversary is it for the "Oscars" in 2013?
4. Whose autobiography is titled *Bound For Glory*?
5. What state was Bill Clinton the governor of before becoming president?
6. In the movie *The Perfect Storm* what was the name of George Clooney's boat?
7. What is the name of

- the largest city in Alabama?
8. Who said, "You have enemies? Good, that means you stood up for something, sometime in your life"?
9. What president's picture is on the \$100,000 bill?
10. What Massachusetts spot was hyped as "American Hometown"?
11. What National League Baseball Park is known as the "Friendly Confines"?
12. Is it President's Day or Washington's Birthday that is a National Holiday?

Answers on page 21

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## The Somerville Maple Syrup Project sticks to the city CONT. FROM PG 1

on February 21 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the east branch, which is located at 115 Broadway. That event will explore the ways in which trees “change” during each season, the ways in which trees help people, and how individuals assist trees in return.

Finally, the series will conclude with How We Make Syrup on March 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the central library, which is located at 79 Highland Ave. That event will explore the current process by which maple syrup is made and the first person or group of people to discover the sugary delight.

In addition to the “educational programming” which occurs during the syruping season, the organization holds a workshop aimed at adults about that explains the process of making maple syrup, which is in collaboration with the Massachusetts chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NO-FA/Mass). This year, that event took place on February 2.

Groundwork Somerville, which is a local nonprofit, coordinates the Somerville Maple Syrup Project, in partnership with the Somerville Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools and Tufts University.

“The mission of Groundwork Somerville is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment through the development of community-based partnerships

which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Our main three program areas are healthy education, green jobs, and sustainable community,” said Lee Dwyer, Gardens Coordinator of Groundwork Somerville.

Annually, the nonprofit runs an “interdisciplinary curriculum,” which spans a four-week duration and in which second graders in the Somerville Public Schools partake.

A March 8 field trip will complete the students’ learning experience. That day, students will come to the Somerville Growing Center to view the boiler in action, to play “Maple Syrup Jeopardy” and to sing songs about sap, as well as to taste syrup.

The Boil-Down Festival will take place on March 8 and 9. On March 8, approximately five to 10 volunteers will be needed, and five to eight volunteers on March 9.

The Boil-Down Festival will occur on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year, 500 people attended it.

The festival will be free and open to everyone. It will provide Somerville residents with an opportunity to view the wood-burning boiler as it evaporates sap and turns it into syrup while they savor live music, tapping demos, hot drinks, waffles and syrup.

Activities and demonstrations will be available for children on March 9 at the festival, which will include hands-on tapping

demonstrations, complete with the chance to investigate the materials which American Indians and settlers from long ago used to produce sap. The evaporator will be available to see in action, and children can also discover the process by which sap becomes syrup, as well as taste the final product

Whole Foods Market is donating milk, waffle mix and cider, as well as additional items to the Boil-Down.

Bottles of syrup will be available for purchase at the event.

Throughout the year, the syrup that is produced is also given as thank-you gifts to key partners. It is sold in small maple leaf-shaped jars at the Union Square Farmers Market at the Grown in Somerville booth and at Sherman Market.

This year, Groundwork Somerville is supplying sap to Culinary Cruisers for their popsicles and seeking more local businesses to buy sap or syrup or to sponsor the Boil-Down Festival.

The process of making maple syrup proves intriguing.

“Maple syrup-making or ‘sugaring’ involves three steps: tapping, sap collection and boiling-down. We tap the trees around the end of January to early February - based on the weather - because sap begins to flow in the trees when the temperature gets above freezing during the day and goes below freezing at night. This year, we tapped on January 31. We use electric drills to drill two holes in



Photo by Groundwork Somerville Staff

each tree. Then, we gently hammer in metal spiles - which look like little spouts - and hang metal buckets off them to collect the sap that drips out,” said Dwyer.

The organization’s sap collectors, all of whom are “community volunteers, check on the buckets each day and collect the maple sap and transport it to local businesses like Acme Ice, Flatbread Pizza, and Kitchen Inc. for storage. Sap can spoil in a couple days if it’s not refrigerated or frozen, due to its sugar content. After four to six weeks of collecting sap, we pull the taps - when the trees start to bud - which lowers the sugar content in the sap,” Dwyer said.

“It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, so we usually produce about three to four gallons of maple syrup. We then bottle this syrup and sell it at local farmers markets, events and other venues,” she said.

Then, early March brings the Boil-Down Festival. An evaporator, which was fashioned by Somerville High School metal shop students in 2005, is utilized to turn the sap into syrup.

