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## Fundraiser event for Memorial Day Parade



Photo by Harry Kane

Michael Dutra and Steven Palumbo brought a little "Rat Pack" glitz to the fundraising event last week.

By Harry Kane

The eighth annual fundraiser helps defray the cost of the Memorial Day Parade, which will take place on May 27. Around one hundred seniors attended the event on March 9 at the High School Auditorium to give their support.

Comedian Steve Guilmette started the night off with some laughs. Michael Dutra played Frank Sinatra and Steven Palumbo played Dean Martin, singing famous hits such as *Come Fly With Me*, and *That's Amore*.

"Through the generous donations that we get from the Century Bank, Winter Hill Bank, and some businesses and citizens...the local veterans and a lot of our seniors are able to come to the show at no cost to them," said Kathy Carey, principal clerk at Veterans' Services.

Right now there is no director of the program, so Carey takes on many of the responsibilities. Carey says she is the "chief, cook, and bottle washer till they hire somebody."

So far approximately \$4200 has been raised, and \$600 of those funds were donated at the door at the fundraiser on Friday night.

"The initial request for donations actually went out earlier this year because Frank was retiring in January. So he sent out

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## Farm share: Bringing farms to the city

By Harry Kane

Imagine luscious fresh local organic fruits and vegetables delivered to your doorstep or available for pick-up at convenient drop points. This dream could become a reality if you join a CSA. What's a CSA, you ask? Community Supported Agriculture programs are sustainable small-scale food cooperatives that provide consumers with a weekly share of fresh produce.

Farmers presented a cornucopia of locally grown produce to the city of Somerville at the 2012 farm share fair event at the Argenziano School. 18 farmers from Massachusetts were represented at the CSA event.

Drumlin Farm-worker, Signe Porteshawver explained the process. "Consumers put down money at the beginning of the season and throughout the harvest months they get a weekly share of it."

Drumlin farm is located on a glacial deposit in Lincoln, Massachusetts, and has two summer CSA's and one winter CSA.

Abigail Wolf also works at Drumlin Farms. "It's run by the Audubon Society, so we're a wildlife sanctuary, which is

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Photo by Harry Kane

Red Fire Farms is but one of the many providers of fresh produce delivered right to CSA members' doors.

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# NEWTALK

It will be a busy St. Patrick's week, starting off with the re-newed party at the Armory on Highland Avenue, this Friday night 7-11 p.m., hosted by Alderman Sean O'Donovan. There will be lots of fun. The band is the famous "Old Brigade Irish Band." Light refreshments will be served and, of course, there will be dancing. Only \$20. It was a great event last year, so let's hope this is a repeat and that it will continue on as in the past.

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On Sunday, March 18, starting at 11 a.m., the "Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km. run (The Race of Ireland and United States of America)" starts off in Davis Square. It's a celebration of spring here in Somerville, with about 500 registered runners and walkers participating.

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The Proclamation on page 7 of our paper this week is brought to you by several individuals, in particular lifelong resident and Attorney Kevin Crowley along with The News. This was the Declaration of Independence from several hundred years of oppression and rule by the British. A document that announces that Ireland belongs to the Irish once and for all. From there the revolution was declared and in the end the Irish Republic was founded. We thought it would be nice to print it in our paper since Somerville has been the home of tens of thousands of Irish immigrants over the years, including a couple of Irish immigrants who later became mayor of our city.

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Our sympathy and condolences to the family of Thomas Brennick, a lifelong resident of East Somerville, who recently passed away. His wake will be held at Doherty's Funeral Home this Wednesday and Funeral Mass out of St. Benedict's on Thursday at 10 a.m. He was an Air-Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *The Somerville News Person of the Week*

paul says:

She's not only a great teacher but a wonderful sister and Auntie, and one of the best cooks i know, next to my mom.

Sumaya Abdullahi says:

Congragualtion Ms. Carafotes you are the best teacher in somerville not just saying that because your my teacher but you are nice caring thoughtfull and lovable and Im sure you have a lot more

Kaitlyn says:

Congradulations Ms.Carafotes! You are the best 5th grade teacher ever! Our year is going so smooth and amazing! You shouldnt just be the Person of the Week, you should be The Person of the whole intire univerese. Ms.Carafotes keeps my grades go up, up, and up, in writing and other subjects too. Every week( once a week), I bring home my writing folder and I actually ran out of page protecters! Ms.Carafotes is amazing, nice, lovable, caring, genorous, and much MUCH more! Congrats! Our 5th grade and the SHS is very proud of you! Go Ms. Carafotes!!!!!! WOOT WOOT!!!!!!!

Tenzin says:

Congratulations Ms.carafotes.... you are the best teacher in the world i have ever seen. You are really nice, caring,funny,lovable and many other. I can't described you in word. You never let kids down. Once agian congratulations!!!!

Log onto *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 whether or not you support a bill that would allow you to sue a city or town in small claims court for car damage caused by a pothole instead of having to pay the cost of going through Superior Court. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

**Do you support a bill that would allow you to sue a city or town in small claims court for car damage caused by a pothole instead of having to pay the cost of going through Superior Court?**



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# Re-zoning has residents thinking fifty years back and thirty years ahead

By Amanda Rhodes

Around fifty Somerville residents gathered at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School on Monday night to discuss the controversial re-zoning of Somerville Ave. and Elm St., from Wilson Square to the Somerville-Cambridge line at Porter Square.

The City of Somerville is attempting to increase the tax base and revenue by creating incentives for commercial development without reducing the quality of life for the inhabitants of this primarily residential area of Somerville Ave. Many of these residents and their families have lived in the neighborhood for fifty to eighty years and are anxious about potential changes.

The re-zoning would increase the commercial opportunities in the area and could bring more tax dollars to the Somerville side of Porter Square. The proposal up for discussion included re-zoning of Elm St. to encourage commercial development on both sides of the street. Residents and Aldermen were concerned about the traffic, noise, vermin, and people this could bring to the area, which includes John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Although consideration was given to parking and increasing vegetation along the street in the

proposals, residents voiced their concerns about the current traffic congestion and the proposed height limits for new developments.

Ultimately, Alderman Sean O'Donovan put forth a motion to move the commercial zoning line back to its current boundary on Elm St. The motion passed 3-0 with votes from Aldermen William White and Tony Lafuente. This was viewed as an accomplishment by the residents of Elm St. who want to retain the current character and density of the street.

One major theme of the meeting was the lack of specific proposals for development. Alderman William White was clear that he wants "to know what is being built first, before approving a zoning proposal." Residents expressed similar concerns and would like to see more illustrations to help them visualize some of the proposed changes. Alderman Lafuente stressed that the "whole plan needs to be reworked ... It does not seem to have the appropriate size or scale to provide the tax benefits we are seeking."

Residents and Aldermen were equally concerned about the proposal to build above the commuter rail that runs along Somerville Ave. The narrow lot may require a 70 ft. tall building to accommodate its uses, with



Director of Planning George Proakis asserted his commitment to preserving a sense of community in the affected area.

the train running below the structure. Community members expressed concerns that a building so tall would overshadow the smaller residences currently in the area.

George Proakis, Director of Planning, said he would continue to "address concerns about what developments are actually going to be built." He stressed that while many of the areas under consideration for re-zoning "need transformation," it has "never been my philosophy to do development and tear neighbor-

hoods apart."

Though the majority of affected homeowners opposed the proposals, several residents support redevelopment, citing concerns about safety and a desire to increase pedestrian traffic, especially at night. Residents were in agreement that having amenities within walking distance is a strength of the current neighborhood and something they support increasing at an appropriate scale. Newer community members commended long-term residents for creating such a

wonderful "jewel" of a community and emphasized that they want to see the neighborhood become even stronger.

Both residents and Aldermen are committed to reaching the right balance between envisioning a new neighborhood and preserving the old one. Another meeting will be scheduled soon and William White, Alderman At Large, encouraged residents to continue express their opinions. "As elected officials, we're open until the day of the vote," he stressed.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville News. Please email your letters to [News@TheSomervilleNews.com](mailto:News@TheSomervilleNews.com) or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville News Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

Letter to the Editor,

This letter is to inform you that The CHTTA office as well as the Board of Directors agree with and support the idea of the Somerville Police Department coming to Clarendon Hill Towers. Also,

how the residents are in agreement with this effort to bring a Somerville Police Department Substation onto the property. Thank You all for supporting this idea and let's give them a warm welcome on coming to Clarendon.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact the CHTTA Office at 617-623-2987.

Kenneth Biagioni  
President

Clarendon Hill Towers Tenants Association, Inc  
Giovanni Tomassi  
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*Arts at the Armory Cafe*



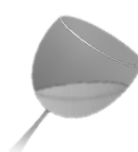
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# 'THE WEEK IN CRIME'

By Jim Clark

## Somerville man arraigned on video charges

A Somerville man has been arraigned on charges alleging that he took video of women inside a YMCA locker room without their knowledge, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone informed the public today.

Ryan Perez, 24, of Somerville, was arraigned today in Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn on charges of photographing an unsuspecting nude person (4 counts), wiretapping, and possession of child pornography (3 counts). Middlesex Superior Court Clerk Magistrate Michael Sullivan released the defendant on the conditions that he remains on a GPS bracelet, ordered not to have any unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16, ordered not to use devices capable of accessing the internet, specifically smart phones and computers, ordered not to have any contact with the victims, and ordered to stay away from the Somerville YMCA.

His next court date is April 12 for a pretrial conference.

According to authorities, on November 1, 2011, at approxi-

mately 9:30 am, Somerville police responded to the YMCA at 101 Highland Avenue in Somerville for reports of a male taking pictures of women in the women's locker room. Upon arrival, officers met with one of the victims who informed them that she had taken a shower and was in the process of getting dress when she observed an individual in a bathroom stall, later identified as the defendant, slide a cell phone out from under the door and point it in her direction. The victim quickly got dressed, left the locker room, and told another female, the second victim, what had happened.

The two women returned to the locker room and allegedly witnessed the defendant leave the stall with a pink towel covering his face. When the victim realized the defendant was a male, she immediately began to yell for help and the defendant allegedly fled the locker room.

Somerville police located the defendant, who matched the suspect's description given by the victims, in the men's locker room. The defendant was

placed under arrest and transported to the Somerville Police Department.

On November 3, 2011, Somerville Police applied for and received a search warrant for the defendant's cellular telephone. A subsequent search of the phone recovered six videos that were allegedly created on November 1, 2011 between the hours of 8:33 am and 9:26 am. The videos were determined to have been created inside the Somerville YMCA women's locker room and depicted four victims in various states of nudity.

A further forensic analysis of the defendant's cell phone revealed approximately 23 images of child pornography.

The defendant was arraigned in Somerville District Court on November 1, 2011 where he was released on the condition that he stays away from the women's locker room at the Somerville YMCA. He was indicted by a Middlesex County Grand Jury on February 7.

These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed



Ryan Perez.

innocent until proven guilty.

