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## A city pitches in for the Spring Clean-Up



The annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up brought volunteers out to help spruce up the city's byways and nature spots last Saturday. More on pages 12-13.

## Somerville unofficial election totals

#### By Jim Clark

Congressman Edward J. Markey carried Somerville in the special state primary election held on Tuesday, overcoming rival Stephen F. Lynch for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by John Kerry.

Statewide, Markey led Lynch by approximately 14 percentage points based on early precinct reporting.

On the Republican side, Gabriel Gomez's surprising upset victory over State Rep. Daniel Winslow and Michael Sullivan sets the stage for a General Election standoff against Markey.

As of Tuesday evening, Somerville's unofficial results are as follows:

Democratic Race:

Edward J. Markey 6587

Stephen F. Lynch 2120

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Republican Race:

Gabriel E. Gomez 330

Michael J. Sullivan 247

Daniel B. Winslow 116 Write In 4 - Blank 1

## City resolves to get Sean Collier his badge

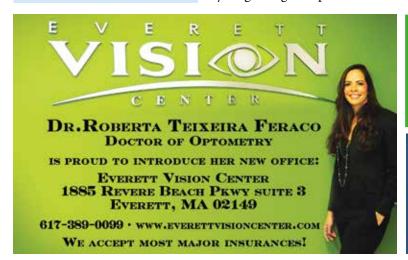
#### By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Alderman acted last Thursday to approve a Home Rule Petition authorizing the mayor to posthumously appoint slain MIT Police officer, and Somerville resident, Sean Collier to the Somerville Police Department.

Speaking in favor of the appointment, Mayor Curtatone addressed the Board saying, "If anyone has paid attention in the last few days they have learned a lot about Sean Collier, and I learn a little bit more everyday. I knew him. Many of us here know him very well."

The mood was somber in the Aldermanic Chamber as the mayor went on to explain what Collier's service meant to the community. "He worked in our police department, in our IT division as an auxiliary officer for several years. He volunteered his time in this community, helping out the boxing club," the mayor said. "I have learned every day of some new activity or adventure he was involved in. I'm just thankful he didn't run for mayor, because I'd swear this young man grew up in this Continued on page 7

Sean Collier's stepfather, Joseph Rogers, thanked the mayor and the Board of Alderman for recognizing and working to realize his stepson's dream of becoming a Somerville Police officer.





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## NEWSTALK

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours this month is at the The Burren, 247 Elm Street, Davis Square, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 2. Free appetizers, excellent networking, free business card drawing and a cash bar. Sponsored by Eastern Bank. Hosted by Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) of guests to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

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Nomination papers for this year's local city elections are out this coming Monday, May 6. Candidates have until June 12 to turn them in and they need to be certified by July 3.

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Just as we predicted last week, Mary Jo Rossetti announced she wasn't running for re-election as School Committee member from Ward 7. Although she refused to answer what, if anything, she's running for, we predicted last week and again this week, she's running for Alderman At Large since Bruce Desmond might not run for re-election. We still stand by our prediction that Alderman Bob Trane won't run for re-election and that Joe Capuano, the son of Congressman Mike, is running in Ward Seven. Now, if Mary Jo runs for Alderman At Large what does that do to Sean's Fitzgerald's plans to run for the At Large seat, unless one or both can remove a present incumbent?

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Now, we heard that long time School Committee member from Ward 2, Teresa Cardoso, isn't running for re-election this year as well. We think, though, she's just retiring at the end of the term. The race in Ward One for the school committee seat, so far we hear two are running, the race in Ward Two, no one yet but we'll know shortly. In Ward 5 we should have three candidates for that open seat, and in Ward 7 it's still early. We did hear, however, that Paul Bockleman in Ward 6 was considering not running, but that's just a rumor. We think he will run again. In Ward 3 Adam Sweeting has never had an opponent and with an open seat on the alderman's race he would have. So we heard he's going to play it like he always has, staying exactly where he is on the School Board. Maybe this would be a good time to do away with the elected School Board and do what Boston does, appoint by the mayor and pay

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

## Response to The ban on polystyrene: Economic consequences vs. health consequences

#### Ray Spitzer says:

No brainer. Ban them. People are just lazy and don't want to do anything different, even if the usual way is destroying the world and our health. Are we supposed to believe that banning these containers will cause an economic apocalypse? Give me a break. Lawmakers should just be leaders for once and force people to find better ways.

#### Jane Oslin says:

The discussion around the styrofoam ban comes down to the question of who should bear the external costs on our health and the environment—and this is exactly where government regulation can be effective.

#### John Doherty says:

Everyone is entitled to their opinion but they are not entitled to making up their own facts. FACT: The food safety benefits and the usage of polystyrene for food-service are undisputed. The US Food and Drug Administration regulates foodcontact packaging & they have approved the use of polystyrene since 1958 (50 plus years), so too have governments from around the world. Learn more @ http://www.plasticsfoodservicefacts.com

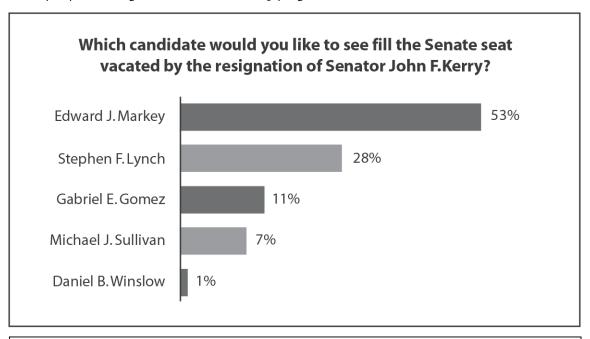
#### amen says:

how can you trust the FDA with a lengthy list of approved meds that actually killed people? i think they've proven themselves useless. actual heart damage from some of the meds i've listed. life-changing or life-ending side effects that snuck by our FDA genius's somehow

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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 which candidate you would like to see fill the Senate seat vacated by the resignation of Senator John F.Kerry. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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## BOA appointment process under scrutiny

#### By Harry Kane

Alderman appointments could come to an end if enough Somerville residents have their say.