Groundwork Somerville was launched in 2001, and took on

the Maple Syrup Project a few years ago.

“The Maple Syrup Project began 10 years ago with community members interested in harvesting sap from local sugar maple trees and making their own syrup. Over time, it grew through collaboration between the Somerville Community Growing Center, Tufts University, the Somerville Public Schools and other community partners,” said Dwyer.

“I think my favorite part of the Maple Syrup Project is tapping the trees. It’s so amazing when you show kids how to drill and put in a tap - and the sap starts to flow, already - so, they can see the first drops fall into the bucket. Their faces just light up with wonder. On a warm day in February, I like to just stand on the Tufts campus, where we tap the trees, and listen to the soft ringing sound of sap dripping out into the buckets,” she said.

Individuals interested in volunteering in the Maple Syrup Project or in the Boil-Down Festival may contact Lee Dwyer at [lee@groundwork-somerville.org](mailto:lee@groundwork-somerville.org) or call (617) 628-9988.

## Lessons in storm preparation CONT. FROM PG 9

the case that we can and will announce our intent to declare an emergency several hours before it goes into effect. To give residents as much notice as possible, we also post information to the city website, all of our cable and educational access cable channels and regional media partners’ sites, and we have installed flashing blue lights at 22 main intersections, particularly at our

borders. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible with as much notice as possible in order to avoid ticketing and towing in these circumstances. Our data shows that, over the last few snow emergencies, ticketing and towing has decreased significantly, demonstrating both that compliance is up, and that our notifications are effective. That is not to say we don’t need im-

provement in these areas, but we know we’re on the right track.

In the meantime, if you happen to see one of our DPW crews around town this week, consider taking a moment to thank them. As our thoughts turn to another potential storm for the coming weekend, remember that these crews haven’t stopped working in two weeks, and this winter still has a lot in store.

## Wave high ye gifted teachers CONT. FROM PG 9

Neville, Mr. Kerouac, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Gretchen Kelly, Mr. Campagna, Mr. DeAngelis, (my 10th grade homeroom teacher) Mr. Fasciano and Mr. Fedele.

I would like to end this article by mentioning a gentleman who graduated from Somerville High School’s class of 1973. His name is Anthony (Tony) Ciccariello. He is a former Somerville teacher and was the principal of Somerville High School up until last year.

Since retiring, Tony is currently the Administrator for Leadership, Program & Planning, still helping the students of Somerville. Tony is a Somerville High School success story. Local boy makes good. I bet Tony has his own list of favorite Somerville High School teachers who influenced him. I also know that there are many, many students that Mr. Ciccariello has helped during his long career as a teacher and administrator.

That is another story for another time.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, March 7, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**771 McGrath Hwy:** Applicant, CPC-T Holdings, LLC, and Owner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, seek an amendment to a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on Sept 6, 2001 and Nov 1, 2001 under SZO §16.11 to construct a 121-unit residential building. Waivers are requested to supply tandem parking spaces, a reduction in the requirement for landscaped area and reduced setbacks under SZO §16.5.4 and 16.5.5. BA/PUD-B zone. Ward 1.

**200 Inner Belt Rd: (Case #PB 2013-04)** Applicant/Owner, Fine Art Storage Partners (Somerville) LLC, seek a Site Plan Approval for a subdivision under SZO §5.4 to divide a 368,388 sf lot into two lots. IA zone. Ward 1.

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 [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to [dpereira@somervillema.gov](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Trial Court  
Essex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. ES 13A0004AD

In the matter of: **Rhuana Ramirez De Carvalho**  
To:  
**Pavel Barros** last known of, 66 Myrtle St, #2 Somerville, MA 02143

CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, ss6

persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth. Legal Dept. 15 Union St. 2nd.fl. Lawrence, MA. 01840

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Raymond E. Arsenault of Danvers, MA

Pamela Arsenault of Danvers, MA

Requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Rhuana Erica Arsenault**

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013**, 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:

**91 Perkins St: (Case #2013-03)** Applicants, John Morley and Denis Fullerton Jr. and Owner, 91 Perkins Street LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 for relief under the provisions of SZO §8.5.E to alter a nonconforming structure to increase the floor area ratio of the property by finishing a portion of the basement. RB zone. Ward 1.

**49 Lowden Ave: (Case #2013-04)** Applicant & Owner, Frank Rocci, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending the length of an existing dormer on the right side facade. RA 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](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases 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](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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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 on **Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Matters, for public input related to the city's proposed ordinance to ban the use of polystyrene containers for take-out food service (Docket #194056).

