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## 'You know you made a difference'

Regina Bertholdo, CASPAR honored for service to women



Director Regina Bertholdo (standing, right), along with parent liaison Herenia Hernandez, assists parents at the Somerville Schools Parent Information Center.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Once a year during Women's History Month in March, the Somerville Commission for Women shines a spotlight on a few of those unsung heroes who are making a difference in the community. This year the commission will honor Regina Bertholdo as "Somerville Woman of Excellence," and CASPAR as Somerville's "Best Service Provider to Women."

The commission bestows its annual recognition awards on those who have stood out as examples of people who get things done, sometimes behind the scenes, said Sonja Darai, director of the Office of Somerville Commissions. "We hope people will use them as a role model and follow their lead," she said.

Darai said Bertholdo was chosen not only because of her outstanding work in her day job as director of the Somerville Schools' Parent Information Center, but also for her many other roles, including as a founder and current president of the Brazilian Women's Group, as a board member of the Somerville Community Corporation, as a liaison for homeless families, and as "an outspoken advocate for the

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## 10th Annual Guns N' Hoses Hockey Game to benefit youth athletes

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

On Friday, March 30, the annual Guns N' Hoses hockey game, pitting members of the Somerville Police Department against those of the Somerville Fire Department, will take place at Veteran's Memorial Rink. This year, the fundraising event will direct all proceeds to the Somerville Youth Hockey Association, while the theme is titled "The Youth of Somerville."

As this year's iteration of the event marks its 10th anniversary, the participating members of the police and fire departments plan to make it special. Lieutenant Bill Rymill, a shift commander who has been with the Somerville Police Department for 17 years, expressed his excitement to be on the ice and contribute to a good cause.

"It's never been about the score, it's never been about the competition, it's just an excuse to get together, have a good time with each other and play for a good cause," Rymill

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Who will prevail at this year's Guns N' Hoses event? Everyone wins with this time-honored fundraiser.

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# NEWTALK

A very special Happy Birthday to our good friend Danny Spinosa who lives between FLA and here in the 'Ville on Winter Hill. Danny's a nice happy-go-lucky guy, and why not? He has great and loyal family and friends over the years. He's 90 years old, and a former WWII veteran. In his day he was a very political behind the scenes guy for many aldermen and mayors here. We wish him the best and can't wait till his 100th.

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A celebration of 30 years since Victor and Rosa opened Victor's Deli and it's still here in the city with a long tradition of the best deli and food around. The place is packed every afternoon for lunch, and for a while now their daughter Nancy has kept it opened for the dinner crowd. If you haven't been to Victor's for lunch you've missed not only the best food, but the smiles that you get from everyone there - it's hard to beat.

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We were sad to hear a prominent lady passed away two weeks ago, Mildred "Millie" Fleming, who was an extremely popular lady at the COA's here in the 'Ville. She was the devoted mother of Jerry Fleming, who was always there for her. Millie was just short of her 100th birthday. We were saddened to hear this news too late to pay our respects. She will be missed by not only her immediate family but by all her friends here in the 'Ville.

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Another popular, prominent, and well liked lady here in the 'Ville passed away this past weekend as well. We send our condolences to Helen Foster's family here in the 'Ville, she was a nice lady and many family and friends will miss her. She was the mother of well known Herb Foster, Jr. and Marlene Bouchard of FLA.

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There was a great turnout for Alderman Sean O'Donovan's "St. Patrick's Day Party" here in the

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

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

J M B says:

If I recall, the plan that the aldermen voted on was exactly what the Option 2 was that the planning board rejected.

Kevin says:

Just a couple of comments. I was there at the meeting, and from my recollection, the term "several residents" that were for it, is a stretch. 2-3 residents spoke in favor of the rezoning, and 10-15 spoke against it.

As for the argument of property value going up, as a homeowner in this area, i am really tired of hearing it. For those of us who are not selling our homes in the near future, its a useless argument. As the economy comes and goes, so do the values. Also, with empty storefronts littering the street (which will be the case with a slow economy), that will bring the value down, and finally, if the zoning goes through, that will severely cut down the options to those homeowners who wish to sell. Instead of selling it to a family who's only purpose is to live and own their own home, sellers could only sell to people who would make the street-level area into a business. Severely cutting down on the pool of prospective buyers.

log time resident says:

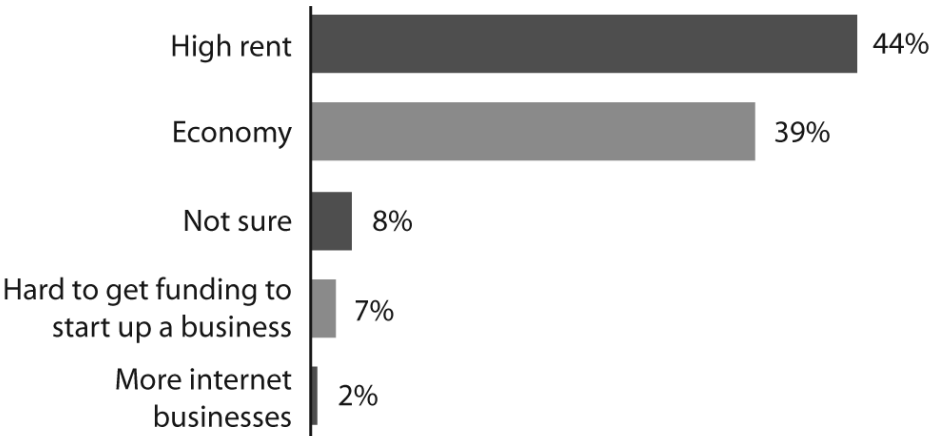
I was also there and those residents were tenants not homeowners, not that they should not have a say, however they generally move within a few years. This proposal will not bring down the property taxes, nothing will – when have you ever heard of taxes reduced? In addition, as for the safety – this re-zoning will not provide the type of business that will be open late at night (past 7 pm). Let alone there is the possibility of this backfiring and having empty businesses in the area...

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## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on what you think the reason is for so many empty storefronts in Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

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## Au pairs get the sweet stuff tour

Bettina Velona, counselor for *Au Pair in America* in Somerville, recently offered a Maple Sugaring Tour at the Belmont Habitat for her Somerville area au pairs and to au pairs who live in the Boston area. In addition to Bettina's monthly meetings with her group, monthly regional events like this give these young women from all over the world a chance to participate in culturally relevant activities.

Two experienced Habitat guides, Ann and Sandy, led a wonderful maple sugaring tour. Au Pairs learned that maple sugaring is very unique to this area; they learned about the characteristics of a sugar maple in order to differentiate it from other trees and other types of maples. The tour included a visit to a tapped maple tree, where au pairs got to taste the sap directly from the tree and the tour guides

talked more about what happens in a maple tree during maple sugaring season.

In the sugar shack, which is no longer functional, au pairs found out how sap gets boiled down to syrup in an evaporator. Au pairs experienced the transformation of the very slightly sweetened sap into a much sweeter syrup by boiling it in the Habitat's kitchen. They were surprised to find out that the ratio of boiling sap into syrup is 40:1. While waiting for the sap to become syrup, the tour guides spoke about the different grades of maple syrup and quizzed au pairs on what they learned during the tour. The tour concluded with a helping of ice-cream with maple syrup, cranberries and maple cookies.

Bettina Velona has been a counselor for au pairs and host



Area au pairs recently experienced the sweetness of maple syrup production at the Belmont Habitat.

families for five years. She is available to both the au pair and the family for assistance, support and mediation when necessary.

The au pair program is a cultural exchange program that provides affordable and dependable childcare for American fam-

ilies. For more information on *Au Pair in America*, see [www.aupairinamerica.com](http://www.aupairinamerica.com) or email Bettina at [bvelona@rcn.com](mailto:bvelona@rcn.com).

## Additional funds for housing authority

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Housing Authority received an additional \$98,723 in fiscal 2012, which will help pay for property maintenance.

The result: More improvements for low-income, elderly and disabled SHA housing.

The money is used to make the repairs to the properties. The Somerville Housing Authority allocates the funds for roofs, heating systems, window re-

placements, security systems, lights and more.

Deputy Director of the Housing Authority Paul Mackey said that the funds for improvements were in decline until this year.

"This year, because they reached a high performance status, we received almost \$100,000 in additional capital funds," said Mackey.

Each year all of the federal properties receive two pools of subsidies: one is an operation subsidy, which helps pay for ad-

ministrative costs, and a second pool of money is allotted to do capital improvements for maintaining the properties. This second subsidy is called the Capital Fund Program.

The public housing authority, a division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Development, is annually measured for its effectiveness. This year the public housing assistance system score was rated a high performer.

"We're really fortunate," said Mackey. "They incentivize you to maintain and really keep your properties in good repair, and we do, so a large part of how we score well is by keeping our properties in good repair."

Last year's budget for the Somerville Housing Authority was \$731,179. The budget for 2012 is \$829,902.

Senior Housing developments, like the one on Jaques Street, could be on the receiving end of this additional capital if the



Photo by Bobbie Toner

The Somerville Housing Authority will be better funded this year thanks to the Capital Fund Program's subsidy allotment.

housing authority obtains the contract, says Ron Bonney, Chairman of the Board at The Somerville Housing Authority.

According to Bonney the development on Jaques Street needs replacements on some of

their windows. "That will go out to bid and hopefully the housing authority will receive the contract," he said. "The benefit would be for the residents to cut down on heating utility costs."

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## ‘Unhappy ending’ for massage parlor worker

In response to citizen complaints, The Somerville Police Department Narcotics/Vice Unit launched an investigation into allegations of prostitution at Lai Lai Spa on Highland Ave.

The massage parlor is located in the same building as Pooh and Friends Child Care, and several calls had been made to police complaining of suspicious activ-

ity at the spa.

A sting operation was prepared last week and an undercover officer contacted the spa by phone and made an appointment for an hour-long massage for \$60.

Backup officers waited nearby while the undercover officer entered the facility to commence the investigation.

He was met by a female em-

ployee of the establishment, Aihong Han, 42, who instructed him to enter one of the massage rooms and to disrobe, police said.