The prosecutor assigned to this case is Assistant District Attorney Ceara Mahoney. The

Victim Witness Advocate is Rani Scott. This case was investigated by the Somerville Police Department.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Brian Diabo**, 53, of 59 Gilman St., March 5, 6:49 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a current and a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Kathleen Castaneda**, 50, of 39 Henry St., Medford, March 6, 9:06 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, and number plate violation.

**Willie McCrorey**, 38, of 16 Enmore Rd., Melrose, March 6, 10:18 a.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation, no inspection sticker, and operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration.

**Edward Diaz**, 27, of 281R Essex, Lynn, March 6, 12:06 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and larceny over \$250.

**Stephen Jackson**, 24, of 784

Washington St., Dorchester, March 7, 2:17 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Scott Badeau**, 46, of 9 Desden Cir., March 7, 9:06 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a warrant charge of trespassing.

**Harold Green**, 48, of 240 Pearl St., March 9, 6:48 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of possession of

**Edward Lavelle**, 49, of 10A Sycamore Terr., March 9, 7:57 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of malicious damage to a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Robert Amarantes**, 50, of 131 Gilman St., March 9, 10:17 a.m., arrested at Cameron Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, credit card larceny, marked lanes violation, abuse prevention order violation, larceny over \$250, and credit card fraud.

**Chekawn Fields**, 21, of 64 Glendale St., Boston, March 9,

1:55 p.m., arrested at 139 Alewife Brook Pky. on a charge of assault and battery.

**David Pilla**, 45, of 47 Fairfax St., March 9, 4:55 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery on a disabled person or a person over 60.

**Zachary Flowers**, 20, of 117 Albion St., March 10, 7:45 p.m., arrested at 10 Canal La. on a warrant charge of assault.

**Oscar Santos**, 28, of 5 Fountain Ave., March 10, 9:46 p.m., arrested at 41 Pennsylvania Ave. on charges of aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, and threat to commit a crime, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no inspection sticker.

**Brittney Yandle**, 19, of 30 River Rd., March 11, 12:51 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

March 6, 10:32 a.m., police re-

ported a theft at Broadway.

March 7, 12:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

March 7, 5:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

March 8, 2:21 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

March 8, 9:28 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

March 8, 7:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

March 9, 8:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Hillsdale Rd.

March 9, 2:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Puritan Rd.

March 9, 9:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Pleasant Ave.

March 10, 9:43 a.m., police reported a theft at Crescent St.

March 10, 10:52 a.m., police reported a theft at Fountain Ave.

March 10, 12:38 a.m., police reported a theft at Dimick St.

March 10, 2:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

March 12, 6:23 p.m., police reported a theft at 256 Elm St.

March 12, 6:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

### Robbery:

March 8, 7:00 p.m., police reported a robbery at Central St.

March 11, 8:53 p.m., police reported a robbery at Bolton St.

### Breaking & Entering:

March 6, 8:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm Ct.

March 9, 8:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Belmont St.

March 10, 5:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Oak St.

### Assault:

March 9, 1:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Alewife Brook Pky.

March 9, 4:56 p.m., police reported an assault at Fairfax St.

March 10, 9:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Pennsylvania Ave.

March 11, 12:51 a.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

March 12, 10:57 p.m., police reported an assault at 17 Holland St.



# New Park gets funding

By Harry Kane

A new half-acre park will be built at 15-25 Cross St. in East Somerville. A \$500,000 PARC grant was awarded on Jan. 17 to renovate a derelict parking lot behind the Senior Center.

City officials aim to open the park in the summer of 2013. Since 2003 the community has been advocating for the revamping of the original Harris Park, located by Interstate-93.

Community meetings have rallied Somerville residents behind the project and after almost a decade of discussion, the new park is slated for construction based off recent conceptual designs put forward by Ground View Design, a Somerville-based landscape architecture and urban design company.

Two concept plans were put forward for debate: a mountain concept and forest concept.

After community input a refined design utilizing the mountain concept became the choice of the people. An overwhelming 75 percent of the community members preferred the mountain concept, said Eden Dutcher of Ground View Design.

The functional and imaginative recreational play area with an array of fun and innovative universal design features for people of all ages is in the final



Residents and officials are looking forward to the new park's completion in 2013.

stages of planning.

An 8-foot tall slide, climbing elements, and a community garden amphitheater are just a few of the urban design elements that will be modernizing the new park.

For toddlers a proposed customized playhouse containing movable parts pays tribute to the Ford Plant that used to exist in Assembly Square.

The whole park will be filled with canopy trees to give shade to the kids while they play: American Sweet Gum, Tupelo, Red Maple, Scarlet Oak, and Swamp White Oak.

There may also be ornamental trees such as Serviceberry and Hawthorn. The park's edge will contain more vegetation including Pyramidal Hornbeam, Hinoki Cypress and Virginia Creeper.

The park's lighting scheme has been thoroughly planned out by Lukus Sturm of Ripman Lighting. "My job is to create a safe environment through the nighttime and to extend use of park after hours, so it's not just a space you use for sunrise to sunset. Sturm's philosophy is to "light what you want to see and light it low."

A lot of youth input was accepted during this process, especially from those at Teen Empowerment. There's still time to add your input, and one of the teens at the last meeting did so. Jean-Louis Guerschom, 14, felt that there needed to be a tire swing at the park. "They stand in line to use the tire swings," he said when referring to his classmates.

## Farm share: Bringing farms to the city CONT. FROM PG 1

maintaining a rural landscape primarily for bird habitats."

Drumlin Farm has around 50 different types of crops, says Wolf. They are partnering with Clover Food Truck and this will be the first year delivering in Cambridge. They are not certified organic, according to Wolf. She says that there are some organic compounds that are harmful for the water table.

Drumlin Farm charges \$550 for 20 weeks worth of fresh produce.

Another CSA that delivers to Somerville is the Red Fire Farm, located in Granby, Massachusetts. They do distributions to two places in Somerville: the Growing Center at 22 Vinal Ave. and at the Metro Pedal Power Headquarters at 11 Olive Square. Metro Pedal Power can deliver the produce to your front door.

Red Fire Farm specializes in organic vegetables, local fruit, pasture-raised eggs, and fresh flowers. They have been in



business since 2001. They grow about 80 to 90 acres of crops per season.

"Each member, each shareholder, gets usually around 10 pounds of produce per week, and it's a nice assortment," said Ryan Voiland of the Red Fire Farm.

There are various other CSA's that deliver to drop points in Somerville and Cambridge. These include but are not limited to: Cape Code Fish Share, Picadilly Farm, Siena Farm, En-

terprise Farm, Farmers To You, Ground Works Farm, the Farm School, Stillman's Farm, First Root Farm, John Crow Farm, and Farmer Dave's.

Farmer Dave's spring shares are almost here. Starting in less than two weeks from mid-March through early-June there will be 12 weeks of salad items, greens and roots available for pick-up at Metro Pedal Power Headquarters in Somerville or for home delivery.

## Fundraiser event CONT. FROM PG 1

requests at the beginning of December and then we started get-

ting checks in the mail," said Carey.

Proceeds for the year's ceremony are encouraging.

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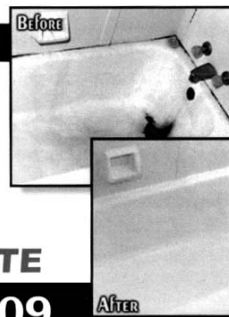
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# Ireland Proclamation of Independence 1916

**POBLACHT NA h-ÉIREANN  
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.**

**TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND**

Irishmen and Irishwomen : In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organized and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organization, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organizations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms.

Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State. And we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irish woman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities of all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrage of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine.

In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Government,

Thomas J. Clarke,  
James Connolly,  
Eamonn Ceannt,  
Seán Mac Diarmada,  
Thomas MacDonagh,  
Pádraig H. Pearse,  
Joseph Plunkett.



*The seven signatories of the Irish Proclamation (from left): Padraig Pearse, James Connolly, Thomas Clarke, Thomas MacDonagh, Sean MacDermott, Joseph Plunkett & Eamonn Ceannt.*

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy St. Patrick's Day, Somerville!

The View From Prospect Hill



The Wearing of the Green is up-on us once again, and we are as ready as ever to do it in style. Whatever one's ethnic heritage, for one day out of the year, March 17, it's extra cool to be Irish, and everyone is invited to the party.

It goes without saying that our little corner of the world is steeped in Celtic pride, being a haven for generations of immigrants from the Emerald Isle. Our history is inexorably intertwined with that of the many who came and worked

hard to build better lives for themselves, while at the same time helping to make our nation one of the mightiest on earth by the sweat of their brows and the poetic nature of their souls. It might be a good idea to

take this into consideration as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. While good fellowship and the hoisting of libations may take the fore, let us be appreciative of the many gifts bestowed upon our own culture by that of another.

This is an important part of what makes America great. That we are the Great Melting Pot. What some may call a Crazy Quilt. Still, that lovely patch of green suits us so well. Especially when we remember how it all came to be.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthday to some interesting 'Villens this week: Donald Coutoumas, who's known by many here as well as his family. We wish him Happy Birthday. Another is Tiffany Brainard over in Winter Hill, who is another lifelong resident and nice lady. A nice guy and from a great Somerville family, Happy Birthday to Marc Piro of Piro Printing on Medford Street. Happy Birthday to Dennis Fischman, who works hard down at CAAS; Jason Costa from the 'Ville; Kathy Binari Bouche, who works at the School Department; and from the 'Ville Keri McCarthy, owner/stylist at Edips. A big time Happy Birthday to Jim Halloran, who works here for the city and, by the way, has some pretty nice old time pictures of the city on his Facebook page. Another Happy Birthday to Donald Gay of the famous Kelly-Gay family here in the 'Ville. And to some special friends here we wish Michelle Sinclair Webb and Sammy Roselando both Happy Birthdays... as well as to all the other 'Villens here and there.

We hear that Dot and Bert Gay are once again off to Ireland this coming weekend, probably to celebrate the holiday over there. Safe journey there and back. By the

way, Bert looks pretty good considering all the surgery and medical attention he's been needing now for a long time. He's smiling more as well. That's great.

Congratulations to Prospect Hill Academy teacher Laura Powers, who was recently honored with Sontag Prize in Urban Education. Laura teaches 4-6th grade lead Special Education teacher.

Congratulations to John Sessa of Sessa's in Davis Square, one of the largest if not the largest Italian Grocery Store in business here for 33 years now. It's doing great and, by the way, they have the best Italian cold cuts ever. Drop in and get some and say "hi" to John and mention you saw it here.

Update this week on our good friend Bob Publicover. He's doing great, even though he has one more surgery planned for the next few weeks. He looks good and is gaining weight. He's like that old Timex commercial: takes a licking and keeps on ticking. He's planning his wedding for June with his long time partner David. We hear we might be invited. We will take some pictures

for the paper if we are, but don't tell Bob, he will get mad.

It's an amazing feature, this Google thing.. You can look up person's names and find out about anything. Google does it all for you. Employers are doing it, along with the courts nowadays. You never know what you're going to find out about anyone.