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

**JOHN J. LONG**  
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RFP # 13-69CD

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

**Central Broadway/Winter Hill  
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Study & Design**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, March 20 2013 at 11:00 AM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

**The City of Somerville is seeking to procure a consultant, to evaluate existing transportation needs and prepare an urban streetscape design that improves safety and function along Central Broadway in the Winter Hill neighborhood.**

**A Pre-Bid conference for all proposers will be held as follows: Thursday, March 7, 2013, 11:00 a.m., BOA Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143**

The successful offeror must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email [kmancini@somervillema.gov](mailto:kmancini@somervillema.gov), for information and proposal packages.**

**Angela M. Allen**  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
Somerville Conservation Commission  
Public Hearing

Applicant: Street Retail Inc. et al, c/o Federal Realty investment Trust, 1626 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Agent: VHB, Inc., 101 Walnut Street, Box 9151, Watertown, MA 02471

Location: Artisan Way, Somerville <A 02143

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday February 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Request for Determination filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

Street Retail, Inc. is proposing build out of Block 2B within the Assembly Square Planned Unit Development. Upon completion, Block 2B will house a 132,708 gross square foot (38,647 square foot ground level) multi level mixed-use building with three levels of office space, 18,000 square feet of retail, and a 400 seat restaurant space. The development on Block 2B will access the previously permitted roadway network (DEP File No. 287-0038) and stormwater management system designed to treat the roadway and development parcel stormwater.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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## 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

**Book Club** - Meeting March 1 at Holland Street "Caleb Crossing" - Get your book from Janine.

**Health Science Student Outreach** - Holland Street

**Volunteer Open House** is February 20 - learn about volunteer opportunities at the Council on Aging. Friendly visitor or caller, office assistance, share a skill, event set-up and more. Holland Street. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**Men's Club** - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome. March 6th.

**Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:**

**Mosaic Project** - Thanks to a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, we are happy to present a three-part series that will culminate with a group mosaic that will be hung at the COA. Starts February 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Limited enrollment. A few spots are left. Stay for lunch and get free transportation. Bingo after. Sign up early. With artist Emily Bhargava.

**Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community.**

**Belly Dancing** has changed times. It is during the day from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

**LBT Community** - NEW PROGRAM. Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316.

**Looking to get and stay fit this year.** We have the program for you. Fit-4-Life General Group is a fitness/nutrition program on Wednesday and Friday mornings. This is a great fitness/nutrition program. Call Lisa if you are interested.

**We heard you singing in the shower** - now join us in person. The Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 am 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.

**Do you crochet or would you like to learn?** Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

**Grandparents' Week at the Centers**

**February 20** - Holland Street - Storytelling through Dance.

**February 21** - Ralph & Jenny - Gardening and Fitness Fun.

**Trip Corner:**

**Culinary Arts** - February 26.

**Foxwoods** - March 11.

**Washington D.C.** - April 11-14. Amazing trip.

**Wildwood, N.J.** - May 13-17.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. \$3.

**Flexibility & Balance** - Tuesday 9:15 a.m. at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

**Belly Dancing** - Tuesdays at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. \$5.

**Flexibility & Balance** - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 a.m. (H) Thursday 10:00 a.m.

**February 20**

**Volunteer Open House**

**1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads**

**Holland Street**

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Open House|12:30 p.m.

Intergenerational QiGong - all welcome|1 p.m.

QiGong|1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**February 21**

**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events - new members welcome!|10 a.m.

Blood Pressure|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**February 22**

**Fuller Craft Museum**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**February 23**

**Holiday Inn Dance**

**Holland Street**

Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.

Singing|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 & 12:30

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**February 26**

**Culinary Arts**

**Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt|10 a.m.

Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life Program|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**Cross Street Center**

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway

**February 27**

**Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Intergenerational Qi gong|1 p.m.

QiGong|1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**Wednesday| February 20**  
**East Branch Library**  
Storytime for Kids of All Ages  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway  
**West Branch Library**  
The Story of Ferdinand, a Puppet Show with Nicola McEldowney  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Avenue  
**East Branch Library**  
Many Moons, a Puppet Show with Nicola McEldowney  
2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|115 Broadway  
**Central Library**  
Discovering the Magician Inside Us!  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Veteran's Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave  
**Thursday|February 21**  
**Central Library**  
Reading Group for 6-8 Year Olds  
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216  
3 p.m.-4p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Central Library**  
Homeschool Games Program  
Lauren Bell|617-718-0501  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**East Branch Library**  
Maple Syrup Workshop  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway  
**Central Library**  
Writing Workshop for Kids Ages 9-12 with Regina Hansen  
Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 x2950  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Friday| February 22**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Central Library**  
Teen Movie Day  
Ron Castile|617-623-5000-2936