Han then reportedly requested and accepted the previously agreed to sum of \$60 and began to administer a massage.

The officer said that several times Han had touched his

genital area in what seemed to be an attempt to sexually arouse him. At one point she had reportedly requested more money and exposed her breasts when an additional \$40 was offered.

The officer made an excuse to use his cell phone and a pre-arranged signal was given for the backup officers to enter the es-

tablishment and make an arrest of the suspect.

Han was placed under arrest and charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

The spa was immediately closed, and the owner must respond to the City of Somerville Licensing Board for further review regarding the legality of the business.

## ‘Victim’ assaults cop, resists arrest

Somerville police responded to a call in the early hours of last Saturday from a woman who reported that an unwelcome man was in her home on Walnut Street.

Officers arrived at the apartment building and buzzed to gain entry, but they received no response. They requested that the reporting caller be contacted by phone but the dispatchers reported that they were only able to reach the party's voicemail. They also

informed the officers on the scene that the original call ended in a way suggesting that the phone had been taken away from the woman.

The officers then buzzed several apartments in an attempt to gain entry into the building, eventually succeeding when a resident responded. The officers knocked on the caller's door repeatedly but no one answered. After about twenty minutes of knocking, the Somerville Fire Department

was called in to gain entry into the apartment.

As fire personnel utilized devices to open the apartment door, a female voice was reportedly heard asking, “What's going on?” The woman was informed of the complaining call but she insisted that everything was all right, according to reports.

The woman was advised that officers would have to see for themselves that the situation was under control and that she should open the door, but she re-

fused and reportedly began using vulgar and threatening language, saying that there was no reason for Police and Fire officers to be there.

The woman was informed that a 911 call was made and that an unwanted man had been reported at the residence. She reportedly denied making the call and repeatedly refused to open her door. Fire Department personnel eventually forced the door open and police officers entered the apartment

to check the situation and to question the woman.

Police report that the woman remained uncooperative and combative and at various times shoved officers as she swore at them, according to reports.

The woman, Domeniqua Anderson, 26, of Cambridge, was eventually placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

No unwanted male was found on the premises.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Anguel Momtchilov**, 22, of 54 Upland Rd., March 12, 10:57 p.m., arrested at 17 Holland St. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Anna Federico**, 49, of 48 William St., Medford, March 13, 10:16 a.m., arrested at 110 Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny by check over \$250.

**Fredrick Federico**, 55, of 48 William St., Medford, March 13, 10:16 a.m., arrested at 110 Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny by check over \$250.

**Aihong Han**, 42, March 13, 3:42 p.m., arrested at 149A Highland Ave. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

**Jake Silveira**, 20, of 1366 Broadway, March 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation and on warrant charges of larceny from a person, assault with a dangerous weapon, and trespassing.

**Joaquim Fernandez**, 49, of 33 Jaques St., March 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of operating a motor ve-

hicle with a suspended license and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Eric Jackson**, 46, of 420 Medford St., March 14, 4:00 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of disturbing the peace.

**Kate Krzeminska**, 19, of 4000 Central Florida, Orlando, FL, March 15, 5:26 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

**Noberto Bairos**, 24, of 261B Broadway, March 16, 6:10 a.m., arrested at home on charges of dangerous weapon carry, possession of ammunition without FID card, possession of firearm without FID card, receiving stolen property, and improper storage of a firearm.

**Carl Barnhill**, 43, of 23 Windsor Rd., March 16, 1:39 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on charges of resisting arrest, conspiracy to violate drug law, and possession of a class A drug.

**Ian Lewis**, 29, of 56 Lexington St., Burlington, March 16, 1:39 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, re-

sisting arrest, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Ronald Cresta**, 32, of 20 Tileston St., Everett, March 16, 1:39 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on charges of distribution of a class A drug, resisting arrest, drug violation near a school or park, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Gehazy Ben-Hayiim**, 53, of 84 Albion St., March 16, 8:35 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Domeniqua Anderson**, 26, of 2497 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, March 17, 3:20 a.m., arrested at 110 Walnut St. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

**Abdias Aime**, 29, of 3152 N. Jog Rd., West Palm Beach, FL, March 17, 10:17 p.m., arrested at Butler Dr. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

March 13, 10:45 a.m., police reported a theft at North St.

March 13, 7:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Simpson Ave.

March 13, 7:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

March 13, 11:33 a.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

March 13, 2:58 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

March 13, 5:16 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

March 13, 7:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

March 13, 10:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Hinckley St.

March 14, 4:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Prospect Hill Ave.

March 14, 4:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Henderson St.

March 14, 7:56 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

March 15, 3:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Bailey Rd.

March 15, 6:54 p.m., police reported a theft at La Quinta St.

March 16, 8:11 a.m., police reported a theft at Perry St.

March 16, 10:27 a.m., police

reported a theft at Highland Ave.

March 16, 12:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearson Ave.

March 16, 12:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

March 17, 11:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

### Breaking & Entering:

March 14, 1:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lowell St.

March 15, 1:37 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm St.

### Assault:

March 14, 1:18 a.m., police reported an assault at Albion St.

March 14, 9:04 p.m., police reported an assault at Albion St.

March 14, 9:58 p.m., police reported an assault at School St.

March 16, 5:22 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

March 17, 3:20 a.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St.

### Drug Violations:

March 16, 11:39 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

# Celebrating Pi night at the Healey School

By Harry Kane

Pi Night is celebrated annually at elementary schools in Somerville to reinforce mathematics in a fun and challenging atmosphere.

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics defines Pi as “the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.” Pi equals 3.14.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund sponsors the evening of Pi-related math activities. This year the event took place on March 16 at the Healey School.

Erica Voolich is the founder of the Mathematics fund in Somerville. Their goal is to celebrate and encourage mathematic achievement. “When we started in 2003 there were 3 teachers that got together and planned it. Over the years we have revised it,” said Voolich.

Pi day is an event to celebrate Pi and help kids with in estimation, problem solving and collecting data. Some of the activities include a guessing contest to determine how many ob-

jects are in a jar, predicting the levels of liquid in cylinders and drawing perfect circles.

At one table an adult volunteer, Elaine Lee, oversaw the table where kids tried to guess how many items were in the jars. “I dunno if anyone gets the exact guesses but we get some pretty close guesses every year,” said Lee.

There are teachers that have started to celebrate Pi all across the country, says Voolich. Pi day was technically on March 14.

Alex Feldman is a parent who feels strongly about the Pi night event. “I’m really glad because they are trying to get kids to think that math doesn’t have to be just worksheets; it can be games and fun. And I like the fact that Erica is trying to build up a momentum so that kids will see math as having so many other qualities.”

Wilhem Jacques, is a 7th and 8th grade math teacher of Haitian descent at the Healey School. He prepares the students a few days in advance, he says, but for the most part Pi is in the curriculum al-



Pi Night adds up to a fun celebration of learning for it’s own sake, as kids and teachers alike explore the joys of math.

ready, so there isn’t a lot to prepare for. “We do some songs about Pi; that’s why it takes a couple of days.”

Around 100 kids participated in the event. Some won pies at the end of the night for their mathematic skills. And, high

school kids volunteered to make the night a success.

Steven Lamisere, 15, volunteered at Pi night. He’s a sophomore, and he used to attend Pi night in elementary school. “We see how it applies to the world, and all that.” He helps the

younger kids, sets up the activity tables and explains the rules. The younger kids get an activity sheet with a list of the events offered at the numerous stations. “I feel kinda great knowing I’m doing something; giving back to the kids.”

# Somerville seniors celebrate St. Patrick’s Day



Photo courtesy of Somerville Council on Aging

An ocean of green flowed into the Mystic Lakes as over a 110 Somerville Seniors celebrated at the annual Somerville Council on Aging St. Patrick’s Party held at and sponsored by the Winter Hill Yacht Club in Somerville. Traditional corned beef and cabbage with all the usual fixings were served at the sit-down dinner event as old Irish tunes and dancing filled the room decorated in good old Irish holiday decor. The Somerville Council on Aging has teamed up with Commodore Bill Rogers and the members of the Winter Hill Yacht Club, Somerville’s only yacht club, to host events throughout the year on different occasions for the community’s seniors to enjoy.

– William Tauro

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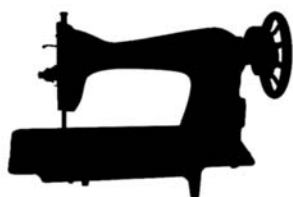


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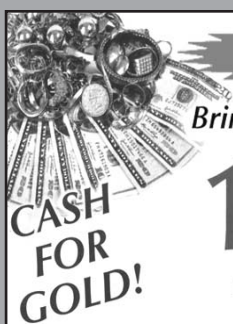
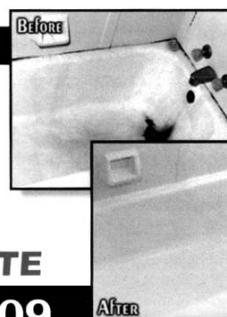
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# Children in Nature movement

By Harry Kane

The growing center presented a film screening and discussion at the Somerville Public Library on March 14 to address our disconnection with nature in the education system. The name of the film is *Mother Nature's Child*.

Nature has taken a backseat to technology. Children are more apt to watch television or play video games rather than play in nature.

Somerville has great structured playtime activities like sports and parks to play in, but Paula Jordan from the Somerville Community Growing Center feels that more unstructured playtime needs to be incorporated into a child's early development.

Paula Jordan is the coordinator for the Children in Nature Initiative. Her goal is to talk to teachers and families about getting kids outdoors.

"One of our goals for the Children in Nature Initiative and also for the growing center is to be a welcoming place for all cultures and the community," said Jordan.

The film discussed several factors that correlate outside play with a child's development, stressing the importance of "unstructured playtime."

According to *Mother Nature's Child*, the average child spends 44 hours a week in front of a monitor and less than 40 minutes outside. When kids are able to

play outdoors they are less aggressive. There is a necessity for a "risk factor" otherwise development is stifled. And outdoor activity can cut down on health issues like childhood obesity.