The race for Registrar of Deeds here in Middlesex County is heating up. It seems like both candidates, Maria Curatone and Maryanne Houston, are all over the county. They are working hard, the both of them. It's great that our city can boast two credible candidates for countywide office. We wish them both luck. They are both nice professionals in their own right.

Congratulations to Valvoline Instant Oil change located right here on Washington Street, the companies first location, started here in 1989. It now just opened its 200th facility, located in California. Now a Somerville company is coast to coast. We wish them the very best. What a wonderful success story.

There is a new business down on Washington Street at the Cobble Hill Plaza. One of our Newstalkers tried it out and gives it a 4-star. Potato Freak is the name and it's at 102 Washington Street in East Somerville. They offer some very basic as well as wild dishes, with a whole new concept in food. The prices are right and the food is fantastic. Plenty of parking as well. Check them out online at www.potatofreak.com and tell them you saw it here in The News.

Congratulations to Matt and Kristen Desmond, who just had a baby this past week, named Thomas Desmond III, delivered early and weighing in at 6 lbs 14 oz., 20inches long. Grandfather Bruce aka Alderman Bruce Desmond is smiling this week.

Congratulations to Ryan Corbin Resmini, the son of Bob and Janice Resmini, who recently graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy. The graduation ceremony for the 80th Recruit Training Troop, which is the largest class the Academy has been to date, with

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# COMMENTARY

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## Comprehensively planning Somerville's future



**By William C. Shelton**

**Q:** How do 60 different people representing diverse constituencies, values, and priorities agree on a common plan of action?

**A:** They listen to each other and they have help.

That pretty much sums up the process guiding development of a plan that will steer the City of Somerville's policy-making and implementation for the next 18 years.

Few cities and towns have ever developed comprehensive plans. Those that do, most often work with consultants. But consultants rarely have the deep understanding and lived experience shared by a community's residents.

Somerville's approach is do-it-yourself. The city appointed a 60-person Steering Committee, with representatives drawn from neighborhoods, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and elected officials. Working with city planning staff, and with broad community participation, they have distilled an extremely complex plan into simple-to-understand goals for Somerville's development:

- 30,000 new jobs
- 125 new acres of publicly ac-

cessible open space

- 6,000 new housing units, 1,200 of which will be permanently affordable
- 50% of new trips will be by transit, bicycle, or walking
- 85% of development will be in transformative areas

"Transformative" relates to the second elegant distillation of the plan. It segregates all of the city's land into three types, in order to

- Conserve the character and livability of our residential neighborhoods;
- Enhance our squares and commercial corridors; and
- Transform Assembly Square and Innerbelt/Bickbottom into mixed-use neighborhoods.

These two summaries are the pinnacle of an enormous pyramid of public participation, thought, analysis, and the resulting products.

In workshops open to all residents, participants articulated their values and vision for Somerville. Planning staff synthesized the results into a set of draft goals. Residents reviewed and reacted to them at multilingual meetings and in online and printed surveys. The ongoing dialog, with intensive planning staff support, evolved into detailed objectives, policies, and actions.

Inevitably, one challenge to accomplishing this was that different participants and stakeholder groups had very different priorities for allocating finite resources. By listening to each other, and with extensive staff support, they

came to realize that

• Any cherished goal is like one organism within an ecology. Changing one results in changing all. We can't get substantial job growth, for example, without new office buildings and labs, efficient transportation to bring employees, affordable housing for some of those employees, and open space and other amenities that will attract employers and employees.

• Some goals can only be achieved after other goals have built the capacity required to do so. Assembly Square housing, jobs, and open space cannot be fully developed without an Orange Line station. Therefore,

• Different constituencies' goals are not so much in conflict as they are interdependent.

Accordingly, the plan identifies implementation priorities. Among them are developing the area around new T stations, continuing to improve our infrastructure and, perhaps most meaningful to me, overhauling our zoning ordinance.

Planning Director George Proakis explains that it was written 20 years ago. It is 20 years out of date with regard to modern zoning technology and practice. Since it was written, amendments to it have been cobbled together, resulting in a confusing and unpredictable set of regulations.

"The existing regulatory framework doesn't work for people who want to protect their neighborhoods," he says, "and it

doesn't work for people who want to build new neighborhoods and invest here."

Zoning regulations that apply to a business that wants to change its façade or expand, for example, are located in a variety of places. Add to this the other slow and meandering permitting hoops that a new business must jump through, and entrepreneurs can be discouraged from locating here.

Mr. Proakis anticipates how development project approvals would be handled in the future. "You start with looking at every project on the basis of how it fits with the comprehensive plan. Doing so raises and changes the level of debate."

Brad Rawson, the city's Economic Development, has led much of the comprehensive planning effort. He points out that implementation of the different priorities will require an interdisciplinary approach. "Sustainability," for example, is not just about the environment. It includes sustaining the local economy, infrastructure, and population diversity.

So many plans have absorbed great effort and then gathered dust. This one will only be effective if city officials rigorously advance and enforce it. Past decisions based on short-term fiscal expediency, personal relationships and favor trading have resulted in retarded job growth, displacement of life-long residents, scant open space, and a structural fiscal deficit.

Long-time smart-growth advocate Wig Zamore suggests the creation of quantitative measures to monitor each of the quantitative goals. If implementation is not on-track, then city officials must identify why, and what to do about it. They must adhere to the planned segregation of land areas instead of approving whatever development project comes through city hall's door.

Alderman Bill White has proposed creating an ordinance requiring special permits to be issued only if projects conform to the comprehensive plan. I propose making the Board of Alderman, who are our elected representatives, the Special Permit Granting Authority, instead of the Zoning Board of Appeals, whose members are appointed for five-year terms and lack accountability.

If our city's leaders faithfully follow the plan over the long term, then we can make Somerville a shining city on seven hills rather than merely achieving a short-term public-relations triumph.

Mr. Rawson observes that the city's planners have conducted 50 public meetings involving hundreds of people who have given thousands of hours of time. Yet we are still at the beginning of public dialog regarding implementation.

Indeed, it is Somerville's citizens who will ultimately determine whether the plan is faithfully implemented.

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Best day ever



If I had the one day to live over again, and I could do anything I wanted, I'd blend together all the best parts of my life in Somerville

into 24 hours.

I would start the day with one of my favorite breakfasts that my Dad also liked. He would make "a whole mess" of scrambled eggs and cut up hot dogs. Oh yes, Dad is back for my special day, along with the rest of my family. For such a special day, maybe we would splurge and eat breakfast at the Waldorf in Davis Square.

As we were walking to Davis Square, we would say "hi" to our neighbors. "Hello Mr. Lamb, Mr. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Pine, and Mrs. Foster." DJ Sullivan's dog "Shep"

would run over for a quick pat on the head! I would watch a few episodes of *The Three Stooges* the way I used to just about every morning before school.

Speaking of school, part of my best day ever would be marching with the rest of the class of 1971 at our class day celebration with a fast-forward to graduation day at Dilboy Stadium. Of course for lunch I would grab an Italian sub at Bella Meos in Powder House Square or a meatball sub at Todis in Ball Square or maybe both! We would drive over to my grandma and grandpas' house and pick some grapes while visiting. (everyone is alive again!) We would stop at the BP station and gas up Dad's 1967 Dodge Dart. We would give a honk to the cop in the round traffic stand right in the middle of the square.

Perhaps we would be stopped at the railroad crossing while a freight train rolled by.

One of the best memories was when Dad took us to Fort Devens and we got a VIP tour. I can't help but think that Dad told them he was a big wig for the city of Somerville. Come to think of it, he was sort of the unofficial mayor of Davis Square for a while. How about a movie? I would have to pick *A Hard Day's Night* at the Somerville Theatre. Maybe my special day could be on July 4th so we could get a free Hoodsie that the elected officials used to give out to all the kids.

It wouldn't be the best day ever without a performance of *Oliver* by Project STAR, 1969. I was Artful Dodger in that awesome show. Let's block off the street

and have a Somerfest concert with Shad-owfax! For old time's sake, I would come in the house when the streetlights came on, but only to shower and get dressed for a night out in the 'Ville. I'd hit Studley's, The Blarney Stone, The Surrey Room, and check out The Embassy Lounge and Khoury's (with a designated driver, of course). I would have to have my 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham with the extra large back seat and footrests that could fit about 10 of us. Maybe we could reenact my 30th birthday when my pal Dave was the driver and my friends and I were decked out in crazy outfits and silly hats. We drove around Somerville all afternoon acting like goofs and having a blast. It would be so great to see some of the friends that I

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators on roll calls from the week of March 5-9.

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.

### \$3,024,083 FOR SHERIFFS (S 2112)

On roll calls of 153-0, 152-0, 151-2 and 152-0, the House overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's veto of \$3,024,083 in funding for the offices of four Republican sheriffs. The cuts include the offices of Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis, \$200,000; Barnstable County Sheriff James Cummings, \$1,000,109; Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson, \$952,095 and Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph McDonald, \$871,879.

The budgets of the state's nine Democratic sheriffs and Essex County's Republican sheriff were left untouched and fully funded.

Override supporters said sheriffs need this money to properly run their operations. They argued the \$3 million plus would prevent staff cuts that could jeopardize the safety of corrections officers and the public. Some accused Gov. Patrick of vetoing four GOP sheriffs' budgets while leaving the budgets of nine Democrats untouched, as politically motivated retribution for the Republican sheriffs' support of the federal government's Secure Communities Program that Patrick has criticized. Under the program, the fingerprints of all individuals in Massachusetts jails would be checked with FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) databases for the criminal's immigration status and prior criminal record. The Obama Administration had mandated that all states join the program by 2013.

In his veto message, Gov. Patrick said he reduced the funding because it authorized unaffordable spending by sheriffs in excess of his budget recommendations.

Supporters of the program say it is a fair one that would ensure illegal aliens who commit serious crimes will be deported. They noted that under the program, ICE has so far deported more than 80,000 illegal immigrants who have been convicted of crimes. They noted that "color-blind" fingerprints would be taken from all prisoners and disputed opponents' charges that the program would lead to racial profiling.

Opponents of the program say it would lead to racial profiling. They noted that 27 percent of those deported had only a misdemeanor offense and 54 percent had no criminal conviction at all. They said the program would result in women in domestic abuse situations afraid to call the police. (A "Yes" vote is for the additional \$3,024,083. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes/Yes/Yes/Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes/Yes/Yes/Yes

Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes/Yes/Yes/Yes
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### ADOPTION LAWS (S 2163)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill amending the current law that allows an adoption agency to release the identity of the adopted person to his or her biological parents and the identity of the biological parents to the adoptee, if both parties agree. The amendment would give the same rights to a sibling, half-sibling or step sibling of the adoptee, if the biological parents have died.