3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Veteran's Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave  
**Saturday|February 23**  
**Central Library**  
Rescheduled Film: In The Blood  
James Fox|617 710 0676  
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
**Monday|February 25**  
**Central Library**  
Sing-along with Liza!  
Cathy-2950  
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Tuesday|February 26**  
**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11  
Tammy McKanan  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue  
**Wednesday |February 27**  
**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 Avenue  
**Veteran's Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

**MUSIC**  
**Wednesday|February 20**  
**Johnny D's**  
The Reunion Band  
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 p.m.  
Comedy 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA'S Lounge**

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 (No Cover)  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211  
**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
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  
381 Summer St  
**Radio Bar**  
Penquin Club Plus: dj's Victoria  
Lariccia & Sean Drinkwater  
379 Summer St  
**Thursday|February 21**  
**Johnny D's**  
5:15 The American WHO Sensation|Stairway to Zeppelin  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
Spring Hill Rounders grassy  
Thursdays |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Scattershot 80's Night  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA'S Lounge**  
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**  
Megan Chiampa's Mardi Gras Party|Part Deux|Johnny Blazes & the Pretty Boys|Emperor Nortons Marching band|Confederacy of

Dumpsters|Axemunkee  
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**  
Kevin Allred  
381 Summer St.  
**Somerville Theatre**  
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square  
**Radio Bar**  
Shadow Therapy| A king In Wait|Its A Wonderful Knife|the Clique  
379 Summer St  
**Arts at the Armory**  
AJ Edwards Live in the Cafe!  
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave  
**Friday|February 22**  
**Johnny D's**  
Gracie Curran & The High Falutin Band CD Release|The Racky Thomas Band|Lydia Warren  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
Bucky & Jimmy Show |6 p.m.  
New Million Box, Preacher Roe, Mount Peru |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Cooper's Escape  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St  
**Precinct Bar**  
Doom Lover|Castle|Banana Phonetic|Skunkmello  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211  
**PA'S Lounge**  
Banditas|Mail the Horse|Headband  
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**  
Van Burens  
381 Summer St  
**Casey's**  
Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195  
**Radio Bar**  
Down: Atomic savants, The Vivs, Mars, Modgun  
379 Summer St  
**Arts at the Armory**  
T. John Cadrin & Chris Morris (of Morris & the East Coast)  
8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave  
**Saturday|February 23**  
**Johnny D's**  
Rosie Ledet & Her Playboys|The Band That Time Forgot  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Saint Anyway \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Scattershot  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**Precinct Bar**  
Marc Pinansky (early show - front bar) 5-7 p.m.  
Hear Now Live Presents:As The Sparrow|Só Sol|Chaparrals|The Beauty Way|Pocket Radio  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St  
**PA'S Lounge**  
Anti-Gravity Bunny Presents|Gilles Corey|Planning for Burial|High Aura'd|Ehnahre  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557



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

**Bull McCabe's**  
Dave Wells Presents  
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**  
Caught Flies|Evil Streaks|The Skeleton Beats|Trophy Lung  
381 Summer St

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

**Radio Bar**  
Up: No Love|Cradle To The Grave|Goddard \$10  
Down: Party Wolf, Guns of Brighton  
379 Summer St

**Arts at The Armory**  
Lilly Testa Live!  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|February 24**

**Johnny D's**  
Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS|4:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Deborah McDonnell Band |5 p.m.  
Jim Coyle & the Barroom Gentlemen |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**  
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**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
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**Rosebud Bar**  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

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

**Radio Bar**  
UP: Roy Sludge Trio, 4p.m., Free Down:PJ Westin Comedy open-mic 7-9 p.m free  
379 Summer St

**Monday|February 25**

**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 |7:30 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Bur-Run|6:45 p.m.Set Dancin|8 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**  
Movie Night  
381 Summer St

**Radio Bar**  
379 Summer St

**Arts at The Armory**  
Knucklebones: For the Love of Play!  
9 a.m.|Performance Hall  
Salsa Basics with Mambo Soul!  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|February 26**

**JohnnyD's**  
Be Weddings Presents Wedding Band Showcase  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Organically Good Trio |9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

**The Burren**  
Open Mic W/Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.  
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**  
The Lousy Instruments  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**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**  
PHA's UE Student Poetry Slam - Free Admission!  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|February 27**

**Johnny D's**  
Charlie Parr|Cannibal Ramblers  
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 p.m.  
Comedy 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Missing Mars|Cody Masters|Nadia Syed