The inspiring film also noted several out-door activities: Canoeing, fishing, hunting, camping and chopping wood are some of the examples mentioned.

## Nature needs to be part of a holistic education

A deficiency of nature and outdoor play can cause depression, said Aileen Bellwood, volunteer coordinator at the growing center. "Nature needs to be part of a holistic education."

The quarter acre tier garden has been at 22 Vinal Ave. for 17 years. It has many elements including a pond, beehive, trees and edible fruits.

"The growing center is a public space and open to anyone who wants to go there," said Bellwood.

The Somerville Community Growing Center, Groundwork Somerville, and Not Just Lego Program (an after-school program taught by Robert Riman, that is working on getting after-school youth more connected to the Mystic River, the garden and



The Coyote Club Howlers (5-6 years old) engaged in this winter's rare occasion of snow play.

Photo courtesy of Rob Riman

nature) are a few of the programs addressing the nature deficit disorder plaguing our children.

Paula Jordan wants Somerville residents to remember that, "nature is really everywhere, you don't have to go to a special place to see nature."

"A snowy owl was here this year sitting on top of one of the elementary schools. "There are red Tail hawks that visit Davis Square a lot and eat the pigeons," said Jordan.

So go outside and enjoy yourself.

The Observing & Sketching Nature Event. A walk-talk for adults and teens ages 17+ Sunday March 25 1-2:30p.m.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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Complicated re-zoning schemes? Why not just make it all equal?

The View From Prospect Hill



It used to be so simple, didn't it? Back in the horse and buggy days. One bought or rented a building on a piece of land, hung a shingle and commenced business. Or likewise settle in to raise a family in domestic bliss, with no one of consequence to answer to. Of course, those days are far behind us. Burgeoning bureaucracy and the realities of urban

planning have rendered such a blissful past into a thing of bittersweet nostalgia. We can wave goodbye to that bit of our historical heritage. What remains is the never-ending challenge to find the proper balance between commercial interests and quality of life for the residents of our towns and cities. Municipal planners and citizens alike face the daunting task of

making the right choices for the present as well as the future. This is not an easy thing, nor should it be expected to be so. One is reminded of the famous speech by Calvin Coolidge where he is quoted as saying, "After all, the chief business of the American people is business." What most folks forget is that in the very same speech he added, "Of course the accumulation of

wealth cannot be justified as the chief end of existence." Perhaps best of all was this: "We make no concealment of the fact that we want wealth, but there are many other things that we want very much more. We want peace and honor, and that charity which is so strong an element of all civilization. The chief ideal of the American people is idealism. I cannot repeat too of-

ten that America is a nation of idealists. That is the only motive to which they ever give any strong and lasting reaction." Coolidge saw idealism in America in 1925. Do we still have it? We like to think so. As we try our best to fashion an ideal community out of brick and mortar, we can also strive to make idealism and ambition work together effectively.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

'Ville last Friday night up at the Armory. Lots of Irish and Irish-for-the-day were on hand to listen to some great music. Lots of people from around the city were present including former State Representative Marie E. Howe. She's a great lady and loyal 'Villen here, and loves our city. She started this tradition back in the early 70's. Since she has retired (still very young) from the legislature she has managed to travel all over the world. She has been on many continents as well as the South Pole. Maybe that's her trick in looking and acting so young all the time! She's a great lady and good friend here to many.

Lots of Happy Birthdays this week, a special week in March: The best city Auditor you can have and a true 'Villen, the great Ed Bean. No one does figures like Ed. At work and on the campaign trail he's the best. Sort of a true bean counter in a good way. Jody Connelly, who has moved to the great city of Brockton, but her heart and friends are still here in the 'Ville, we say Happy Birthday to her and

many more in spite of being with Phips. And how can we forget Michael Sullivan of the Famous Berkeley Street Sullivans. A dedicated state employee and great 'Villen himself. From the same neighborhood, we wish the very best to Rachael Hart-Adams of the Hart family. Hard to believe she is married now. We remember her when she was an infant. Happy Birthday Rachael. Also recently celebrating her birthday is Shelia Hickey-Santangelo. You can see her picture on The News site from the party Friday night, and she's always got a happy face even though she's married to Frankie. We would be remiss if we didn't say Happy Birthday to our own Cathleen Twardzik-Powers, a recent newly married herself and long time writer for the news. Also, big Happy birthdays to Patricia McGovern, Bill Grenier, and Madelene Fortier.

Mark your calendar for April 11, at the Davis Square Theatre, the Annual Business Town Meeting with Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Chamber of Commerce members. For reservations contact smackey@somervillechamber.org

Brian Higgins Trivia Night Cousins Gym Tufts University, March 22, 6 p.m. for light dinner, 7 p.m. game time Categories Mystery Book, History/Geography, Music Clips (2 Rounds), Science, Entertainment, Sports. For more information or to register a team email debbyandsteve@brianhigginsfoundation.org

Congratulations to Tom Champion of City Hall who recently was named "Gold's Gym - Silver Award" member of the Year. He, in his spare time (hard to believe he has spare time), started to work out and lost over 50lbs. He looks great and reminds more than a few of us that we should find out how.

The 5th annual Healey School Library Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 24, from 6-9 p.m. at Porter Square Books. PSB will donate 20% of all purchases made that evening to the Friends of Healey Library Fund. Gift cards count too - you can be ahead of yourself for upcoming birthdays and hol-

idays! There will also be activities for kids so come make a purchase, support a great cause, and have a fun evening! Please contact Debbie Leopold at schmidttopold@yahoo.com for more information.

The Boston Breakers are excited to begin their quest to win a WPSL Elite League championship at their new home field, Dilboy Stadium in Somerville. With its 2,500 seat capacity, Dilboy will provide an ideal environment for high-caliber women's soccer. Newly renovated in 2006, the stadium features a pristine turf field. Dilboy Stadium is located in the Alewife Brook Parkway section of Somerville.

The Green Line team will hold a public meeting to review the latest design for the Ball Square and College Avenue station designs. March 21, tonight at Medford City Hall in the council chambers at 6p.m. for all interested in the Ball Square station and College

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## COMMENTARY

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# In transportation, economics, fitness and more: Somerville plays to win



By Joseph A. Curtatone

There was a great piece in the March 18 Boston Globe Magazine entitled "Top 11 Mass. cities and towns for home values." The story documented a select group of communities where average home values were higher in 2011 than they were in 2005, and Somerville, with a 3.9 percent gain during that period, made the list. As author Saumya Vaishampayan observed, "Some of the winning communities - such as Somerville, Charlestown, and Jamaica Plain - are especially attractive to young professionals, particularly since home prices in these spots are more within reach (though still well over the state median)."

I admit it: when it comes to the way the world looks at Somerville, I'm more than a little

competitive. I always like to see our city score high - or just plain win - whenever or wherever we can. We wouldn't want to have the highest property values in the state - that's not the kind of city we want to be - but it's good to know that, like our unemployment rate of 4.5 percent, our property values haven't been undercut by the recent recession.

I was also pleased to see Somerville win another important competition last week: On Friday, March 16, the state's Community Innovation Challenge Grant program awarded \$373,000 to Lowell, Amesbury, Somerville, Woburn, and Worcester so that we can work together to develop and share common standards for performance management and best practices in municipal government. We got the money because the state knows that each of these communities has a strong record for implementing management efficiencies through data-driven management decisions. Somer-Stat has been a major success story in controlling costs and improving services for Somerville, and now the state is giving us the resources to export that success to other cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Another area where we've been playing to win is transportation.

Over the past two years, we have rolled out a host of highly visible transportation improvements that include: kiosks and meters that take credit cards; eleven new miles of bike lanes; dozens of new metered spaces in and adjacent to our business districts; new business, employee and visitor parking permits that are easier to obtain and use; re-signing, repaving and crosswalk repainting across the city; a new website that simplifies most traffic and parking transactions (and allows credit card payments with no "convenience fees"); an added customer service window and much shorter lines at T&P's Holland Street offices, and much, much more.

Also on the transportation front, we've just announced our intention to pilot a back-in angled parking program for Bow Street in Union Square. It's a change that not only increases metered visitor parking by a whopping 90 percent but also improves safety for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. I don't think we have the space or street configurations to do this everywhere in the city, but in those locations where it's feasible, it should be a win-win-win innovation for businesses, residents and visitors, no matter how they get around.

But the most important transportation news this week is that we're announcing a new advisory group that will, along with local business and civic leaders, include some of our brightest local experts, and some of our toughest community critics. The Transportation Research, Innovation and Planning (TRIP) Team will take a look at potential technological and administrative enhancements that can take Somerville to the next level in transportation practice. The TRIP Team will explore everything from extending the duration of visitor permits (beyond the current 48 hours) to setting up demand management with variable parking hours and pricing to optimize availability and usage.

Of course, anything the TRIP Team comes up with will have to be extensively reviewed by the Traffic Commission and the general public, but it will provide a good vehicle for advancing our transportation systems and strategies, not only for cars, but for pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders, transit riders, Segway riders and everyone else who looking to get around efficiently in our walkable, drive-able, bike-able 'Ville.

And finally, I can't talk about playing to win without mention-

ing two other competitions. On March 31, the city will kick off its third annual Fitness Challenge and I'm holding three spots on my team for volunteers. You don't need to be an athlete - we want all levels of fitness to be represented - but you have to be at least 18 years old, and willing to try hard. You also have to submit a short explanation (100 words or less) of why you should be part of my team. To find out more about the competition and how to apply, visit the ResiStat log on the web at [somervilleresistat.blogspot.com](http://somervilleresistat.blogspot.com), or call Denise Taylor at 617-625-6600, ext.2103. And hurry: you have to have your entry in by March 26.

Last - and definitely least - be sure to tune in this Thursday morning, March 22, at 9 a.m. to 101.7 WFNX FM radio for the final showdown in the "My Song Is Better than Your Song" Mayoral Challenge. I'll be facing my longtime nemesis - the wily Rob Dolan, Mayor of Melrose - in a winner-takes-all re-match. And to win, I need your votes by phone, by text message or on Facebook. Check out the City of Somerville's official Facebook page for more information. This is the Big One and, as always, I'm playing to win. I hope you will, too.