Supporters said the change is necessary because current law provides no method for siblings to contact each another if the parents are deceased. They noted this change would make the Bay State's laws consistent with those of 38 other states. They argued it will reunite some siblings and also allow them to share relevant medical information. (A "Yes" vote is for the change.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Didn't Vote

### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**CURB ABUSES AT STATE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES (H 3889)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill making major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's 30 education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs. The new law is in response to last year's uncovering of the misuse of funds at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative by former director John Barranco. He is accused of diverting \$11.5 million in public funds to the center to raise his pay and that of some top executives. He is also accused of illegally using the collaborative's credit card to charge some \$50,000 in personal expenses.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS (S 2132)** - The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would require each school to have a written medical emergency response plan to "reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote efficient responses to such emergencies." The measure is called "Michael's Law" in memory of 16-year-old Michael Ellsesser, who died suddenly of cardiac arrest suffered during a high school football game. Further approval by each branch is needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Deval Patrick.

**RAISE DROPOUT AGE FROM 16 TO 18 (S 185)** - The Education Committee has recommended passage of a proposal that would raise from 16 to 18 the age at which a student may choose to drop out of school. Other provisions include expanding into earlier grades the state's system for identifying students at risk of dropping out; assigning some students in school with high dropout rates a graduation coach to work with school personnel and the student's family to develop an individualized plan for supporting the student's academic progress; and providing alternative educational services to students who are expelled or suspended for more than 10 days.

Supporters say the bill is aimed at lowering the dropout rate which is currently near 8,000. They note many dropouts do not live up to their full potential and added they also make up 70 percent of the state's



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prison populations, at an average annual cost of about \$46,000 per person.

Opponents say some of the mandates in the proposal will result in new costs for cities and towns that are already feeling the pinch and experiencing layoffs.

**BODY PIERCING AND MORE** - The Public Health Committee has recommended passage of several bills including directing the Department of Public Health to establish rules and regulations for the licensing and regulation of people who perform body piercing (H 584). The measure also prohibits piercing of anyone under age 18 without parental consent. Supporters say the measure will create a statewide law to ensure sanitary and safe body piercing practices. They noted that currently individual cities and towns regulate the practice.

Other measures approved by the Public Health Committee include a bill allowing cities and towns to restrict the hours of the day when garbage may be collected by private companies in areas zoned for business, commercial or industrial use (H 1546); requiring health insurance plans of all state government employees and retirees and residents insured under Commonwealth Care, the state's health insurance program for uninsured adults who meet income and other requirements, to offer health insurance policies to cover smoking cessation programs, including use of a nicotine patch and counseling sessions (S 2452); and requiring all health insurance plans to cover colorectal screening tests for people over 50 or people under 50 who are at high risk for the disease (H 1543).

**STEPHANIE'S BILL (S 2006)** - The Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse has recommended approval of legislation that would provide each employee in a residential mental health facility with a panic button or other of emergency alert device, that allows the employee to call for help in the event of an emergency. The measure, dubbed "Stephanie's Bill," was filed following the murder of Stephanie Moulton, a 25-year-old social worker who was allegedly killed by Deshawn Chappell, a 27-year-old violent schizophrenic in a mental health group home.

**REX TRAILER (S 1704)** - The Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Committee has recommended approval of a bill that would make Rex Trailer the official state cowboy. Trailer is a television legend in the Bay State, where he hosted the local children's show Boomtown from 1956 to 1974, and has been involved with many charitable causes.

**ILLEGAL ALIENS, FOOD AND DOGS** - The Ju-

diary Committee held a hearing on several measures including a bill increasing from \$500 to \$10,000 the fine imposed on employers who hire illegal aliens (H 1345); prohibiting owners from chaining or tethering a dog to any house or other structures for longer than eight hours in any 24-hour period (H 2809); imposing up to a \$2,000 fine on anyone who destroy or defaces trees located in a public park or playground; and allowing restaurants and cafeterias to donate their edible leftover cooked and nonperishable food to local food pantries (H 3156). The measure allows the donor to take a tax credit or deduction and relieves the food establishment of liability for any harm a person suffers from eating the food.

**LEGALIZE POT (S 1801)** - The Judiciary Committee heard testimony on a proposal that would legalize marijuana and allows adults over 21 to grow it for their personal use and the use by others over 21. The measure would establish regulations for the licensing, regulation and taxation of marijuana (H 1371). The committee also took testimony on legislation that would allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide (H 2233).

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It is interesting that you hear this lofty rhetoric and happy talk from Gov. Patrick, but he is quite capable of playing politics like an old school Chicago pol." – *House GOP Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) accusing Patrick's of political retribution by vetoing more than \$3 million from four Republican sheriffs' budgets while leaving the budgets of nine Democrats untouched.*

"Thanks to Gov. Patrick's sound fiscal management and responsible budgeting, the Commonwealth recently earned its strongest bond ratings in history. Unfortunately Leader Jones failed to help Governor Romney achieve the same when he was in the corner office. Perhaps Leader Jones needs to be reminded that fiscal discipline matters." – *Alec Loftus, Deputy Press Secretary to Gov. Deval Patrick.*

"Coming into office with a \$2.5 billion budget deficit and depleted reserves, Gov. Romney closed the budget gap, left the Rainy Day Fund at its highest balance in history, and achieved two bond rating upgrades. Gov. Patrick's minions conveniently forget his 'sound fiscal management and responsible budgeting' were facilitated by \$2.3 billion in reserves left to him by Governor Romney and

\$5 billion in special federal aid to deal with the economic downturn." – *Rep. Bradley Jones*

"The current law needs to be changed to ensure that dangerous drivers are not given a free pass to continue to threaten public safety on our roadways." – *Senate GOP Minority leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on his proposal to give the Registrar of Motor Vehicles increased powers to crack down on habitual traffic offenders.*

"I am determined to make sure that the Mark Zuckers of the future remain in the Commonwealth. One of the keys to making Massachusetts more competitive and business friendly is to provide a climate in which new ideas and industries can grow and flourish." – *House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) noting that Facebook, the company created in Massachusetts by Zuckerberg, should have continued to be based here.*

## HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 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 March 5-9, the House met for a total of four hours and 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 34 minutes.

Mon. March 5	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:54 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Tues. March 6	No House session Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
Wed. March 7	House 10:58 a.m. to 2:38 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 8	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 2:22 p.m.
Fri. March 9	No House session No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

## Best day ever CONT. FROM PG 9

lost, back again for one last bash.

What was your best day ever? That's a difficult one isn't it? If you could go back and enjoy one particularly awesome day what would it be? Would it be the day your kids were born? Was it the day you bought your first car? Maybe it was your wedding day (or the day your divorce was finalized!) Was it when you were a teen bopping around the city in your bellbottoms and Member's Only jacket?

Growing up in Somerville, I have witnessed many cool

changes. Friends and family members have come and gone. I drive through the 'Ville everyday and if I am not cursing a tailgater or some nut banging a U-turn in the middle of Highland Ave, I am taking in the scenery. I recall when things were different, and marvel at the progress we have made as a city. Is that Al standing on the corner? Nope ! Al moved 30 years ago.

The best day ever ends up being today because today will be a memory that we re-

call many years from now. I love looking back, and wish I could go back, but I am happy to have my memories of the best place ever to grow up. Somerville rocks.

One of my friends told me about one of her best days ever. "When I was in 6th grade 1966 my Dad took me and my friend Rita M. to see the Beatles movie at the Brattle Theater in Harvard Square. It was the first time I ever heard an English man speak. I loved my dad so much for taking me. I'll

never forget that day."

Here's another. "One of my best days was Somerville's 2004 Memorial Day parade. My dad was in his WWII uniform on the trolley. I remember being so proud of him."

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# Around the world in a school day

## Somerville High hosts Multicultural Fair

By Elizabeth Sheeran

The United States may be a melting pot. But what Somerville High students were serving up at last Friday's 14th Annual Multicultural Fair was not so much a stew, but an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord for the senses.

No matter whether their great-grandparents arrived by boat from Ireland over a century ago, or they stepped off the plane from Nepal just a year ago, over 250 participating students spent weeks preparing to share their culture for the day, with colorful displays, music, dance, and food. Lots and lots of food.

"Come try some Italian food. It's all homemade. Everybody loves Italian food," called out junior Matt Damasceno from the Italy booth, as he dished out sample-sized plates of ziti.

But while Italian food is already familiar and beloved by many Somerville students, more than 40 tables of diverse culinary choices beckoned with the opportunity to take their taste buds on a round-the-world adventure: tangy sauerkraut from Croatia, savory minced-meat Koubek from Palestine, sweet Choco Bananos from El Salvador, spicy samosas from India...and many, many more.

The live entertainment was just as eclectic. Caitlin Berry belted out Mambo Italiano. And teams of dancers with roots on five continents demonstrated just how many different ways the world can move: salsa dancing to Latin rhythms, shimmying to Caribbean beats, expressing the graceful movements of traditional Bangladeshi dance, or mixing the old and new worlds to create a blend of classic Asian dance with an American twist.

Somerville Schools Mediation Director Alice Comack said the multicultural fair began 14 years ago at a time when the school was experiencing ethnic and racial tensions, and the event has helped foster better cross-cultural relations over the years, creating a very different climate today. "We've gone from just tolerating each other to celebrating each other," said Comack.

"I love it. It's beautiful," said junior Hymi Mulugeta, uncovering trays of injera bread and a mixed vegetable dish at the Ethiopia booth. "Every student can get to know different cultures better than just hearing about it."

"I think it's awesome," said senior Loveleen Saini, laying out pakoras at the India booth. "You get to learn so much about so many different cultures, that all intertwine somehow."

Sharadha Singh, Punam Gurung and Samihana Bastolo, all from Nepal, said they liked learning about other students' traditions. But it was also a chance for them to proudly wear their traditional clothing - richly-decorated dresses and tunics in teal, purple, gold, pink and red - and to share their own heritage. What do they most want their fellow students to know about Nepal? It's not part of India, but a separate country, with its own culture.

Pride was a big part of the day for many students.

"It makes us proud to be where we're from. I'm proud to say I'm Brazilian," said junior Amanda Ribeiro, sporting a yellow and green Brazilian national soccer team shirt. Ribeiro, who emigrated from Brazil at the age of four, enlisted friends to help dish out a revolving menu over the course of the day, including sweetbreads for breakfast, Brazilian barbecue with rice and beans for lunch, and an afternoon snack of chocolate treats and rich pastries.

Comack said that pride is reflected in the enthusiasm the students bring to the daylong celebration each year, planning all the exhibits, food and entertainment themselves, with limited adult oversight. She said in 14 years, the fair has evolved from an earnest attempt to bridge divides and smooth over conflict, into one of the highlights of the school year.

At the England booth, where students served up English high tea, complete with cucumber sandwiches, senior Mattie Barber-Bockelman agreed. "It's bigger than prom," she said.



Reshu Lamsal, Akriti Thapa and Samiha Chowdhury served up a Biryani dish from Bangladesh.



Matt Domasceno and Kristin Thys dished out homemade Italian food.



Verna Estes, Zoe King, Mattie Barber-Bockelman, Samuel Badot-Fisher and Ruairi Palmer served up English high tea.



Azuri Thornton, Hymi Mulugeta and Bobbie Thornton served up Ethiopian food.





re Oliveira, Mariana Silva, Felipe Nonato, Sabrina Kerr and Fabricio Baptista danced to a Brazilian beat.