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 (No Cover)  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
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  
381 Summer St

**Radio Bar**  
Bar is open  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
The Vagina Monologues  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall |191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**Wednesday|February 20**

**Central Library**  
Census Bureau Testing  
Franciso Jimenez|617-319-6769  
9 a.m.-1 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

**Thursday| February 21**

**Central Library**  
Census Bureau Testing  
Franciso Jimenez|617-319-6769  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Mindfulness and Stress Management Workshop with Sunada Takagi  
Sunada Takagi  
7 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library**

Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|Session 1  
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|Session 2  
40 College Ave

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**Third Life Studio**  
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33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

**Saturday| February 23**

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Farmers' Market  
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**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| February 24**

**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.

**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

**Tuesday| February 26**

**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1  
79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
The Art of Group Singing For Women  
with Susan  
Robbins,www.libana.com  
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

**Wednesday| February 27**

**Central Library**  
Census Bureau Testing  
Franciso Jimenez|617-319-6769  
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# Spring cleaning old science and computer books

By Kenneth Gloss

We will soon be able to say that "Spring has finally sprung!" As this season renews our energy it also reminds of us of the need to cleanup and clear out, especially if shelf-space is getting tight. But don't dump those books - you'd be surprised that there's a market not only for books that are very old but also for new fields of endeavor that change so fast that a 50 year-old book can be more valuable than a 150-year old book. For example, science and computer books engage collectors whether from the 1500s or from the 1950s.

A lot of book dealers are uncomfortable dealing with science books because the subject matter is foreign to them. I have a degree in chemistry, so I feel more comfortable with this topic than most dealers do. Actually, I considered getting a graduate degree in chemistry, but decided to enter the family business instead, so science books are second nature to me.

In my career as an antiquarian book dealer I've been fortunate to be able to hold in my hands and peruse many rare and wonderful books. I'd have to say the one that has impressed me the most was a copy of Isaac Newton's *Principia Matematica*, the document in which Newton wrote down the three laws of motion. During an appraisal event I did at a university I was able to hold this book in my hands, and it was just amazing. Isaac Newton actually touched this same book and wrote corrections in it. Today it sells for a few million dollars.

One of the great areas to collect in science books is computers and related technologies. It is a wide-open area for people to collect and it's still relatively cheap compared to collecting books on natural science. Works penned by scientists like Charles Darwin, whose 200th birthday was celebrated a few years ago sell for tens of thousands of dollars, and Isaac Newton's work for hundreds of thousands. You don't have to spend that much on computer books. That said, in 50 or 100 years you won't be able to get many of the computer books you can today because they will be really expensive.

Computers and other technological devices have been bringing about a new revolution and

the knowledge of computing pioneers will be as important to computers as Gutenberg was to books. Charles Babbage invented the first mechanical computer and wrote a book about computing in the 1800s. It is now a collector's item that sells for hundreds of dollars. It is rare to find any other computer science books that date before World War II, because that is when transistors were first made and the computer revolution really began. William Bradford Shockley, a Nobel Prize winner in physics, wrote the first book on transistors, which now costs several hundred to a few thousand dollars. John von Neumann wrote a book on theory and probability, which led into the mathematics that in turn led into computers. Another writer in this area whose work is very interesting to collectors is Norbert Wiener, a leader in the field of cybernetics. He worked at MIT and wrote about artificial intelligence.

Computer science books tend to be collected by a limited group of computer scientists and like-minded people because they are so technical. Demand is causing their prices to increase, but these books are very, very technical for a general reader, which limits the demand to some degree. Prices on some of the earliest books from the Harvard Science Computing Library range from the hundreds to the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another way to get into collecting in the computer arena is to collect sales brochures and other documentation for new Macs, old Macs, IBM Selectrics, and other models. Sales materials tend to be highly pictorial, so consumers can see what they are about to buy. From the technical aspect it can be really fun to see how these machines have changed over the years.

Go to stores and ask for all the sales brochures they have on the models they sell. Ask them to check the back room for brochures from outdated models they no longer carry. It's a cheap and easy way to get started with a computer literature collection. One person I know is collecting every e-book there is. This collection isn't just composed of books online, but all the ways people have been trying to meld books with computers.

The technology and styles in this area change and go out of date very quickly. Fifteen years ago computers were still very large, with a large floppy disk. Today, mini-iPads are the thing. Such quick-paced change really holds your interest while collecting. At some point in the future this could be a museum quality collection, providing a look back at how computing was done in the beginning.