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Armed and entertaining: The Armory is reborn



For years we would see our old friend Fran Delaney taking care the armory at 191 Highland Ave. Fran was the keeper of the "castle."

That was before the extensive renovations transformed the historic building into the Center for Arts at the Armory. The 501C3 non-profit has been operating and growing since 2004. Today it's Somerville native "Dapper" Danny Kallis you are bound to see in and around the building since he is the Director of Community Relations. Danny carries on a decades old family tradition of being involved with food, entertainment and people. Dan's father, Peter, had previously owned The Rosebud and The Coronet (which is now Redbones) in Davis Square. He is also the "Dan" as in Dapper Dan from that famous restaurant

which used to be the hip place to be in Assembly Square. Today, along with Executive Director Debra McLaughlin, Director of Events and Operations Susan Fiedler, café manager Laura Sargent and Cultural Programming Liaisons Jennifer Laurence and Kerry Larvin, Dan's main goal is to make sure every inch of the building is utilized for the benefit of the corporate and artistic community.

As their website states, Arts at the Armory is located in an historic armory that also provides studio spaces for artists, a cafe, galleries, two live/work artists units, two performance spaces, and offices for arts organizations. The fabulous mezzanine is perfect for smaller, more personal functions and meetings of up to 100 people. The café can hold 52 guests and the main hall nearly 400. I can attest that the state of the art sound system, with a new sound booth and huge screens is the best

around. The venue can accommodate any number of guests. Conference space also comes equipped with white boards, perfect for business meetings and functions.

You won't believe how cool it is in there! Somerville has never seen such a chic, spacious, inviting place to hold any kind of get together. (I'm going to try to get a gig playing piano in the Café.) Tony V, Lenny Clarke and Booty Vortex have all entertained in the Armory's spacious main room. Our 2009 All America City award party held there was one of my favorite memories. Partying in a place that used to house trucks, jeeps, and probably tanks, is very unique.

There are a few people who were, and still are vital in realizing the dream of the Center for Arts at the Armory such as Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Ward 5 Alderman Sean O'Donovan, Chamber of Commerce President Steve Mackey and

especially, dining and nightlife chair Ray Zonghetti. Ray has extensive knowledge of the food and beverage industry as well as a tireless involvement with the Somerville business community and countless charitable events. He has been friends with Danny for over 40 years and is a constant source of support for Arts at the Armory. Ray is also involved with many community projects. Considering all the time he donates to the city it is amazing that he still has time for his job at Heartland Payment Systems.

Dali restaurant donated a permanent beer and wine license. Former Mayor Gene Brune has also supported Dan Kallis in his various Somerville endeavors going back to the Dapper Dan Restaurant days. Gene had the vision to help give a young man from Davis Sq. a shot to fulfill a dream. That dream is now continuing with Dan's

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

A review of Statehouse records shows only 54 new laws cleared all legislative hurdles in 2012 and were signed by Gov. Deval Patrick.

Only six of those were substantial laws that affect the entire state. They include bills that allow individuals who have been convicted of a crime to request access to DNA evidence for forensic testing that could grant a new trial; establish revised rules and regulations for organ donations for transplantation or study; make major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs; help youths with disabilities transition into college, the Massachusetts workforce and living independently; and regulate nurse midwives. Also signed into law is a fiscal 2012 supplemental spending package that includes a provision blocking a scheduled \$220 per employee increase in unemployment insurance premiums paid by businesses. The payments, called by many a tax on employers, go into a fund that pays benefits to laid-off workers. The package also included millions in funding of various collective bargaining agreements and for the operation of county sheriffs' offices. Gov. Patrick vetoed some \$3 million of the funding for sheriffs, but the Legislature easily overrode those vetoes.

The supplemental budget and the nurse midwife bill were both approved on voice votes without a roll call.

The other 48 laws deal with local cities and towns. Of those, 12 involved granting additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages, seven dealt with the structure of individual local voting precincts and six created sick leave "banks" for various individual state employees. These banks allow workers to deposit and accumulate their unused sick days and later donate them to seriously ill fellow state employees who have used up theirs.

The other bills ranged from bills dealing with local fire and police chiefs and fire stations to the granting of local easements.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on the four laws that were approved on roll call votes.

## DNA EVIDENCE (S 1987)

Senate 37-0, House 155-0, approved and Gov. Patrick on February 17 signed into law a bill that would allow individuals who have been convicted of a crime to request access to DNA evidence for forensic testing that could grant a new trial.

Supporters say 48 other states have similar laws, and it is

time for Massachusetts to join them in making it easier for wrongfully convicted individuals to prove their innocence. They argue it would also lead to law enforcement pursuing the real offenders and saving the state the cost of incarcerating citizens who are wrongly convicted. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ORGAN DONATION (S 2067)

Senate 36-0, House 155-0, approved and Gov. Patrick on February 22 signed into law a bill requiring the state to adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. The measure establishes revised rules and regulations for organ donations for transplantation or study.

Supporters say the bill would bring the state law into compliance with the changes in a federal law that has been adopted in 45 other states. They note this would clarify the process of making or revoking an anatomical gift and streamline the entire donation process. They argue the bill would save lives and reduce health care costs at no cost to the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## END ABUSES AT STATE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES (S 2142)

Senate 35-0, House 151-0, approved and Gov. Patrick on March 2 signed into law a bill making major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs. The bill is in response to last year's discovery by the state auditor and inspector general of misuse of funds at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative by former director John Barranco, who 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.

Provisions include requiring each collaborative to maintain a public website; requiring collaboratives to file annual reports; authorizing the State Education Department, auditor and Department of Revenue to periodically audit and review the records of each collaborative and address the conflicts of interest surrounding collaboratives and their related nonprofit organizations, through which many of the abuses took place.

Supporters say last year's abuse was outrageous and argued the bill would create accountability and transparency to begin to prevent deliberate abuse of funds from ever happening again. They noted the measure would help thousands of families of special needs children across the state who depend on these important services.

The House roll call is on an earlier version of the proposal. There was no roll call on House approval of the version that was signed by the governor. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
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Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## HELP TRANSITION DISABLED STUDENTS INTO COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE (H 3720)

Senate 36-0, (no House roll call) approved and Gov. Patrick on March 9 signed into law a bill that would help youths with disabilities transition into college, the Massachusetts workforce and living independently. Under the bill, the state would establish a program under which licensed special education teachers and rehabilitation counselors could receive the additional training and field experience necessary to qualify as transition coordinators.

Supporters say the bill would help more young people with disabilities like Down syndrome and autism to live independently and continue their education and/or enter the workforce. They noted some 75 percent of youths ages 16-26 with disabilities end up unemployed -- making it even more difficult to eventually live independently. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**CROSSBOW HUNTING (H 3942)** - The House gave initial approval to a proposal allowing all Massachusetts hunters to use crossbows. The bill would repeal the current law that allows only permanently disabled hunters to use a crossbow if their disability precludes them from using a conventional bow and arrow.

**TRANSPORTATION BILLS** - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on dozens of bills including one reducing from five minutes to three minutes the time drivers are allowed to idle their cars (S 2171).

Other measures on the agenda included exempting seniors over 80 from the payment of MBTA fares (H 904); exempting active military personnel from all public transportation fares during America’s War on Terrorism (H 938); exempting new motor vehicles from maintenance and emissions inspections for two years (H 924); exempting city and town vehicles’ fuel purchases from the 21 cents-per-gallon gas tax (H 2652); requiring the Registry of Motor Vehicles to make available a decal for driver’s licenses identifying the driver as diabetic (S 1729); requiring first aid kits and fire extinguishers on trains (S 1811); requiring the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to examine the possibility of removing all traffic signs that read “no turn on red” in order to prevent unnecessary idling and increased auto emissions (S 1784).

**IMPOSE NEW LOCAL INCOME TAX (H 3375)** - A bill pending before the Revenue Committee would allow local cities and towns to replace a portion of their residential real estate property tax with a new local income tax. The new tax would impose a surcharge on the taxable personal income of residents of the city or town and require the new revenues to be used solely to reduce the residential property tax levy.

Supporters say the bill would reduce property taxes for low-income homeowners and those on fixed incomes. They cite skyrocketing property taxes in some communities.

Opponents say it is outrageous to be discussing a new tax while unemployment is high, food and gas costs continue to rise and many residents are losing their homes to foreclosure. They argue it is a misguided idea to give officials another tax to eventually raise.

**AMBULANCE COSTS** - The Committee on Health Care Financing approved a bill that would require health insurance providers to pay ambulance companies directly for their services. The measure would prohibit companies from sending checks for out-of-network private ambulance rides directly to the policyholder rather than to the ambulance company -- a practice started in 2011 by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS).

The policy, forcing ambulance companies to chase the consumer for payment, was aimed at pressuring out-of-network ambulance companies to sign contracts with the health insurer that would force the ambulance companies to accept the reimbursement rates offered by the insurance company. Some ambulance companies refuse to sign agreements with BCBS, noting that reimbursement rates are way too low.

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY** - The Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies voted to delay until June 1 a vote on a bill that would allow consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 11, and Sunday, August 12, without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax. The delay keeps the bill alive.

The Legislature has approved a sales tax holiday for several years but often waits until later in the year to act on it.

The Legislature has also regularly rejected proposals establishing a permanent annual two-day weekend sales tax holiday in August and requiring the Department of Revenue to choose the dates of the holiday and announce them by July 15 each year.

Supporters say it is time to make this successful holiday permanent and give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around each year and see if the Legislature decides to approve a holiday.

Opponents say it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a

permanent holiday without regard to the economic situation of the state during a specific year. They argue the Legislature should look at the state’s economy and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some argue a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases.

**REX TRAILER (S 1704)** - The Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development has recommended passage of a bill to 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.

**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 12-16, the House met for a total of 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 36 minutes.