Ryan Chambers, Amanda Ribeiro, Sydney Vieira, Berto Maldonado and Caio Azevedo connected over Brazilian desserts.

*“We've gone from just tolerating each other to celebrating each other”*



leen Hannon got a taste of India with the help of Loveleen Saina.



Lorenza Ettiene, Zhanea Nichelson, Sandrah Abbuah and Emma Youte danced in honor of Trinidad.



a-dancing couples represented El Salvador.



Sharadha Singh, Punam Gurung and Samihana Bastolo donned traditional Nepali dress.



# SOMERVILLE SPORTS

## Tufts women finish short of Quarterfinals

The Tufts University women's basketball dropped its third round game of the NCAA Tournament, 50-47, to #12 St. Thomas (Minn.) on Friday evening on the campus of the University of Chicago.

St. Thomas started the game on an 8-0 run as Tufts did not register its first points until the 11:53 mark after a three-pointer by first-year guard Kelsey Morehead (Foster City, CA). That began a 9-0 run for Tufts which resulted in its first lead of the game, 9-8, after a layup by junior Bre Dufault (Hampden, MA).

The Tommies eventually reclaimed a three-point advantage, 12-9, before sophomore Liz Moynihan (Storrs, CT) connected on four consecutive free throws for the Jumbos. The lead would bounce back to St. Thomas before Tufts had its final advantage of the night, 15-14.

St. Thomas built a five-point lead, 22-17, using six made free throws, four of which came from senior Ali Johnson (St. Louis Park, MN). Before the halftime buzzer, Moynihan was able to drain a long three to pull her

team to within two, 22-20, at the break.

The Tommies took control in the second half, working to its largest advantage of the night, 40-26, with 9:14 to play. Sophomore Taylor Young (Edina, MN) spearheaded the run for St. Thomas with eight points. After a media timeout at 7:54, Tufts clawed its way back into the game with a 13-2 run to get within three, 44-41, with 4:41 remaining. Morehead tailed the last six points of the run on back-to-back three-pointers.

After St. Thomas went back up five, 46-41, the Jumbos held serve at the charity stripe as both junior Collier Clegg (Evanston, IL) and senior Kate Barnosky (Huntington Station, NY) buried a pair of free throws. Then, St. Thomas senior Sarah Smith (Grand Forks, ND) grabbed a key offensive rebound and scored with two seconds on the shot clock to put her team back up by three, but Barnosky quickly answered with a jump shot.

Down 48-47 with 27 seconds to play, the Jumbos had to foul



Collier Clegg gives her best for the Tufts University Jumbos, who were edged out of finals competition by St. Thomas.

and send St. Thomas to the free throw line. The strategy worked as the Tommies missed both shots, but the Jumbos would turn the ball over on the ensuing possession. Junior Kellie Ring (Somerset, WI) made both her shots, and Tufts' desperation three to tie was no good.

Barnosky led the Jumbos with 11 points on 4 of 9 shooting while senior Tiffany Kornegay (Carver, MA) grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Morehead finished with nine points, shooting 3 for 6 from three-point range. Moynihan and Clegg added nine and eight points re-

spectively off the bench.

Smith had a double-double for the Tommies with 15 points and 10 rebounds while Young had 15 as well.

The Jumbos end their season at 23-7 while the Tommies at 29-1 advance to the National Quarterfinals.

## SHS girls track shines at NYC championship meet

Results from the New Balance National Scholastic Championships held last Friday -Sunday at The Amory in NYC: Nicole Genard placed 38th overall in the Championship Division of the 60m hurdles with a time of 9.03. Our 4x200m relay placed 31st overall in the Emerging Elites

Division with a time of 1:47.76.

Although this was not Nicole's best race this season, she more than held her own on the National level and her season best time of 8.00 in the 55m hurdles is still one of the fastest times in the US. The relay ran great, finishing third

in its heat and 31st overall in its Division.

"This relay has worked hard to improve all season and earned their right to compete at the National level," says coach Charlie O'Rourke. "I can't wait to see how this group performs in the shorter 4x100m distance outdoors."

### Somerville Little League 2012 online Registration is now open

Register today at: [www.somervillelittleleague.org](http://www.somervillelittleleague.org)

In Person Registration- Saturday March 17, 10 - 4 pm, Somerville High School Gym: 81 Highland Avenue

\*\* Registration required for all leagues \*\*

T-ball • Baseball: Farm, Minors, & Majors

Player Tryouts: Saturday March 17, 10 - 4 pm, Somerville High School Gym: 81 Highland Avenue

Tryouts required for the following:

New players to SLL wanting to play in the Minors or Majors

Players moving up a league (i.e. Farm to Minors or Minors to Majors)

Any player unsure whether to play in the Minors or Majors

\*Tryouts are not required for T-Ball, Farm League, and players remaining in the same league as last season.

### Somerville Youth Softball Try-outs & Registration

Girls Grades 1 thru 9 – Sunday, March 18th, 1:30pm @ SHS Gym  
or

Sunday, March 25th, 1:30pm @ Trum Field

• Players must attend one of the two try-out dates to be evaluated for skill level • In-person registration will be available •

Registration Fees and Authorization Forms will be due. Additional In-person registrations date:

Somerville Recreation and Youth building @ 19 Walnut Street:

Tuesday, March 13th from 6:30 - 8pm • Wednesday, March 14th from 6:30 - 8pm • Thursday, March 15th from 6:30 - 8pm

SHS Field House Atrium during the 7th & 8th Grade Track Meet: • Wednesday, March 14th from 3 - 5pm

Online Registration Available @ [WWW.SOMERVILLESOFTBALL.COM](http://WWW.SOMERVILLESOFTBALL.COM)

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# Olio

**Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

## #308

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| 1. What baseball equipment was Charles Waite the first to wear?  | and the license plate's slogan is "The Land of Enchantment?"   |
| 2. What is the only U.S. state named for a president?  | 8. What U.S. President designed an indoor privy?   |
| 3. How did the "baker's dozen" originate?  | 9. Can you find the German city hidden in "timberline?"  |
| 4. What is the breed of dog that may come in miniature, toy, or standard?  | 10. What is the name of the heavyweight boxer who said, "Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die?"                      |
| 5. What expression is sometimes used to describe a person that spoils the pleasures of others or is a wet blanket? | 11. Although he made the claim that he was the greatest, who did Mohammed Ali rate as the greatest pound for pound boxer of all times? |
| 6. What state's license plate slogan has "The Natural State?"  | 12. Who was the first female to become the U.S. Attorney General?  |
| 7. What state are you in if you may see a cactus,  |  |

Answers on page 21



# Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km on March 18

By Cathleen Twardzik

On March 18, the race, Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km. will begin at 11 a.m. in Davis Square. This year marks its 10th anniversary.

On race day, there will be much Irish "craic," which loosely means fun in Gaelic.

To add to the atmosphere, Irish music will be played on the course.

"The race is open to anybody physically fit enough to run 5k," said Paul Collyer, Director of Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km.

Irish-owned pubs, all of which are sponsoring post-race parties will be sponsored by Harpoon Brewery. Many after parties will provide live Irish bands, a t-shirt and finisher medal.

After the race, join the fun at Orleans Bar and Restaurant in Davis Square, P.J. Ryan's in Teele Square, The Pub in Ball Square, and On The Hill Tavern in Magoun Square, among other venues.

After-party bands will include: Johnny Come Latelies, who will play at The Burren in Davis Square, Dockside Saints, who will play at Sally O'Brien's in Union Square, and Ronan Quinn, who will

play at Olde Magoun's Saloon in Magoun Square.

Ras na hEireann U.S.A. means the race of Ireland and the United States of America. It is a celebration of traditions dating back centuries.

This race originated in Ireland and was named in honor of its famous sister race, the Ras na hEireann International Cross Country, which is held in Termonfechin, County Louth, Republic of Ireland, according to the event's website.

All cash awards will be given out at 1 p.m. after the race at The Burren in Davis Square, and each winner must be present to collect the award, although divisional awards will be mailed out two weeks after the event.

Cash awards will be offered to the top six women and to the top six men, as well as an additional bonus of \$100, if either winner is a native of Ireland. The total cash prize package is \$2,350.

One of the most popular awards in this race is the "Sporting Paddy Gaelic Cup," which will be given to the first place Pub Team, two men or two women. Additional prizes will be given as well.



They're not only here for the beer. Runners and walkers always have a great time at the Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km.

To receive a quality multi-colored short sleeve tee shirt with Irish theme, finishers medal and great post race party you must dish out \$32 entry fee.

For your convenience, pre-race bib and t-shirt pick-ups are available, Monday to

Friday at various Marathon Sports, as well as at the Olde Magoun Saloon on St. Patrick's Day.

However, pick-ups are also possible on March 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Somerville Senior Center TAB

Building, which is located at 167 Holland St.

Registration closes on March 16, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Interested individuals may register and get more information at <http://baevents.com/rasna-heireann/>.

## Person of the Week



Meet Ed Tauro, manager of Pat's Auto Body shop, 161 Linwood Street, here in the 'Ville. Eddie is a great guy and knows his business. He personally takes an interest in all his customers. When you first go in, he's the guy with a huge smile with the "can I help you" attitude. Pat's Auto Body always has a great repeat business and welcomes new business all the time. He does a great job on every car that leaves the shop. Call Ed anytime at 617-628-7500 for a job that looks like new and meet a great guy.

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RFP 12-53**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:  
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A Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 or online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> on or after: **Monday, March 12, 2012**. Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. 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.

Qualifications, including MAI designation, are detailed in the RFP. Multiple contracts may be awarded.

Please contact Angela M. Allen at [purchasing@somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov) for information and proposal packages. Prospective proposers shall contact Purchasing in writing to ensure they are on the bidders list to receive any updates or addenda about this RFP.

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

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**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:**

2012-9 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended as follows: extend an additional 30 day trial period to the space at 45 Berkeley St (2011-39, 2012-7)

2012-10 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: Rescind a portion of 2011-29 by removing the trial period for the loading zone at 1141 Broadway, space is now permanent

PROMULGATED: FEBRUARY 16, 2012  
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MARCH 7, 2012  
MARCH 14, 2012  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court**

**MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION DOCKET NO. 10P2659**

**NOTICE**

**IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT C. WILKINSON**  
**To all persons interested in the matter of ROBERT C. WILKINSON OF SOMERVILLE IN the County of Middlesex**

A Petition has been presented in the above- captioned matter praying for unsupervised visitations.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO , YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY TRIAL COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141 ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 a.m.) on APRIL 4, 2012

WITNESS, PETER C. DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, **SEVENTH** day of **MARCH** in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and TWELVE.