It will be easy to track the technological advances because the collection is really comprehensive, including the instruction books and how-to manuals that came with each machine. After reading these books the collector made notes about them, citing things like which model is easiest to use. He's also keeping a journal about the process of collecting these things that will make an interesting side note. It's really fascinating how this person is forming a collection as the items are being produced, rather than collecting things from yesteryear, which is usually how it is done. It isn't exactly cheap to collect like this, though, especially when it comes to buying the new items. It isn't always easy, either, because the minute a model is obsolete, it's gone from the market, and you may not be able to find it for sale. Even though some book dealers tend to shy away from science books they are really quite collectible, especially if your interest is in computer science and technology.

Right now these books aren't all that rare and collectors can find a deal even if they only want to spend a few hundred dollars. Computer books bought today and passed down a few generations may wind up being worth a great deal more than was paid for them. From sales brochures to early computer theory, there is a computer science book to match the interest and budget of any technology enthusiast.

*Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, one of the largest and oldest antiquarian bookstores in America. 2013 is the 64th year of ownership by the Gloss family. Visit their Website at: [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com) or to inquire about selling your books call 1-800-447-99595. Ken has been a guest appraiser on PBS' Antiques Roadshow numerous times.*

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| 2. Moonstruck        | 11. Wrigley Field  |
| 3. 85th              | 12. It was made a National Holiday in 1885 to honor George Washington's birthday, but the holiday became known as President's Day as part of 1971 Uniform Monday Act (third Monday of the month) to celebrate all presidents past and present. Some states still do celebrate Washington and Lincoln's Birthday. |
| 4. Woodie Guthrie    |  |
| 5. Arkansas          |  |
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| 8. Winston Churchill |  |
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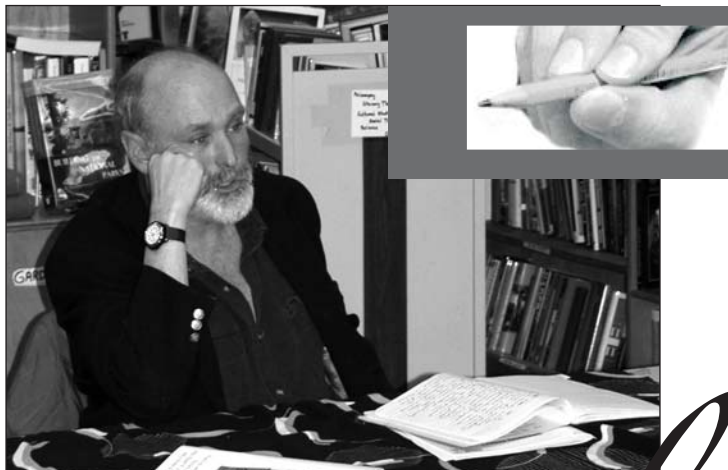
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<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>							
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Bongoman (LIVE)	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:00pm	Talking about Somerville
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Tonight's Special	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Energy Theater	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
11:00am	Abugida TV	<b>Friday, February 22</b>		6:30pm	Climate Change in Somerville	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	6:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	7:00am	The Origins of SCATV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	7:30am	Shrink Rap	10:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Tonight's Special
3:30pm	Talking about Somerville	9:00am	Energy Theater	<b>Sunday, February 24</b>		7:00pm	Critical Focus
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	11:00am	Talking with Deval Patrick	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	Noon	Revolutionary War in Somerville	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Ablevision	7:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	11:00pm	Creepy Castle
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	1:00pm	Somerville Open Cinema Selections	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>	
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Road to Recovery
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Basic Buddha	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
9:30pm	Somerville Open Cinema Selections	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	12:30pm	The Garage	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Critical Focus	11:00am	Talking with Deval Patrick
10:30pm	2013 SCATV Annual Meeting	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Reel	2:00pm	Somerville Open Cinema Selections	11:30am	Origins of SCATV
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>				3:00pm	Rompendo en Fe	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Eating Locally in Somerville	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Creepy Castle	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
6:30am	Gerry Leone Show	9:30pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Physician Focus	10:00pm	Play by Play	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	2013 SCATV Annual Meeting
7:30am	Ablevision	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	Tonight's Special	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	<b>Saturday, February 23</b>		10:00pm	2013 SCATV Annual Meeting	5:00pm	Poet to Poet
10:00am	Active Aging	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:30pm	Somerville Rocks!	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	6:00am	Arabic Hour	<b>Monday, February 25</b>		6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
1:00pm	African Television Network	8:30am	King of the 'Ville	6:30am	Physician Focus	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Actors Shakespeare Theater
3:00pm	Talking about Somerville	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	The Entertainer's Show
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00am	Revolutionary War in Somerville	11:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations
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		12:30pm	Active Aging	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		2:15pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		7:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>		2:40pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>		9:00pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
9:00am:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	Somerville By Design #4	9:00am	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	9:30pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room
12:00pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	9:05pm:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	12:00pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	10:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
12:30pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	9:15pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	12:30pm	SCAP Community Gameshow	<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	
12:55pm:	Somerville By Design #4	9:40pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:05pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