Mon. March 12	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.
Tues. March 13	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 14	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 15	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Fri. March 16	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)

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Avenue/Boston Avenue station.  
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The Capuano School PTA has organized a Pizza for Pre-K and K event at the Flatbread Pizza Company, 45 Day Street (Davis Square) on Tuesday, April 3, from 5 p.m. to closing. On that night, a portion of all pizza sales (eat in or take out) will be donated to the Capuano School. Monies raised will benefit

the children at preschool and kindergarten in the Capuano School through curriculum-related field trips and enrichment activities as well as in-school presentations. Fund-raising is needed to give children access to these activities which have in the past included visits from Curious Creatures, music performances and puppet shows, as well as visits to the Aquarium, the Stone Zoo and more.

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Battle of the Mayors Final Round of Champions takes place Thursday, March 22. Tune in for the epic rematch of Somerville vs. Melrose in this final round of Battle of the Mayors “My Song is Better than Your Song.” Each town has eight wins to its name. With your help, we can take the all-time title by making it a nice nine wins. Be sure to tune into WFNX

101.7 FM at 9 a.m. Wait to hear both cities' song choices played and then vote for Somerville's oh-so superior song. Tell all your friends and family too. Here's how to vote: Text the Word WFNX and the title of Somerville's song to 22122 or call 781-595-WFNX or comment on the WFNX Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/1017wfnx](http://www.facebook.com/1017wfnx). To stream the radio show live online, go to [www.wfnx.com](http://www.wfnx.com).

# St. Patrick's Day Party at the Armory

By Harry Kane

An old Irish saying goes something like this: "If you're lucky enough to be Irish, then you're lucky enough."

Family, friends and neighbors celebrated Irish culture at the St. Patrick's Day party on Friday, March 16, for the second year in a row, a tradition that Somerville residents hope to continue for years to come.

Alderman Sean O'Donovan graciously organized the night of entertainment. Irish music, dancing, food and drink brought socialites together until around 10 p.m.

"It's a nice night to hear some old Irish songs, and some new songs, get together, and celebrate the heritage," said Alderman Bruce Desmond.

"It's an old tradition that Marie Howe started years ago. Sean revived it." Said Desmond. "I think it's important for the community to have something like this: to have one big Irish party to go to, around St. Patrick's Day. He does it right."

The Old Brigade, a well-known Irish group, performed throughout the night. Alderman Bruce Desmond's niece, Emily May Desmond, 17, sang and played acoustic guitar in-between the sets.

Emily May Desmond has been playing guitar since she was 10 years old. She says her style is a "pop, folk, acoustic type thing."

Alderman Sean O'Donovan said putting the event together was a lot of work, "but it's worth it." The Armory is the original venue for the party and O'Donovan felt privileged to hold the event there.

Four members make up the Old Brigade band: Danny Gill is the lead vocalist, Brian Queally plays whistles and the flute, Jerry McNamara is on piano and accordion, and Johnny Coe is on vocals and acoustic guitar.

"We've been around for quite a while," said Danny Gill, spokesman for The Old Brigade. The band formed almost 20 years ago. "We were childhood buddies, we've known each other since we were kids, really, and we all grouped up later in life when we took an interest in Irish music and that's how we became The Old Brigade."





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km had them running



The 10th Annual Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5 km. brought out the Irish in many, as runners and walkers competed in what has become a seasonal favorite here in Somerville.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#309

1. In what state are you in where the license plates say "Stars Fell On?"

2. What was the name of the creature feature that starred Jennifer Lopez, Jon Voight and Ice Cube in 1997?

3. What Pennsylvania city once served as America's capital?

4. What is a male witch commonly called?

5. What was the name of the last car assembled at the Somerville Ford Motor plant?

6. What golfer overcame a childhood case of polio and came to be known as the greatest golfer of all time?

7. Who is "Graceland" named after?

8. What is your fear if you have "arachibutyrophobia?"

9. Where are the headquarters of Ford Motor Co., also the hometown of Henry Ford?

10. What Shakespearean play is *West Side Story* based on?

11. What Italian city can be found in the word "Andromeda?"

12. Can you name the synonym (11 letters) for a gizmo, whatchamacallit, or a doohickey?

Answers on page X

10th Annual Guns N' Hoses Hockey Game to benefit youth athletes

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explained. When asked how successful the police squad held up in previous years, the Lieutenant chuckled, citing nine straight losses to the fire department. "We haven't been able to douse their flame the last couple of years...but, we're zero and nine, and we're just as proud as if we were ten and zero - it's never been about the score."

The game will preclude a trip to the Dante Club, where members of both squads invite attendees to join them for refreshments, raffle prizes and more. Guns N' Hoses is sponsored by the Somerville Police Department and Somerville Fire Department, as well as associated nonprofit organizations like the Somerville Fireman's Relief Association, in conjunction with the Somerville Youth Hockey Association.

In prior years, the event and related donations have raised several thousand dollars that went toward the organization, which provides young athletes with the opportunity to get out on the ice and play. "We started it a while back in reality because hockey is an expensive sport," Lt. Rymill said. "We didn't want to see anybody get turned away because they couldn't afford most of the equipment or a pair of skates. Hopefully with money there, someone can say 'we have an extra pair of skates here, you can let your kid play.'"

Lt. Rymill also stated that both teams look forward to the game every year, and that he hopes the 10th year will be the police department's magic number, though still stressing, "It's a friendly rivalry, there's never any stress that comes off the ice. We

keep it down and clean, there's no hitting or checking."

No ringers are allowed in the game, as only members and associates of the two departments are allowed to participate in the game. However, Lt. Rymill explained that the fire department has historically had some very talented players, including two goalies who he believes might have been a big catalyst for the high scores in past years. Recent additions to his team, however, could prove to make the difference at the game on March 30.

Still, the long time law enforcement officer assured that his team would not be trying to hide Zdeno Chara to get even, and that this gentleman's game is truly for the youth of Somerville, athletes and the community as a whole.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, April 4, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

**6-8 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2010-65-R1-2/2012)** Applicant/Owner, Inman Square Lofts, LLC, seek a revision under SZO §5.3.8 from Case ZBA 2010-65 to remove a portion of the southeast wall and construct a fence. The original permit included Special Permits to construct six dwelling units (§7.11.1.c), to allow the expansion of an existing nonconforming commercial structure (§4.4.1), and a variance (§5.5) from required parking spaces (§9.5). RC zone. Ward 2.

**181 Cedar St: (Case #ZBA 2012-05)** Applicant and Owner 181 Cedar Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.3 to construct six dwelling units and a Variance under SZO §5.5 from the parking requirements of SZO §9.5 for relief from four required off-street parking spaces. RB zone. Ward 5.

**844 McGrath Hwy: (Case #ZBA 2012-14)** Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Talp II, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and two equipment cabinets. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

**331-333 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-15)** Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Anthony K. Paone, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and one equipment cabinet. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.

**49 Davis Sq: (Case #ZBA 2012-16)** Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner BF Properties, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and two equipment cabinets. CBD zone. Ward 6.

**57 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2012-17)** Applicant and Owner Pitman Property Group, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a five unit residential use and associated parking. BA zone. Ward 3.

**11 Church St: (Case #ZBA 2012-18)** Applicant Christopher Shachoy and Owner CMS Church Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add additional square footage to the right rear of the third floor apartment and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from one parking space at an existing three-family residence. RC zone. Ward 2.

**240 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2012-19)** Applicant Frank Fazzolari and Owners Salvatore and Lina Fazzolari, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to erect an approximately 3.5 foot high railing on the left side of the second story of an existing single-family residence. RB zone. Ward 5.

**22 Endicott Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-21)** Applicant/Owner Tara Ten Eyck & Chetty Lovantheran seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming single-family structure under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the front entryway and stairs and slightly expand the side entryway. RB zone. Ward 7.

**15 Weston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-85)** Applicant Sprint and Owner Somerville Housing Authority, seek Special Permit Approval under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 in order to replace, relocate and install wireless communications equipment. NB/RB zone. Ward 7.

**114 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-86)** Applicant Sprint and Owner Somerville Housing Authority, seek Special Permit Approval under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation (replacement) of a wireless communications facility consisting of six panel antennas and related equipment and cables. RC zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 5, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**561 Windsor St: (Case #PB 2010-04-R1-30/2012)** Applicant, Laurence Slotnick, Taza Chocolate, and Owner, Bart Bussink, Miller's River Development, seek a revision under SZO §5.3.8 to Case PB 2010-07 to change approved signage and landscaping and add windows on the back of the building. The original permit included Special Permits under SZO §6.5.D.5 to alter the façade, signage and site plan. TOD-135 zone. Ward 2.

**331 Washington St: (Case #PB 2012-02)** Applicant Jonathan Bornstein and Owner JZB Real Estate LLC, seek Site Plan Approval under SZO §5.4 and §8.8 in order to adjust a lot line to shift 1,884 square feet from one parcel to another. RB zone. Ward 2.

**280 Broadway: (Case #PB 2012-04)** Applicant Amos G. Winter and Owner Fred Camerato, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.13. Use Cluster E to establish a single dwelling unit in the rear building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the façade of the rear building to install a second egress. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.

**149 Broadway: (Case #PB 2012-05)** Applicant/Owner Trustees of the College Avenue Methodist Church of Somerville seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the structure and install signage for a by-right religious institution. CCD 45 zone. Ward 1.

**73-75 Union Sq: (Case PB 2012-06)** Applicant and Owner Independent Realty Trust of the Independent restaurant, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.6 to establish an outdoor seating area. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Elevator Maintenance and Repairs at Various Developments, SHA Job No. P-ELV-042012 in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The work consists of a three (3) year "full service" monthly preventative maintenance contract as well as all other necessary repairs. Contractor must be able to provide twenty four (24) hour service 7 days a week.

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Planning and Operation in the following category of work: Elevator Constructor.

The work is estimated to cost \$190,000 per three (3) year term. Bids are subject to M.G.L.c. 149§44A J, and to the minimum wage rates required by M.G.L.c. 149§26 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 4, 2012, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 21, 2009. There will be no charge for these documents.

A site visit is scheduled for March 27, 2009 at 9:00 A.M..All interested parties will meet at

Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 if you are attending.