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

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, March 19, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Tango Society of Boston for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers & Entertainment by Patrons at 16 Bow St., 2nd floor, Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro  
Administrative Assistant**

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

**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0957EA**

**In the Estate of:** Eugene A. Phillion

**Late of:** Somerville, MA. 02145

**Date of Death:** 12/02/2011

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that

Diane B Collins of Somerville, MA

be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;  
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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
**Date:** March 1, 2012

**Tara E. De Cristofaro  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P1000EA**

**In the Estate of:** William Joseph Monahan Jr.

**Late of:** Somerville, MA. 02144

**Date of Death:** 07/14/2010

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR**

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Janice T Taranto of York, ME

or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

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**03/30/2012**

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
**Date:** March 2, 2012

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

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, March 19, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Prospect Hill Properties, Inc. d/b/a The Independent, 75 Union Sq., Somerville, MA for an extension to premises to serve alcoholic beverages at an Outdoor Seating area.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro  
Administrative Assistant**

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**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0899EA**

**In the Estate of:** David G. Sholl a/k/a David Gurney Sholl

**Late of:** Somerville, MA. 02143

**Date of Death:** 12/25/2011

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that

William J Gilligan of Somerville, MA

be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

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**03/26/2012**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
**Date:** February 28, 2012

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

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

**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P1000EA**

**Estate of:** William Joseph Monahan Jr.

**Also Known As:**

**Date of Death:** July 14, 2010

**MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE**

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

**Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.**

**Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond**

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, March 19, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Rockwell Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Davis Sq. Theatre/Foundry on Elm, 255 Elm St., Somerville, MA to extend its closing hour from 1AM to 2AM. On the weekends.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro  
Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, March 19, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Café Tango, for an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by Performers & Entertainment by Devices at 16 Bow St., 1st floor, Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro  
Administrative Assistant**

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at [www.thesomervillenews.com](http://www.thesomervillenews.com)

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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PATS TOWING

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO OWNERS ONLY \*\*\*\*\*

The following abandoned and / or junk motor vehicles will be disposed of or sold, any questions regarding this matter please contact Pat's Towing.  
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2001	Volkswagen	Beetle	Vin# 3VWDD21C11M449676
1999	Chrysler	Sebring	Vin# 3C3EL55H3XT506299
2000	Chevy	Monte Carlo	Vin# 2G1WW12E2Y9179255
1996	Volvo	850	Vin# YV1LS5548T3311639
2001	Ford	Mustang	Vin# 1FAPF40431F209060

Sale Location 160 McGrath Hwy Somerville, Mass 02143  
Sale Date - April, 9th At 12:00 pm.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 309 Beacon Street, Somerville, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Amrik Pabla and Dalwinder Pabla to The New York Mortgage Co., LLC and now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005- OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005- OPT3, said mortgage dated August 4, 2005, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45806 at Page 74, as affected by Loan Modification dated May 29, 2008 and recorded in Book 51634 at Page 227 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the building(s) thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts now being numbered 309-311 Beacon Street, and being shown as Lot 1 on a "Plan of Land in Somerville, Mass. Prepared for Kevin Emery", Marchionda & Associates, Inc., Engineering and Planning Consultants, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 24055, Plan 574. Containing 4.154 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated January 15, 2008, and recorded in Book 53783 at Page 493 with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds. Also, see deed dated

January 15, 2008 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 53783, Page 493. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C., 1350 Division Road, Suite 301, West Warwick, RI 02893 Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005- OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005- OPT3 Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 234- 9200 MLG File No. 10-03851FC-1, 930716 3/14, 3/21, 03/28/2012-

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Massachusetts History Day

Congratulations to Emily O'Regan and Kaleigh Conte of the Kennedy School on their winning entry in the Massachusetts History Day District Competition held March 3 at Winchester High. The entry *Wicked Girls or Wicked Women? Salem Village 1692* was a paper group performance entry in the junior division.

Research on the entry began several months ago using both primary and secondary sources. All topics had to relate to this year's National History Day theme *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History*.

Massachusetts History Day is the state program for National History Day. The mission of National History Day is to improve the teaching and learning of history in elementary, middle, and secondary schools so that stu-

dents become better prepared, more knowledgeable citizens. National History Day, a non-profit organization located at the University of Maryland, provides a theme each year along with support materials. Students in grades 6-12 research and create historical projects that relate to the year's theme.

Emily and Kaleigh will compete in the Massachusetts state finals on Saturday, March 31, at Stoneham High School. Students who are successful at the State Competition will represent Massachusetts at the National History Day Finals, June 10-14, at College Park on the campus of University of Maryland. Delegations from 49 states, The District of Columbia, Guam and Department of Defense Schools will compete.



Wicked Girls or Wicked Women? Salem Village 1692 - (L to R) Kaleigh Conte and Emily O'Regan.



Students of the Kennedy School Competed in the Junior division project title, *We Want to Live but They Won't Let Us* - (L to R) Briana Jewers and Marissa Toner.

PTS Community Forum on Education

Continuing a commitment to the Somerville Public Schools, Progress Together for Somerville (PTS), the Somerville School Committee, and the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative have organized a Community Forum on Education, to be held on Saturday, March 17 from 2 to 4 pm. at the Argenziano School at Lincoln Park. This event, also sponsored by the Mayor's Office, Somerville Council of PTAs, and the Somerville Teachers Association, will examine a number of issues in education in the city today. These topics include

how teaching and learning are influenced by data; innovation schools and their role in a public school system; and how English Language Learning (ELL) students learn English at the same time as other topics. The event is designed to be participatory, with active discussion as well as lectures. "This Community Forum is part of the ongoing efforts of Progress Together for Somerville to engage and energize the city around educational issues - and to make sure the Somerville Public Schools provide a high quality education to all Somerville students," said

PTS member Meghan Bouchard. "We believe that a quality public school system requires an active partnership between parents, students and the school administration." The doors open at 1:30 with food generously donated by Red-bones. Child care is available, but you must register first by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 6966. A second forum is also scheduled in May. Progress Together for Somerville is an independent, grass-roots organization of parents across the city who are focused on improving education for all children in Somerville.

FOSTER HOME NEEDED

Kristy is a 19 year-old young woman in need of a specialized foster home. While Kristy is legally old enough to be considered an adult, she remains in foster care so that she can continue to build her independent living skills in a safe environment. Kristy came to the United States at the age of twelve and has struggled with language and cultural barriers. She has relatives both in the US as well as in her home country. Kristy has experienced much loss in her life, and struggles with her relationships with friends and family members. Emotionally and socially, Kristy acts younger than her given age. She would benefit from having a loving foster family who is willing to help her maintain her connections with family and the community. In addition, Kristy needs continued support toward becoming an independent young woman and would benefit from a foster family that can help her with money management and career-building skills. Kristy will be graduating from high school in June, and would like to live near her biological family members in the Cambridge and Somerville areas. A foster home that affords Kristy access to visiting her relatives by public transportation would be ideal. If you or someone you know have room in your home and heart for Kristy, please contact Dare Family Services at (617) 628-3696.

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



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|March 14

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

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

Thursday|March 15

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

Friday|March 16

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

Sunday|March 18

Central Library  
Yoga Class for Kids Ages 4-7 with Janine Duffy  
2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|March 19

Central Library  
Preschool: Sing Along with Jorden Voelker  
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|March 20

West Branch Library  
Preschool: Storytime  
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|March 21

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

MUSIC  
Wednesday|March 14

Johnny D's  
Spoken Word Semifinals|Massmouth  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge  
Tumbleweed  
Company|Cowgill|Soundsofaether|Mikado  
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  
Chelsea Merlini|Shambles|Mic Raygun  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub  
Kong - King of Funk  
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  
Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball Tournament|Texas Hold'em  
381 Summer St

Thursday|March 15

Johnny D's  
Ebinho Cardoso|Receita De Samba  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Ryan Taylor Band |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge

Virus Cycle|Jimi Halfdead and The Die Alongs|Global Crash  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar  
The Giant Kings|Featuring: Marty Ballou|Duke Levine|Chris Cote|Kevin Barry|Andy Plaisted  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PJ Ryan's  
Live Music  
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
The Seaplanes  
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory  
Playtime with Knucklebones  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|March 16

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

Sally O'Brien's  
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.  
The Cue with 51 Shortfalls \$5 cover | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Helena  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Live Acoustic Music  
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar  
HearNowLive presents:Big Ghost|Chaparrals|OTIS|Arthur|Sticky Business  
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge  
Dead Cats Dead Rats|The Sour Doo-Dahs|Mod Gun|Little Face  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Live music starting at 8:00pm.  
Featuring Dave Scott and friends  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's  
Jess Tardy Band with special guest Jesse Dee  
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  
TBA  
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory  
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre  
7:30p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre  
Beaver  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday|March 17

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

Sally O'Brien's  
St Paddy's Day with special menu & music all day! \$10 cover

Tom Hagerty with Bucky's Kilt|3 p.m.  
Josh MacLederman & the Irish CSARs|6 p.m.  
One Thin Dime|9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Happy St Patricks Day- open at 8 a.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar  
St Paddys Day Benefit For Cystic Fibrosis|Comanchero|Rain Deer|Three day Threshold  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
DJ every Saturday  
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge  
Primate Fiasco|Strange Machines|Blacklight Ruckus  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub  
St. Patrick's Day - Open and serving Irish Breakfast at 10 a.m. -Full Irish Food and Music All Day - Ronan Quinn Band Live at 8:30  
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  
Saint Patricks Day|Wall of Sound|Public Interest|Special:Cornd Beef and Cabbage Sliders w/pint of Guinness  
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory  
For the Sake of the Song presents: Irish Session in the Round  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre  
Beaver  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|March 18

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

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

The Burren  
Grunge Brunch|11 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge  
Mike Mountain|Randy Mississippi Whiskey|Black Wolf Goat  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar  
St. Paddy's Day Road Race with The Molly Misfits|It's Sunday The Funday Residency|Marc Pinansky|Rumors Of A Strange Universe  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar  
Best Ever Chicken (Bluegrass Done Right)  
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory  
Rescheduled Gordon Michaels presents "Listen to my heart"  
5 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|March 19

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar  
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with the Duppy

Conquerors|9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Bur Run|6:30 p.m.  
Big Night Out|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

Arts at the Armory  
Monday Mini Cinema presents: Shane McGowan: If I Should Fall From Grace  
7 p.m.|Mezzanine  
Hope Roth Third Monday Residency!  
7:30 p.m.|Café  
191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|March 20

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar  
Kristen Ford Band with guests|8 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 Honors  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Karaoke w/DJ Dave  
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
"Beer and Mussels" Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Arts at the Armory  
The First and Last Word Poetry Series  
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 21

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

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

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

PA'S Lounge  
Cowgill|Go-Flo Casuals|Minor Three  
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  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub  
Kong - King of Funk  
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  
Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball Tournament|Texas Hold'em  
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory  
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie  
8 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|March 14

Central Library  
Mother Nature's Child: Film Screening and Discussion  
Paula Jordan  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|March 15

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

Third Life Studio  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Union Sq|  
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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

Saturday|March 17

Arts at the Armory  
Somerville Winter Farmer's Market  
9:30 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|March 18

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

Monday|March 19

Central Library  
Friends of the Library Meeting  
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio  
Beginning Hawaiian Hula  
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|March 20

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

Third Life Studio  
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation  
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

The Art of Singing Group  
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|March 21

Central Library  
Friends of the Library Volunteer Thank You and Recruitment Party  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library  
Origami Workshop with Arline Young  
7 p.m.- 9 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



# 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.

**Harvard University needs you!** Aging & Social Cognition Research Project at Harvard University is doing a research project. You must be 65 or older and in good health. Study involves performing tasks on paper/pencil and computer which they all have. There is \$5 compensation for your time. Interested? Call 617-384-5875 and ask for Mr. Jolly.