7:00pm:	Somerville By Design #4	<b>Sunday, February 24</b>		1:35pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission
9:05pm:	Snow Plowing in Somerville	12:00am:	Somerville By Design #4	3:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	3:00am	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
9:15pm:	Congressional Update	2:05am:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	6:00pm	SCAP Community Gameshow	4:20am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
9:45pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	2:15am:	The Aldermen's Hour	6:35pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	4:50am	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>		2:40am:	The Gerry Leone Show	7:05pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	12:00pm	SCAP Community Gameshow
12:00am:	Somerville By Design #4	9:00am:	Congressional Update	8:35pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Cambridge	12:35pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
2:05am:	Snow Plowing in Somerville	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	2:05pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM
2:15am:	Congressional Update	12:30pm:	Congressional Update	<b>Thursday, February 21</b>		2:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford
2:45am:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:00pm:	MLK Celebration Day	12:00am	SCAP Community Gameshow	6:00pm	SCAP Community Gameshow
9:00am:	Somerville By Design #4	2:30pm:	Highlander Forum	12:35am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	6:35pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:00pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	1:05am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	8:05pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM
12:30pm:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:35am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Cambridge	8:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford
1:40pm:	Highlander Forum	7:30pm:	Congressional Update	4:00am	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	<b>Monday, February 25</b>	
2:10pm:	Hard Target	8:00pm:	MLK Celebration Day	9:00am	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	12:00am	SCAP Community Gameshow
7:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	9:30pm:	Highlander Forum	12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM Education	12:35am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
7:25pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	10:00pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	12:30pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	2:05am	Our Schools, Our City: STEM
7:40pm:	Chamber of Commerce Dinner & Awards	<b>Monday, February 25</b>		12:50pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	2:30am	SHS Hockey vs Medford
9:05pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford	9:00am	SCAP Community Gameshow
9:30pm:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	12:30am:	Congressional Update	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission - LIVE	12:00pm	Raising Families: Kindergarten Registration
<b>Friday, February 22</b>		1:00am:	MLK Celebration Day	10:15pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission	12:20pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Cambridge
12:00am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	2:30am:	Highlander Forum	<b>Friday, February 22</b>		1:50pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
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2:05am:	The Aldermen's Hour	12:00pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:55am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop	6:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
2:30am:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	12:30pm:	MLK Celebration Day	3:15am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford	7:25pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
9:00am:	Congressional Update	2:00pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	9:00am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	7:55pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett
12:00pm:	Somerville By Design #4	7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	9:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford
2:05pm:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	9:30pm:	Hard Target	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>	
2:15pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	9:40pm:	Congressional Update	2:45pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
2:40pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>		3:15pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	1:25am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
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9:15pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	1:00am:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	<b>Saturday, February 23</b>		9:00am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
9:40pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:55am:	Hard Target	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission	12:00pm	SCAP Community Gameshow
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>		9:00am:	Senior Housing Symposium	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	12:35pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
12:00am:	Somerville By Design #4	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:45am	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett
2:05am:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	12:30pm:	Somerville By Design #4	3:15am	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	3:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Matignon
2:15am:	The Aldermen's Hour	2:35pm:	Congressional Update	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame - LIVE
2:40am:	The Gerry Leone Show	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame
9:00am:	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	7:30pm:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	2:45pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame
12:00pm:	Somerville By Design #4	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY	3:15pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room	1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
2:05pm:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	12:00am:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY	6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission	3:00am	SHS Hockey vs Everett





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### 'The Black Buddhist' by Meikle Paschal

*The Black Buddhist* by Meikle Paschal  
(Ibbetson Street Press)  
<http://ibbetsonpress.com> \$15  
Review by Afaa Michael Weaver