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P1183EA  
In the Estate of: Pauline Bagdigian a/k/a Pauline G. Bagdigian

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 12/06/2011

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

Kevin A. Bagdigian of Dorchester,MA  
Paul N Bagdigian of Lowell, 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;

Cambridge

ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:

04/11/2012

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: March 14, 2012

Tara E. De Cristofaro  
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0371EA  
In the Estate of: David Tieu Dang

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

Date of Death: 11/25/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

Quynh Dang of Jamaica Plain, MA

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

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court  
Date: March 16, 2012

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFQF # 12-60CD

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:  
**Lincoln Park - Seasonal Ice Rink and Turf Playing Fields, Design**

An Request for Qualification and Fee (RFQF) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, March 21, 2012**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 11:00 AM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

**The City of Somerville is soliciting proposals for qualified consulting firms for the design of a seasonal ice rink and upgrade to turf playing fields at Lincoln Park.**

**A Pre-Bid conference for all proposers will be held as follows: Monday, April 2, 2012, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143**

The successful offeror must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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

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**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 12P1178EA**

**In the Estate of:** James F Davison III

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

**Date of Death:** 09/23/2011

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR**

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that  
Jennie M Davison of Somerville, MA  
Sean W Deady of Billerica, MA  
or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;  
**CAMBRIDGE**  
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:  
**04/10/2012**

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: March 13, 2012

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Mac's Auto Body Corp. for a Garage License for mechanical repairs, autobody work, painting vehicles, and storing vehicles, all for 10 vehicles inside and 8 vehicles outside, at 53 Russell Street.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.**

**JOHN J. LONG**  
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 12-58CD

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:  
**Spring Tree Planting 2012**

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, March 21, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids 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.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 4/15/2012 through 4/14/2013.

Davis Bacon Federal Wage Rates apply. 5% Bid Deposit required.

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

**Angela M. Allen**  
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**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 12P1183EA**

**Estate of:** Pauline Bagdigian

**Also Known As:** Pauline G. Bagdigian

**Date of Death:** December 6, 2011

**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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**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 12P 1021**

**Estate of:** Louis J Busi

**Date of Death:** 11/05/11

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 12-59

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:  
**Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

An request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, March 19, 2012**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, April 2, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed proposals will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract shall be for a period of three years, from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015.

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

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

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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 12P1021EA**

**In the Estate of:** Louis J Busi

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

**Date of Death:** 11/05/2011

**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

Theresa A Farina of Barrington, NH  
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;  
**Cambridge**  
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:  
**04/03/2012**

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:** March 6, 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 12P1176EA**

**Estate of:** James F. Davison III

**Date of Death:** 09/23/2011

**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 or 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 Representatives and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assests 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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CAM TONER BY 12 PM MONDAY PH: 617.666.4010 • FAX: 617.628.0422

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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.  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm  
Tel: 617-354-4000, Fax 617-623-4287

2001	Chevy	Malibu	Vin# 1G1ND52J516260205
2001	Volkswagen	Beetle	Vin# 3VWDD21C11M449676
1999	Chrysler	Sebring	Vin# 3C3EL55H3XT506299
2000	Chevy	Monte Carlo	Vin# 2G1WWV12E2Y9179255
1996	Volvo	850	Vin# YV1LS5548T3311639
2001	Ford	Mustang	Vin# 1FAFP40431F209060

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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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 10P2658

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN D. WILKINSON

To all persons interested in the matter of KEVIN D. 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 (10:00a.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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Theatre@First's upcoming Pride and Prejudice adaptation

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy - two stars on opposing teams - collide into a fit of character traits and heated exchanges that can be best encapsulated by the title Pride and Prejudice, a Jane Austen novel that Elizabeth Hunter has recently adapted, written and directed, for theatre. Jane Austen, the author of this social satire, had great affection for both her pivotal protagonists, but the writing focuses primarily on Ms. Bennet's impending willingness to learn that there are lines to draw between her conceptions of intrinsic pride and intrinsic prejudice.

Mr. Darcy is one of the good guys; he himself reaches an understanding of Elizabeth, a love he falls for, before Elizabeth can even diminish her distaste for his apparent aloofness. As the writing enters its second act, Darcy uncomfortably encounters Elizabeth as a sight for sore eyes, a volatile one, but one worth seizing for the day, despite the burns and fireworks that may result when he comes too close to her brilliant resentment. "What's really great about this play is that at first Darcy is a proud and pretentious character, but by the second act, he's very intricate - ultimately he's in love," says J. Keais Pope, the actor who portrays the hero. Keais spent St. Patrick's Day resting after enduring Medical School applications. He awoke in the evening to two pleasant beers at a local stomping ground. The model Pope follows thus far in his performance is the Colin Firth-rendition.

It dawns on the leisure class Darcy that he can find happiness with a member of a decreased social standing. "It follows the original novel very closely," he also reiterates, as Hunter hinted at, in discussing this play, which premieres Opening Night Zombie Bash on March 23 at the Somerville Theatre and runs until March 31. An element of novelty for this adaptation, Hunter adds is not only the fun and celebration but also something as small as the Bennet



Lizzy and Darcy.

sisters dancing at local estates.

Hunter mentions that Darcy she believes is the character that is most dynamic because he "undergoes real change". Ms. Bennet and her traits do not experience alteration, only her perspective of the man in front of her undergoes a highlight and appreciation. "It's very fast-moving and focuses on Austen's fantastic use of language" says, Elizabeth Hunter who is no stranger to directing actors having performed very recently as Dr. Dysart in the Equus run of Theatre@First. "The turning point of this play is when Elizabeth tells him she would have refused him more politely if he had behaved more gentlemanly," says the writer/director.

Despite the magnetism between the two characters, Ms. Bennet is definitely the main character. It is her judgment on top everything, the dialogue, the dances et cetera that determines the crux of the play. "When Lizzy first meets Darcy, she sees a man well above her station, 'out of her league' and unpleasant on top of that. In her eyes, he is a gentleman by birth but not in actions and therefore she has no reason to respect him as a gentleman," say Brigid Battell the actress who portrays the heroine. Battell attended to her research of this period piece: "I wanted to get a sense of how the women of the period moved, sat,

gestured, the rhythm of their speech. I also looked to the artwork and other literature." Throughout it all, Battell had one inspiration - "I've had the book by my side since day one," she doesn't fail to mention.

In the novel, the character that exuded both presence and satire was Mrs. Bennet, Elizabeth's mother, here played by Dayenne Walter. Walter quickly dismisses a misconception in regards to the character; "she's not neurotic, she's on a mission." Indeed she is a woman of her time, with all of the intent and none of the limitations. "As I read [the book and the script], I became more sympathetic to her; she doesn't have a filter and says whatever comes to mind," asserted Walter.

The novel isn't necessarily English alone. This desire of mothers, heroes and heroines in mismatched social circumstances is seen past the old colonial reaches. The fact that the society of Austen can be learned all throughout the globe is evident not only in prior territories of Great Britain such as India, with its Bollywood rendition of the novel, Bride and Prejudice, but also in colonial lands that can undergo total revolution in culture such as Jamaica, where Walter mentions her mother is from, a location that is possessed by "similar mores," she puts-it, to marriage, class and happiness.

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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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|March 21

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

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

Thursday|March 22

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

Friday|March 23

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

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

Sunday|March 25

Central Library  
Art Cards with Rob Logan  
2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|March 26

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

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

Tuesday|March 27

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

Wednesday|March 28

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

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

MUSIC  
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  
Interactive Trivia and 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

Thursday|March 22

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

Sally O'Brien's  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.  
Birds of Play & Friends |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge  
Burning Heat|Night Stalker|Billy Wine  
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  
Strange Mangers  
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 Cat Birds  
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory  
Playtime with Knucklebones  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave  
Gordon Michaels presents “You Better THINK About The BOYS” - (A Tribute to Aretha Franklin)  
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre  
Irish Film Fest, Boston  
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday|March 23

Johnny D's  
Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish|Jow Krown Trio w/Walter "Wolfman" Washington  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Pot Hole Crew |6 p.m.  
Ska night with Super Ska & Foundation Rockers | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar  
Birds Make Birds|I Pistol|Peter Buzzelle|The I Want You  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge  
Diamond Mines|Royal Wedding|Radio Control|White Pages  
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  
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  
The Throwdown Band  
381 Summer St

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

Somerville Theatre  
Irish Film Fest, Boston  
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Somerville Theatre  
Pride & Prejudice  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday|March 24

Johnny D's  
Dayna Kurtz|Rock 'em Let's Go|Pipeline Riot  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Flash Cubes |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar  
HearNowLive presents:Bundles Of Joy|Jolly Big Head|Estranged|Cougar Bait|Patch of Grass  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge  
Twitch Productions & PaperPanda Present!|Drama featuring Djs:Leah V|Rizzla |Justincredible|Steph Barrk  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub  
TBA  
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  
Skull 'rz Banes|TBA|Karaoke w/DJ Dave  
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory  
Introduction to Digital Photography  
11 a.m.|Conference Room|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre  
Irish Film Fest, Boston  
12:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Somerville Theatre  
Pride & Prejudice  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|March 25

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.  
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen |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  
The Instinct|Hondo|Tensor  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar  
It's Sunday The Funday  
Residency|Marc Pinansky|Rumors Of A Strange Universe|No Cover  
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  
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory  
Drill Hall Flea Market  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre  
Irish Film Fest, Boston  
12:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|March 26

Johnny D's  
Team Trivial|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  
The Country Jam Band with Old Hat|guest players welcome! bring your instruments  
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

Tuesday|March 27

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar  
Residency Finale! Kristen Ford Band with special 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  
Silent Mind|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  
A Swell Evening with Corwin Ericson and Dana Colley  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 28

Johnny D's  
Birdsongs of the Mesozic|Lyre Bird  
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|Entin & Blum|Ryan Rivers Band|Ripe  
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  
W.C. Lindsay|Avoxblue  
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

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Rosebud Bar  
Interactive Trivia and Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball Tournament|Texas Hold'em  
381 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
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

Thursday|March 22  
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 24  
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 25  
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 26  
West Branch Library  
Book Group: Books Into Movies  
7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

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 27  
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 28  
Central Library  
Meet, Mingle, Read: Fenway Park  
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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.