**If you like to bowl** and would like to meet new people, join Flo and a wonderful group of men and women at Flatbreads on Day Street at 1:00 - 3:00 pm. \$10 includes shoe rentals and dues.

## Coming up in March

**Do people say you can't hear them** or are you saying "What?" a lot? Sign up for a hearing screening March 9 at Holland Street or March 27 at Ralph & Jenny. All screenings by appointment only.

**Our first "Musical conversations" was a hit!** Coming back to you at Holland Street Center on March 19 from 12:30 - to 1:30 pm. This event is free and open to everyone. Alan Cohen, a professed music lover and musician, will be talking about music and the memories it brings back to us. As Alan says, "Music is the soundtrack that accompanies and evokes memories." Come listen to some wonderful music and conversation. RSVP 617-625-600 ext. 2300.

**Caregiver's Series** - Are you caring for a parent, sibling or spouse with Alzheimer's or other form of dementia? You may be emotionally, spiritually and physically overloaded or overwhelmed. Come to our four-part series as we explore issues and concerns that you may be facing. Holland Street Center - Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm March 13 through April 3. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**TWO SPOTS STILL OPEN!** Free Memoir Writing Course - One of the markers of a life well lived is the stories, experiences and memories that are told, retold, remembered and re-experienced. Join us for a free seven week course at Holland Street Center with two local writing instructors as they guide you through a 3 - 5 page story from your life with inspiring assignments, readings and coaching. Limited space - RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. March 22 - May 3 Time: 9am - 11am

**Celebrate the Iranian New Year on March 26** - Join us in celebrating the Iranian New Year, Nowruz with food, dance music and conversation as the second part in our Cultural Mondays Program. Come learn about the Persian culture and enjoy a delicious meal, musical entertainment and cultural speaker. The meal will be a simple low-spiced chicken kebob, salad, hummus, pita bread and a special dessert. To reserve a space, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Cost is \$2.00 for lunch.

**You still have time to join our Olympics here in Somerville!** Go for the gold by participating in 45

exercise classes between now and August 25. There are lots of exercise classes at all three of our centers. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having a grand medals luncheon in September to give out the gold, silver and bronze medals. To participate, just come to a class and our center directors will sign you up! Check out our classes below listed with an (\*).

## Join us in our exercise classes:

**Chair Yoga** - Tuesdays at the Ralph & Jenny Center from 9:30 - 10:30. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

**Zumba Gold** - Join the craze and dance your way to fitness. Ralph & Jenny Center from 10:30 - 10:45 \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

**QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

**Flexibility & Balance** - all three centers

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

**Indoor Exercises** - all three centers

## March 14

### Foxwoods

#### Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance\*|9:30 a.m.

SHINE hours by appt. only|10 a.m.

Women's Group - new members welcome|10:30 a.m.

QiGong\*|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### Cross Street Center

Center Closed

Bowling\*|1 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Zumba Gold\*|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

## March 15

### Holland Street & Ralph & Jenny Centers Closed

Except for Book Club at Holland Street at 9 a.m.

#### Cross Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Bereavement Support Group (sign up ahead)|9:45 a.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

## March 16

### Holland Street and Cross Street Closed

Except for Book Club at Holland Street at 9:00 am

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Special St. Patrick Day Lunch and Bingo

## March 19

#### Holland Street Center

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

Somerville Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.

Musical Conversation|12:30 p.m.

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

#### Cross Street Center

Closed

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

## March 20

#### Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

Low Vision Group|10:30 a.m.

The Movie - "The Help"|12:30 p.m.

Caregivers Series|6 p.m.

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

#### Cross Street Center

Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Chair Yoga\*|9:30 a.m.

Flexibility and Balance \*|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

## March 21

### Foxwoods

#### Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance\*|9:30 a.m.

SHINE hours by appt. only|10 a.m.

Women's Group - new members welcome|10:30 a.m.

QiGong\*|1:15 p.m.

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

#### Cross Street Center

Center Closed

Bowling\*|1 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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

**Veteran's History Project** - Created in 2000, the Veterans History Project archives personal first-hand accounts/memoirs of American war veterans from World War I through the Afghanistan and Iraq conflict. In addition, those U.S. civilians who were actively involved in supporting the war efforts (war industry workers, USO workers, medical volunteers, etc. ) are also invited to share their valuable stories. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318 if you are interested in participating.

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# Somerville well represented at the Annual Benevolent Jade Society Banquet in Boston



Close to four hundred law enforcement officers and their guest attended the 2012 Benevolent Jade Society Banquet in Boston's Chinatown District. The city of Somerville was well represented this year at the annual event. Pictured (L to R): Peter Messina, Master Sergeant William Boyden, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Donald Norton, Rick Willette, Alderman Maryann Heuston, Jeff Harrington, Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello, Marissa Tauro, Billy Tauro.



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# Foster Grandparents: Giving a bit extra

By Harry Kane

Somerville schools receive extra guidance from a federal subsidized Catholic sponsored program called Foster Grandparents. The organization is comprised of volunteers, 55 and older. Foster Grandparents are a group of mostly women that help mentor young children in a school environment.

At a recent meeting the foster grandparents were visited by Roberta Robinson, a Reiki master, who aids in spiritual growth development to the older adults. Robinson provided them with tools and skills to lead longer and better lives, a lesson that they can use down the road when helping the students they mentor.

Somerville Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi personally thanked the grandparents for all their hard work and perseverance at the meeting.

"I wanna just thank you for your volunteerism. You make a huge difference in our schools. "It changes that ratio [in the classroom] from 20 to 1 to 20 to 2. It gives us a leg up when it comes to dealing with our students," said Pierantozzi.

Special guest Roberta Robin-

son, from the Cambridge Health Alliance, presented a Reiki introduction, touching on the benefits of the eastern medicine. "Reiki is healing energy that works on four levels: Spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional," said Robinson.

Robinson says benefits of doing Reiki are an increase of self-awareness, detoxification, reduction of anxiety, reduction of compulsive attitudes, a release of negative emotions, and an increase of spiritual connections.

"Spirituality begins in the physical body," said Robinson. "That is our authentic self, our true self. The discord and disease that we feel is the distance between who we truly are and where we are in relationship to that."

Few, if any of the Foster Grandparents had any knowledge of these Reiki practices but spoke about their experiences with they children they mentored.

Delphena Peniston, 81, assists with Pre-K. Originally from Barbados, Peniston works on puzzles with the children, shows them picture books, helps serve them breakfast and takes them to the park when the weather is good. Peniston has been working with kids for the past 21 years.

Jeannette "Jan" Forgione, 76, a



Photo by Harry Kane

Foster Grandparents are lending an invaluable hand in mentoring Somerville's youth.

retired teacher of 42 years, works at St. Catherine's on Summer Street in Somerville. There are ten of the foster grandparents at that school, she said.

Forgione assists the Pre-K teachers by assembling craft materials, teaching them how to write and watching their social interaction. She asked, "what other types of jobs can you get a hug from everyday?"

Theresa "Terrie" Brown works at the Argenziano School at Lincoln Park. She says that giving

back to the children has helped strengthen her connection with God. Having children in her life again means a lot to her. "The love is returned to you. One little boy said, 'if you don't go into third grade with me I'm not going' and he cried for half an hour."

Superintendent Pierantozzi wants the foster grandparents to "pass it forward." He thanked the grandparents for the "patience they had for the high need and high risk students who come some real tough places."

Pierantozzi concluded by saying, "Continue good health, and continue good work and thank you for everything you do for our kids, and remember what you do for our kids also helps all the adults there too."

Roberta Robinson finished her introduction to Reiki with the statement, "We want to love life by design but not default." By following Robinson's teachings, the Foster Grandparents can pass their love onto the kids of Somerville.

## News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

**208 recruits, took place at the DCU Center in Worcester on March 9. Ryan left the Marine Corps in March 2011 as an E-5/Sergeant to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a State Trooper. Trooper Resmini now joins an elite group of law enforcement professionals that has served the Commonwealth for nearly 150 years.**

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The Tenth Annual Guns and Hoses Hockey tournament is on Friday, March 30, at the Somerville Skating

Rink. It's now 10 years in the making and going strong. Both the Police and Fire Departments put players on the ice to raise money for local charities. This is the final year that Lt. Bill Rymill is heading it up. He's done a great job as he always does with anything he does. It's a great time, starts at 7p.m. Tickets only \$5. at the door. What a great night and then dinner out afterwards, maybe? FYI - we're betting on the Police Department this year to win.

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**The rat problem here in Somerville is still very bad. In particular, the residents of Miller Street have even called us to have the city help out with the problem. Rat infestation is overwhelming to the residents down there.**

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The annual Business Town Meeting with Mayor Joe Curtatone is approaching. The city's business/economic status will be discussed. A fast paced Q&A follows.

Davis Square Theatre at 255 Elm Street, Wednesday, April 11, with a reception at the Saloon afterwards. RSVP the Chamber of Commerce to [smackey@somervillechamber.org](mailto:smackey@somervillechamber.org).