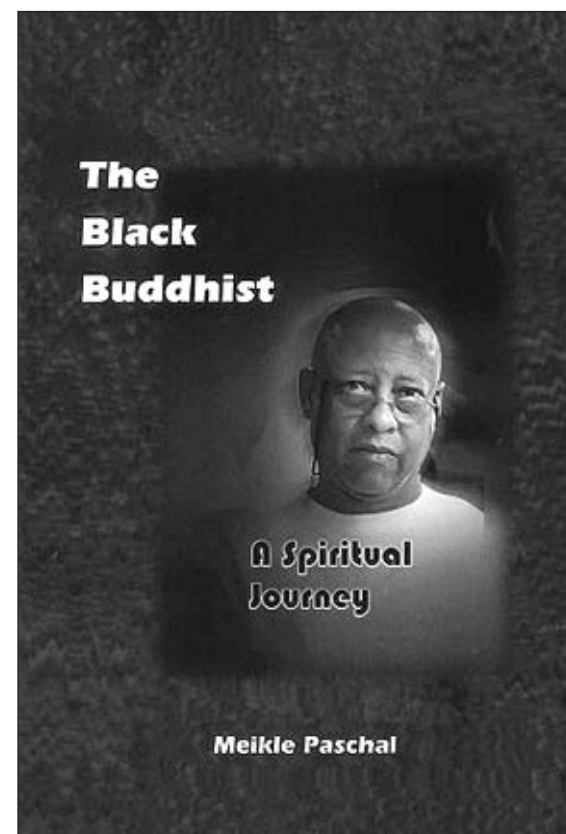
In sentences that are as sincere as they are nostalgic, Meikle Paschal gives us a valuable portrait of the journey of his life from the poor neighborhoods of Boston to the comfort of a consciousness furnished by the loving kindness of his Buddhist principles, principles that save him from the bitterness and resentment that can occupy the mind of someone who has fought adversity for his entire life.

An African American man gifted with unusual intelligence and a keen intuition, he is lifted also by a penchant for forgiveness.

As a reader, I am especially endeared to his portraits of a Boston I could never have known, the old Boston of the mid twentieth century.

Paschal seems remarkably adept at recognizing and seizing the chance in life, even when he was not aware of the fuller meanings of his actions at the time. He implies repeatedly that something saved him, and it is that hope he offers the reader, namely that if we would just believe there is a way, the way will reveal itself to us.

He is not blind to the tragedies of life, as he notes the people who did not have or see the chance, people who fell victim to things we would rather not imagine, but he offers his own encounters with those chances. He explores the vicissitudes of upward mobility in stories that



are insightful and inspiring.

In admitting the perfection possible in life, he admits the imperfections, the double binds, the impasses, and he continues on with life, even as the apparent paradise proves itself over and over to be only that and not something ultimately real. Paschal lets us see only the journey is real.

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## An evening with Ensemble 451

On the evening of Thursday, Feb. 28, Ensemble 451 will continue its season presenting music by Mozart and Liebermann, and featuring the music of Boston composer Mark Berger; and you are welcome to have a drink or eat a pastry while you enjoy these masterpieces.

Somerville's own classical music ensemble, Ensemble451 continues its season at the Café at the Armory in Somerville, where they have already presented number of concerts, including a tribute to John Cage featuring his works and video interviews. The choice of the venue is in line with their mission to celebrate live music by connecting to audiences in a very informal and relaxed atmosphere, such as a cafe.

This concert revolves around music for flute and strings, and it centers around "Spell," Mark Berger's flute quartet. Written in 2009, the work is an impres-



sive work which requires virtuosistic playing from all the players, set within a clever orchestration. Two Mozart flute quartet will provide a historical context for this combination, with a flashy interlude: Lowell Liebermann's Sonata for flute and harp.

During its season, Ensemble 451 also hosts other groups such as "Meguri," a multimedia flute duo which introduces the con-

temporary music of Asian composers through prerecorded interviews and multimedia works. Future guests include the Libella Vocal Quartet.

Tickets are available in advanced at Brown Paper Tickets, or at the door at the Café at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave, Somerville.

For more information about this and future concerts, please visit <http://ensemble451.org/>

I have heard that a beautiful girl is like a melody, but how about a virus? Poet Dianne Silvestri reveals how a tune can snake into our very marrow.



#### Melody on the Loose

At first it snaked its way  
through the back files  
of my mind, looping  
through dusty photos  
and folders there,  
barely disturbing  
my agenda for the day,

but later permeated  
more recent shelves,  
absorbed memories  
into its trail with a  
cloying chorus  
growing louder,  
re-circling its path,

smoking out the buzzing  
of my current thoughts,  
until the haunting tune  
revealed its true colors,  
a virtual virus chewing  
through the circuits  
of my brain, forcing

my exclusive focus  
on the moment  
it blared from the band  
in the corner of the bar  
adding a musical score  
as you strolled from my life.

— Dianne Silvestri

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