March 21

**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 22

**Holland Street Center**  
Memoir Writing Class|9 a.m.  
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.  
Indoor Exercises\* - note new time|11 a.m.,  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.  
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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March 23

**Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum**  
**Holland Street Center**  
Indoor Exercises\* - note new time|11 a.m.,  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Flexibility & Balance with Didi\*|12:30 p.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Center Closed  
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March 26

**Holland Street Center**  
Somerville Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.  
English conversation|10:30 a.m.  
Cultural Monday - Iran's New Year|11:30 a.m.  
Musical Conversation - RSVP|12:30 p.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.

March 27

**Holland Street Center**  
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.  
Knitting Group - New to knitting or experienced?  
Come join our group|1:30 p.m.  
Caregivers Series|6 p.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Hearing Screening - one spot left|9:30 a.m.  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Chair Yoga\*|9:30 a.m.

Flexibility and Balance \*|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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March 28

**Hanscom Air Force Dinner & Bingo**  
**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

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Answers

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Alabama                      | Elvis, named it for her aunt, Grace Toof                        |
| 2. Anaconda                     |   |
| 3. Philadelphia                 | 8. The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth |
| 4. Warlock                      | 9. Dearborn, Michigan   |
| 5. The Edsel                    | 10. Romeo and Juliet  |
| 6. Jack Nicklaus                | 11. Rome  |
| 7. Ruth Brown, the owner before | 12. Thingamajig   |

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Person of the Week



Meet Gerry Flemming, a lifelong resident of Somerville, and a great guy with a sense of humor that never stops. Gerry is married to his long time friend Mary and has two children all raised here in the 'Ville. Gerry is a political wizard of sorts. A behind the scenes type of person, and has been involved in many local political campaigns and statewide races as well. A lifelong Democrat and loyal to the party, he's been to every Democratic convention probably since he was old enough to vote. Gerry was the owner of the first Irish Pub here in the city before it was fashionable to have an Irish Pub, "The Blarney Stone" in Davis Sq. located in the basement of the old Wood bridge Inn. There were lines out the door and around the corner, with people waiting sometimes in the rain to get in to see his live bands and entertainment. Even better if you knew Gerry - and who doesn't know him? - you should get to meet him. Gerry is kind and generous and still works at his job at the Sectary of State's office. A man with a sense of humor, he is a good loyal friend to many old time residents and new residents alike. Say "Hi" to him on the T on his way to and from work.

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# Largest Irish film festival outside of Ireland

By Amanda Rhodes

The 13th Annual Irish Film Festival, Boston, is coming to Somerville once again this year. The festival, founded in 1999, showcases contemporary Irish films, but features at least one gem from the past.

The festival runs from Thursday, March 22, through Sunday, March 25, and shows at the Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square on Thursday and Somerville Theater in Davis Square from Friday through Sunday. Tickets to each film screening are \$10 and include entry into all pre-event and post-event receptions. An All Access Festival Pass, which allows entrance to all screenings and receptions, is available for only \$75.

The Irish Film Festival strives to be a gateway for Irish filmmakers interested in entering the American market. As the Festival Co-Director, Dawn Morrissey, points out, "Momentum is building around the strength of our line-up, and it is an honor to be the best port-of-call when it comes to premiering cutting-edge Irish film in America."

Many different genres of filmmaking are featured at this year's festival, including documentary, short, and feature-length films

which highlight an Irish sensitivity to filmmaking. This year's lineup showcases many Oscar nominated and award-winning films, such as *Jonny Boy*, starring Jon Polito. The festival also serves as the U.S. premiere of *Behold the Lamb*, and includes appearances by its Director John McIllduff and actress Aoife Duffin. Also screening at this year's Festival is the Academy Award winner for Best Short Film is the film, *The Shore*.

As Dawn Morrissey points out "there is a trend toward independent film, that tends to stand out, that is edgier than American film." Contemporary Irish films have become global, featuring more than just Northern Ireland and its troubles. The films showcase an Irish humor and visual sensibility.

One draw for American audiences is the film *The Road to Moneygall*, which documents the story of Henry Healy, an Irish cousin of President Obama. Both Henry Healy and the Director of the film, Ed Godsell will be in town for the Festival. The festival also includes appearances by many of the directors, actors, and actresses of the films, including Stephen Rea, an actor in *Stella Days*, *The Crying Game*, and *V for Vendetta*.



Photo by Amanda Rhodes

The Somerville Theater plays host to The 13th Annual Irish Film Festival running March 22-25.

The festival is kid-friendly and offers free animations for children on Saturday and Sunday. Grown-ups can take advantage of the rich film offerings and have a beer at the Somerville Theater, all while their kids enjoy world-class animated films.

The Irish Film Festival's grand finale is a screening of *Dreaming of the Quiet Man* and commemorates the 60th anniversary of the 1952 Academy Award win-

ner, *The Quiet Man*, by Director John Ford. In the film, Ford crafts his homage to Ireland, the birthplace of his parents and creates a classic Irish-American film. The commemorative film, *Dreaming of the Quiet Man*, features commentary by actors and actresses well-known to American audiences, such as Maureen O'Hara, who starred in the original film opposite John Wayne.

Festival goers can find films

to match his or her tastes or mood, whether comedic, athletic, or somber. A complete schedule of film screenings and events is available at [www.irishfilmfestival.com](http://www.irishfilmfestival.com).

Tickets can only be purchased through the website. Though opening night at the Brattle Theatre is sold-out, tickets are still available for viewings at Somerville Theater. A reception follows each night's events.

## 'You know you made a difference'

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immigrant community overall."

"She is someone who helps facilitate a great many people to connect with resources, and she represents their interests in the community," said Darai.

The Parent Information Center is designed as a one-stop shopping site for parents to register their children for Somerville public schools. But under Bertholdo's direction over the past 12 years, the center strives to do so much more. Bertholdo sees its mission as helping families with whatever they need to ensure that kids have a safe, stable environment at home, so they can do well at school.

"We try to support the families, for the kids to be successful," said Bertholdo, herself the single parent of a daughter, Lara Jimenez, who attended Somerville public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Bertholdo said she measures success by how many families feel comfortable reaching out when they need it, so that she and her staff can respond with a mix of information, advocacy and connections to resources.

"They take a look around

and they see the resources that we have, and they often come back," she said. "Some families won't tell you at the beginning what they're going through. If they come back and ask for help for something?...It's a lot of success stories."

The center is an important community resource for parents like Dariana Vasquez, who was visiting the center last week to register her son Luis for kindergarten. "It's great," said Vasquez. "It's always good. They have lots of information, including a lot of things in different languages."

Members of Bertholdo's staff describe her as a tireless advocate for students and their families, who regularly goes above and beyond, to remove any barriers that could keep kids from getting the best education possible.

"She makes sure that everyone goes to school. She doesn't leave this office until she finds the transportation, for example," said Simone Braga, one of the center's four parent liaisons, who said Bertholdo also makes a point of following up with families afterwards. "She's very caring about these families. They're really in good hands, they can tell."

Parent liaison Marjorie

Alexandre, who has known Bertholdo for 17 years, said she has always been a role model for public service. "She was always devoted. Always running around helping people, working with women and their families...everybody," said Alexandre. "Working with her here really opened our eyes to how to work in the community."

*We have  
incredible staff  
who go way  
beyond every  
day to provide  
these people what  
they need*

Bertholdo, who came from Brazil 25 years ago to study for one year at the Harvard Extension School, and never left, said she feels blessed she didn't face some of the barriers experienced by many immigrants. She said her passion for her fellow human being is what drives her to be so involved, even if it means less time for herself, or to visit her daughter

Lara at college in Virginia.

"It's this inner drive of making a difference. Every day you service someone that you know you made a difference in that person's life," said Bertholdo.

Making a difference in people's lives is what Somerville-based CASPAR does as well. Darai said the Women's Commission wanted to single out the entire organization for the services it provides to women with substance abuse issues. But it especially wanted to celebrate CASPAR's New Day program, which provides a mix of recovery, pre-natal and parenting support for pregnant and postpartum women and their newborns, in a residential setting.

CASPAR Executive Director Wilfred Labiosa said the program was the first of its kind in the nation, for women going through a uniquely difficult time. Many are struggling with mental health issues in addition to substance abuse, and most are homeless when they enter the program. He said all are able to move into stable housing when they leave. But the most important measure of success? "Over 325 healthy babies since 1988."

Labiosa said the recognition

from the Women's Commission means a lot to the non-profit, which can't get by without community support. CASPAR survives on a mix of public and private funding (its annual fundraiser this year is on April 25), and private resources have become more critical as state funding has been cut at the same time that the need is growing, particularly for young women with substance abuse issues.

And he said the award is also meaningful to the organization's staff, who don't get celebrated a lot for the work they do. "We have incredible staff who go way beyond every day to provide these people what they need," said Labiosa. "What they do is instrumental for these people's futures."

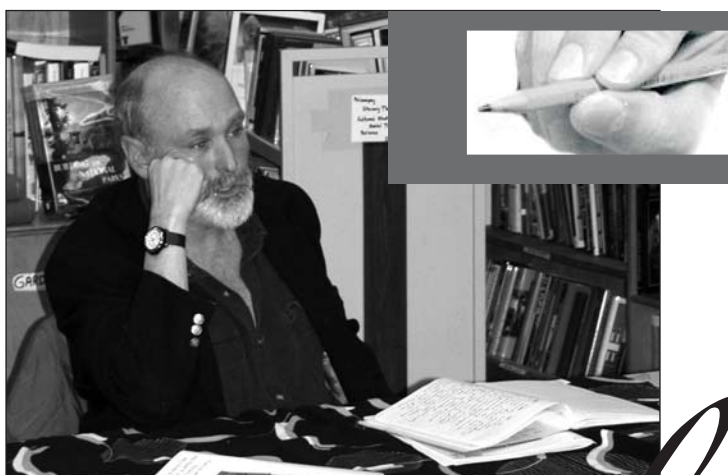
The Somerville Commission for Women will present its annual awards to CASPAR and to Regina Bertholdo at the 2012 Women's History Month Reception, to be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. at the Somerville Visiting Nurses' Association, 259 Lowell Street. Light refreshments will be served, and the event is free and open to the public.

# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>					
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:00am	Flip Side	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman
6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING
7:00am	Baby Boomers	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville
8:00am	Democracy Now!	8:00pm (Live)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Physician Focus	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place
10:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Back In The Day
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
12:00noon	Democracy Now!!!	<b>Friday, March 23</b>		6:00pm	Tele Magazine
1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen' Bread & Roses	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING
2:00pm	Back in The Day	6:00am	Live Response	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
2:30pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Culture Club	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	GAY TV
3:30pm	Inside Talk	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	8:00pm	Beantown In Action
4:00pm	Thom Hartman show	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV
5:30pm	Someville Housing	11:30am	Back In The Day	6:00am	Show de Fe
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	7:00am	Vida Na TV
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen' Bread & Roses	8:00am	Eckankar
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Housing	8:30am	Healer in Every Home
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:30pm	Neighborhood Cookin W/ Candy	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Brunch w/ Senator Sanders	10:00am	Christian Assembly Tabernacle
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:30pm	Somerville Rocks	11:00am	International Church of God
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report
11:00pm	The Garage	4:30pm	Art@SCATV	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:00pm	SCATV Promo's	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.
<b>Thursday, March 22</b>		7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
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7:00am	Discovering Justice	9:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	6:00pm	Abugida TV
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Jeff TV	7:00pm	African TV Network
9:00am	Sen. Pat Jehlen' Bread & Roses	11:00pm	Visual Radio	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
10:00am	Active Aging	12:mid	Bongoman	9:00pm	Watch This
10:30am	Jeff Jam	<b>Saturday, March 24</b>		9:30pm	Grill Dog
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	SCATV
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00pm	Undercover TV
1:00pm	African TV Network	7:00am	SCATV Promos	<b>Monday, March 26</b>	
2:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	8:00am	The Struggle	12:00am	Free Speech TV
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:30am	Animal Agenda	6:00am	Congressional Report w/Capuproano
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids
4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now!
5:00pm	Ablevision	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	9:00am	GAY TV
		12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>					
9:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	9:00am: (13/16)	vs Masconomet	12:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS
9:00am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	9:00am: (15)	The Mayor's Report	12:15am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
11:30am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:00pm: (13/16)	Our Schools, Our City	12:45am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 3/19/12		Women's History Month Celebration	1:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back
1:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Arlington Catholic	12:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	1:15am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
7:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:45am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS
7:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	12:45pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
7:30pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	1:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	12:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout
7:20pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	1:15pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:35pm: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano
7:50pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	1:45pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	1:00pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
8:05pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	7:00pm: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration	1:30pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover
8:35pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	7:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	1:20pm: (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
<b>Thursday, March 22</b>		7:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:00am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	7:45pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	7:00pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS
12:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	8:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	7:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout
12:30am: (13/16)	Celebrate Somerville	8:15pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	7:35pm: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano
12:20am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	8:45pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	8:00pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
12:50am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	<b>Saturday, March 24</b>		8:30pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover
1:05am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00am: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration	8:20pm: (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
1:35am: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast: MassDOT - Richard Davey	12:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	<b>Monday, March 26</b>	
9:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade Fundraiser	12:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:45pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:00am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS
11:30am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	1:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	12:30am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Fibromyalgia Workout
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1:30pm: (13/16)	Celebrate Someville	12:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
1:20pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	12:45pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 2nd Quarter	9:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	11:30am: (15)	SHS Hockey Highlights 2011-12
7:00pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	1:15pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 3/22/12
7:30pm: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano	1:45pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS	11:45pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Playoffs vs N. Andover
8:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs vs Masconomet	7:00pm: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration	1:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
<b>Friday, March 23</b>		7:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Fair at SHS	1:45pm: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano
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1:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Playoffs	8:45pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Fundraiser at SHS		
		<b>Sunday, March 25</b>			
		12:00am: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration		



## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Ariel Freiberg: A Somerville Artist who wants you to inhabit her paintings

Ariel Freiberg is a 30 something artist who recently moved from across the river (I mean the Charles not our beloved Mystic) in Brookline, Mass. to the Paris of New England, Somerville, Mass. Freiberg said wanted to be closer to her space at the Vernon St. Studios. She reports that she really likes the vibe in our happening burg, and believes it is a good fit. The young artist told me amidst the din of a Saturday morning Bagel Bard meeting at the Au Bon Pain Cafe in Davis Square: "I feel part of the larger connective tissue of art-making disciplines that abound in the city." Freiberg finds that artists and art of all stripes inform her artwork, and I was pleased to hear literature is a component of it as well.

On her website Freiberg writes that her painting "...explores nature and literary based female-centric mythologies....Part of the process of my art is to invite the viewer into a visual and conceptual dialogue with the narrative of my personal experiences and observations."

She told me a recent piece dealt with the death of her grandmother who lived in Israel. The artist also explores themes like the seductions of beauty, the frenzy of consumption and copulation, and sexual fulfillment.

Freiberg, who says her influences are Italian artist Giovanni Tiepolo and Watteau, likes how their work (like her own), invites the viewer into the intimate space of the artwork through use of color and other techniques. She wants the viewer to inhabit the picture. She told me: "I want the person to be actually in the picture." I thought to myself that this reminds me of an old Twilight Zone episode I saw where the person actually entered the picture in order to get away from the insistent press of the flesh of the everyday, and just fade



away between the frames. A visceral experience!

And indeed Freiberg's work is visceral. Her mythical woman are all at once innocent and carnal, child-like, and womanly--all the contradictions that make them real.

Freiberg holds a number of gigs to pay the rent and keep her stomach full. She teaches at Bunker Hill Community College (as does yours truly), as well as other venues of higher education in the area. Freiberg has a show coming up at the Laconia Gallery in the South End of Boston, and she will be part of a show at the Arts Armory in Somerville March 2. For information go to her website <http://arielfreiberg.com>.

### Armed and entertaining CONT. FROM PG 9

involvement with the Center for Arts at the Armory.

The Center for the Arts has also worked with the students from the Culinary program at Somerville High School. As they are getting ready to finally erect a sign in front of the armory, plans are being discussed to incorporate the graphic arts and woodworking students from the High School. A contest to design the sign would be quite a fulfilling experience.

The Farmer's Winter Market has been very successful at the armory. A comedy night is being planned as well as booking more entertainers to perform in the Café. To date, 16 tenants rent space at the armory. Some include the Center for Arabic Culture, Acoustic Bass of New England, The Actors Shakespeare Project, David's Dance Center, The Department of the Interior (design), and

many more. Check out the website for more info on many innovative coming events. You can enjoy dance, music, yoga, photography as well as various workshops. Performances by Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors, and a teen band concert and fundraiser are also in the works.

The Center is constantly involved in the creative economy hiring of video producers, sound engineers, local businesses and artists. It's all about community including hosting Somerville's popular Open Studios. Non-profit groups receive reduced rates. Executive Director Debra McLaughlin wants to spread the word that The Center for the Arts is here for the community to use, and invites everyone to visit the website and see all the exciting events that are always going on.

As the mission statement

says, "Given that artistic expression elevates a civil society, Arts at the Armory seeks to galvanize the creative spirit by providing a space where working artists and the community can come together."

I have performed and partied in every venue in the area over the years and the renovated armory, aka the Center for Arts at the Armory really rocks. Check it out. It is definitely a Somerville gem. And by the way, Dan is still Dapper after all these years. To find out more you can call 617-718 2191, or [info@art-satthearmory.org](mailto:info@art-satthearmory.org).

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This is an excerpt from *Time Being*, a book length prose poem, forthcoming from Quale Press, by Somerville writer Joseph Torra. Torra explained to me that he is influenced by the poet William Carlos Williams' poetic philosophy of close observation and the use of *The American Idiom*. Here is a day in the life of the poet as he leaves his home on Oxford St. in Somerville and goes to UMass Boston to his teaching gig.

#### Time Being

I think the good doctor Williams was right when he wrote that it's the hours we keep to see things makes all the difference down Oxford Street Michael's car still in driveway past gossip Cathy who's got some passerby caught in her grip while Britney the bulldog wrestles with a rubber ball and the garbage truck's got traffic stuck the men toss bags and barrels driver beeps the horn behind me until the garbage man waves us around and I saw the neighborhood kids rushing to the convenience store junk food for the day make it to school before the bell and the teachers with their heavy school bags oversize coffee cups and the Goth rock chick unlocking the porn store door on Mystic Ave. and the worn faces of day laborers huddled at Broadway and McGrath long slow line traffic onto the Expressway four lanes down to one onto the ramp flag flying high over the Schraff's Building who knows the Expressway as I do knows Medford yields to Somerville along the Mystic River Somerville gives way to Cambridge west sprawl of scaffold construction new hotels and office buildings then to the east red clumsy three-decker and redbrick Charlestown hills Breeds and Bunker the battle at Breeds the monument on Bunker and the Mystic River Bridge reaching across the sky behind a jet departs Logan glint of sun Boston Stone and Gravel First and Finest and the masts of the U.S.S. Constitution steeple of the Old North Church above North End rooftops and the gulls hang in air pockets above the Zakim Bridge Boston Garden I will always call it and Spalding Rehabilitation my father's dead eyes look up before the doctor closes them and pulls the sheet over old Hancock's shadow on the new Hancock down into the tunnel and the three men in a white pickup truck fuck you out the window they think I cut them off end of tunnel big trucks rumble out into daylight pass Southie Mass. Ave. smokestacks the old Bickfords the Boston Globe building to Columbia Point and you tired students walking the long seaside walkway along white-capped Dorchester Bay in time we every one look up from under the sheet I mean to bring a poem to you a poem you will understand what good is it to me if you can't understand it but you've got to try hard.

— Joseph Torra

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