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**Nice to see that Lisa Ramos has returned to work down at Century Bank on the Fellsway, personally taking charge now that Jeannie is off on a trip for a couple of weeks. Welcome back Lisa. We hope your leg heals well and you're back running the marathons.**



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| <b>Monday 3/19:</b>    | <b>Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7 p.m.</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 9:30 p.m.</b>       |
| <b>Tuesday 3/20:</b>   | <b>Kristen Ford Band with guests 8 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>Wednesday 3/21:</b> | <b>Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.</b>                       |
| <b>Thursday 3/22:</b>  | <b>Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m.</b>                         |
|                        | <b>Birds of Play &amp; Friends 9 p.m.</b>                       |
| <b>Friday 3/23:</b>    | <b>Pot Hole Crew 6 p.m.</b>                                     |
|                        | <b>Ska night with Super Ska &amp; Foundation Rockers 9 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Saturday 3/24:</b>  | <b>Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.</b>                                  |
|                        | <b>Flash Cubes 9 p.m.</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday 3/25:</b>    | <b>Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.</b>                       |
|                        | <b>Jim Coyle &amp; The Barroom Gentlemen 8 p.m.</b>             |



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**Answers**

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| 1. A glove  | 6. Arkansas            |
| 2. Washington   | 7. New Mexico          |
| 3. In Medieval times if a baker shorted his customer he was put in the pokey to think about it – so, rather than be detained they decided to put 13 buns in a dozen | 8. Thomas Jefferson    |
| 4. Poodles  | 9. Berlin              |
| 5. A party pooper   | 10. Joe Louis          |
|   | 11. Sugar Ray Robinson |
|   | 12. Janet Reno         |



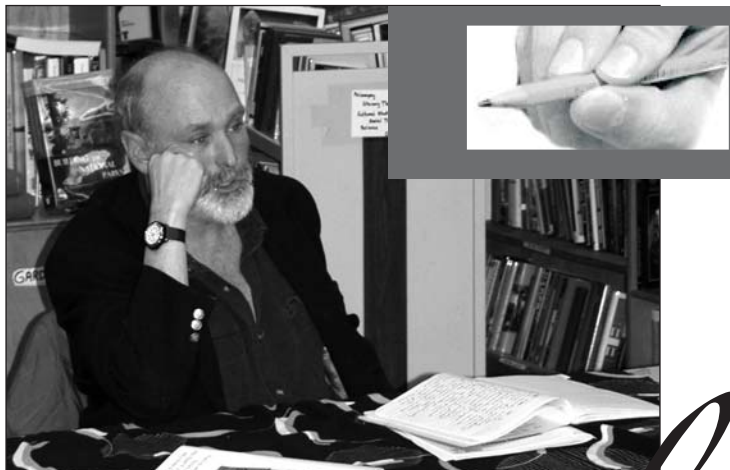
# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>		7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	2:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
6:00am	Flip Side	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
6:30am	The Struggle	9:30pm	Physician Focus	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
7:00am	Drug Awareness	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	4:00pm	Somerville Rocks
8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	4:30pm	Back In The Day	4:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	<b>Friday, March 16</b>		5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Culture Club
10:00am	Abugida TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	6:00am	Live Response	8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
12:00noon	Baby Boomers	7:00am	Culture Club	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	Discover The Law
1:00pm	Back in The Day	8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	11:00pm	GAY TV	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00mid	Beantown In Action	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	<b>Sunday, March 18</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	Back In The Day	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:00pm	Life Matters	12:00noon	Brunch w/ Senator Sanders	6:00am	Show de Fe	11:00pm	Visual Radio
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	1:00pm	The Expert Series	7:00am	Vida Na TV	<b>Tuesday, March 20</b>	
5:30pm	Someville Housing	1:30pm	Somerville Housing	8:00am	Eckankar	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	3:00pm	Cooking W/ Georgie & Dez	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	3:30pm	Somerville Rocks	11:00am	International Church of God	7:30am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Culture Club	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	8:00am	Democracy Now!
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9:30pm	Shrink Rap	5:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
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11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	3:30pm	Rompendo em Fe	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
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<b>Thursday, March 15</b>		8:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:00pm	Groundwork Somerville
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
7:00am	Discovering Justice	10:00pm	SCATV Promo's	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Portrait of Somerville
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	11:00pm	Jeff TV	9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:mid	Bongoman	9:30pm	Grill Dog	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
9:00am	Drug Education	<b>Saturday, March 17</b>		10:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	6:00pm	Al Jazeera
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Undercover TV	7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
12:00noon	Somerville Housing	6:00am	Arabic Hour	<b>Monday, March 19</b>		7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch
1:00pm	African TV Network	7:00am	SCATV Promos	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	8:00am	The Struggle	6:00am	Congressional Report w/Capuano	9:00pm	Interesting Places
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:30am	Animal Agenda	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
4:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	GAY TV	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
5:00pm	Ablevision	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions
5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes		
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Ablevision		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>		Domestic Violence	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Domestic Violence
9:00am: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	<b>Friday, March 16</b>		7:30pm: (15) Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back
9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	8:25pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
11:30am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:00am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	8:55pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	
12:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	12:30am: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	9:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	
12:15pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:15am: (15)	Capuano Center Winter Concert	9:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	Celebrate Somerville
12:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	<b>Sunday, March 18</b>		Capuano Center Winter Concert
12:45pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	1:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs vs Masconomet	12:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover
12:45pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair SHS	1:45am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Domestic Violence	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
7:00pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade Fundraiser	9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Domestic Violence	12:30am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	Capuano Center Winter Concert
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:25am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Our Schools, Our City
7:30pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:00pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	1:55am: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs vs Masconomet
8:25pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	Kid Stuff
8:15pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair SHS	12:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	2:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	
8:55pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	1:25pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	<b>Tuesday, March 20</b>
9:15pm: (15) SHS Boys' Basketball Playoffs vs Lowell		1:55pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	12:00pm: (15)	Capuano Center Winter Concert	Somerville Gives Back
9:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	2:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	12:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout	Capuano Center Winter Concert
<b>Thursday, March 15</b>		2:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:15pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS
12:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade Fundraiser	7:00pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Our Schools, Our City
12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs vs Masconomet
12:30am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	7:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	1:30pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	9:00am: (13/16)
1:25am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	8:25pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	2:00pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS
1:55am: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	8:55pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	Capuano Center Winter Concert
2:15am: (15) SHS Boys' Basketball Playoffs vs Lowell		9:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	7:00pm: (15)	Capuano Center Winter Concert	Our Schools, Our City
2:30am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	9:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout	Senior Circuit
9:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade Fundraiser	<b>Saturday, March 17</b>		7:15pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	8:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Somerville Gives Back
11:30am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	Kid Stuff
12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:30am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	8:30pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	Senior Circuit
12:15pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover	1:25am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS
12:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout	1:55am: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	<b>Monday, March 19</b>		Sit & Be Fit - Osteoporosis Workout
1:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	2:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	Somerville Gives Back
1:30pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Someville	2:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (15)	Capuano Center Winter Concert	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter
1:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:00pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	12:30am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout	Congressional Update
7:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:15am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	Somerville Gives Back
7:00pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	1:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter
7:30pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	1:25pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
8:15pm: (15)	Capuano Center Winter Concert	1:55pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	1:30am: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 3/19/12
8:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	2:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	2:00am: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover	Senior Circuit
8:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs vs Masconomet	2:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS
8:45pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show -	7:00pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	Somerville Gives Back
				11:30am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter
						Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### January O'Neil and Jennifer Jean: Friends, Poets, and The Massachusetts Poetry Festival

I have known these two dynamic poets for a number of years now and have seen them branch out into the poetry community—starting their own series, releasing new books, winning awards—and now these talented women are instrumental players for the Mass. Poetry Festival to be held April 20 to 22 in Salem, Mass. Jennifer Jean has been on the English faculty at Salem State University for awhile now and January O'Neil left a plum post at Babson College to join the faculty as an Assistant Professor of English at Salem, in addition to being appointed the Executive Director of the Festival. Jennifer Jean has recently released her third collection of the "Archivist," and O'Neil will be releasing a new collection of poetry "Misery Island" (Kavan Kerry Press) in the coming months. I talked with them on Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer on Somerville Community Access TV.

**Doug Holder:** So what's happening this year at the Mass. Poetry Festival?

**January O'Neil:** The question is what's not happening. We are going to three days instead of two—Friday, Saturday, Sunday-- April 20 to 22. Salem is a great city and they are experienced hosts—they have been a tourist attraction for many years, and can handle this event easily. We will also have events Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights—as well as the day—of course. We will probably do a kickoff event at Salem State University, and the Peabody Essex Museum is even getting more involved this year. We will have quite a few events and exhibits happening there and we are glad they are letting us use their space. They have a really wonderful Native American art exhibit and we have a Native American poet feature: Joy Harjo. I expect we will have 1500 people attend the festival over the three days.

Some of the featured poets we will have include Major Jackson, and Robert Pinsky—former U.S. Poet Laureate. We are going to have 20 events, including a "Favorite Poem Project." This will be tailored to poetry lovers to celebrate their favorite poem. Also: as part of the tie in the National Poetry Month we are creating a collection of poems that will be distributed to book clubs and libraries that we call "Common Threads." It will be an anthology of nine poems: by poets who are alive and poets who have passed. Included will be very the very much alive: Sam Cornish, David Ferry, and Frank Bidart--to name a few.

**Jennifer Jean:** We are going to have a lot of music and poetry mixtures going throughout the day. We will have panels on "songology." We are going to have Slam poets as well and a lot of poetry paired with music.

**Doug Holder:** Can you talk about the Small Press Book Fair?

**January O'Neil:** I think at this point we have 35



to 40 presses participating. It is a terrific way for local presses to get the word out to an audience. The Loom Press, Ibbetson Street, Salamander Magazine, Tuesday: An Art Project, and Zephyr Press are just a few of the presses that are participating.

**Doug Holder:** January, you are now an Asst. Professor of English at Salem State University. It is one thing to write poetry--it is another thing to teach it--right?

**January O'Neil:** You are absolutely right. It is a learning process. I have a lot of friends at Salem State. Jennifer included. I find that students are eager to learn. Like all writers students they have trouble starting a poem and trouble ending one. I teach Creative Writing which is really in my comfort zone. I am learning to get them to talk about poetry, and helping them get inspired. I am also teaching them to give constructive feedback.

**Doug Holder:** Both of you seem to be all about community--and this of course is strongly expressed in the Mass. Poetry Festival.

**Jennifer Jean:** I love what other organizations and the Mass. Poetry Festival are doing in helping create community. I feel connected to this greater thing...we share our poetry--our hearts.

**January O'Neil:** Yes. We go into the schools and talk to students who need help. We help them with their literary skills, and at the same time we broaden our connection to the literary community.

**Doug Holder:** I have seen both of you grow as poets over the years. I am impressed with your friendship and how you compliment each other.

**Jennifer Jean:** Jan is very helpful with all kinds of community organizing--nurturing. She has a natural ability, and a good and gracious heart.

**January O'Neil:** Jean is a talented poet. She is a good friend to have when you get your seventh rejection in one week. A high tide rises all boats. We are there for each other.

**Doug Holder:** Jan, you have a new poetry collection coming out "Misery Island." Can you talk about it?

**January O'Neil:** The title is named after an island in Salem Harbor. The poems deal with my divorce--two people clashing, and other themes.

For more information about the Mass. Poetry Festival go to <http://masspoetryfestival.org>

## Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

My friend, the first Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish, sent me this poem for the LYRICAL. We (Ibbetson Street Press) published his collection of poetry "Dead Beats" last year and it can be purchased by sending \$15 (check or money order) to Ibbetson Street Press 25 School St. Somerville, Mass. 02143 or it can be ordered online at <http://lulu.com/ibbetsonpress>.

#### The Dirty Faces

for Max Steiner who composed the music

They were the altar  
boys fingers

in the blood  
of Christ eating

the bread  
preparing the wine

mother give to the church  
take away my sons

of the streets and my lust  
make them clean and pure

Our Lord and good  
like a son to the Virgin

they were and are stealing  
from the grocery store beating

the Negroes back  
to their own side of town

these streets are theirs and so  
was once America

these bowery boys the East Side  
kids and dead

end kids are the devil's  
own the teacher said the shop

keeper knew they were the poor  
gone bad

the streets made them

what they shall be and are  
bless them Holy Mother pray

for them as I light  
a candle leave these

pennies for the poor  
cross myself and kneel

for these boys my sons  
my angels and their dirty faces

— Sam Cornish

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