Proposed legislation to amend the alderman's "vacant seat tradition" could mean a change in the Somerville Charter. The "vacant seat" policy is currently used to appoint a new board member after an alderman retires early, with less than a year left of service.

Typically, an alderman is elected to the position and serves out his or her full term. In certain scenarios, when an alderman is unwell or is no longer able to serve the residents of their ward effectively, a special election is held. However, an exception to that rule allows a retiring alderman to appoint a replacement if he or she is stepping down from office with less than a year of service left.

Two aldermen have recently stepped down, and have appointed new members to relieve them. This has caused some Somerville residents to voice their criticism of the system. The Board of Alderman has recognized that changes need to be made in the process.

Over the course of the past 65 years, seven resignations have not triggered a special election, but have resulted in appointments. Five of those have occurred since 1994, and two within the last year alone.

Alderman-At-Large William A. White Jr. and fellow board members have approved a petition to discuss an amendment of the Somerville Charter regarding the filling of vacant seats of aldermen with less than one year of their term remaining. This item has been sent to the Legislative Matters Committee for discussion.

"The process has to change," said Alderman At-Large Dennis M. Sullivan. "Nobody owns their seat. You serve at the pleasure of the electorate."

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente feels the voters have a fundamental right to choose the aldermen. "We need to come up with a system that is fair." Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz's has concerns. "What I'd like to see us do," said Alderman Gewirtz, "is move to a system where the Board of Aldermen can of course take the recommendation of the leaving, exiting alderman, but where the community has some say in the process as well."

Gewirtz doesn't have a prescribed idea of how the system should work, but she does think that the "process needs to be much more transparent."

After Alderman Roche stepped down, Gewirtz proposed a rules change. Recently Alderman O'Donovan retired and "picked who he would like to see come after him," she said.

"Courtney O'Keefe is a very active person in the community. She clearly cares about Ward 5," said Gewirtz, about former Alderman O'Donovan's appointed replacement. "My intention is to support her, but at the same time I feel like Alderman Lafuente, in that I don't want to be doing this again."

"I know there are many people that are concerned about this and are concerned about our process," she said. "They're concerned about their voice...in a democracy. We elect people in this country."

Some possible solutions might include "an elected official, such as someone from the School Committee" or "an appointed non-elected official who promises not to run for that seat in the next election," wrote Ward 3 resident Lynn Weissman. This appointment process is "non-democratic" in nature, Weissman also wrote.

Chair of the Progressive Democrats of Somerville, Katie Wallace said, "What I'm most concerned about is aldermen running for office, winning their elections, and then leaving before their term is up.

According to Wallace, the appointment by the successors "sets people up to be incumbents when they have not run for office."

"I'm wondering what hardships they are experiencing, that they cannot fulfill their term which the voters elected them for," said Wallace.

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## Somerville Police say goodbye to a fallen brother



#### By William Tauro

The Somerville Police Department Motorcycle Unit proudly escorted the family of fallen MIT Police Officer Sean Collier last Wednesday to MIT in Cambridge for a ceremony in his honor.

Over four thousand law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders were in attendance at MIT, as well as Vice President Joe Biden, to pay a final tribute and bid farewell to an inspiring young man, a police officer who loved his job and left this world

way to young.

Officer Collier, before recently becoming an MIT Police officer, worked at the Somerville Police Department's IT Department while on the Somerville Police Department's Auxiliary Police Unit.

Sean was scheduled to join the Somerville Police Department as a full time Somerville Police officer this coming summer

Officer Collier was ambushed and murdered last weekend by the two Boston Marathon Bombing brother suspects while was in his police cruiser.



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# By Jim Clark

## Worst possible place to smoke it

While sitting in his cruiser for questioning and reportedly in front of the police station last week monitoring traffic flow, a SPD officer took notice of a group of males walking towards him.

One of the males, later identified as George Rivera, 22, appeared to be bringing the butt end of a marijuana cigarette to his lips, according to the officer.

When the two made eye contact Rivera reportedly folded his hand over the "roach" and continued walking away, police said. The officer stopped the man

detected the odor of burnt marijuana on Rivera's person.

The officer reportedly asked Rivera, "Where is it?" and was then told that it had been thrown on the ground.

The officer reported that he then advised Rivera that the law had changed, but that he was not allowed to walk down the street openly smoking marijuana.

The officer further insisted that Rivera turn over whatever marijuana he might have on his person, at which time the man reportedly began searching the ground nearby, stating that he could not find it.

The officer reportedly observed Rivera moving his right hand towards his pants pocket, at which time the man was advised that if he did not find the marijuana that the officer would look for it.

The officer then asked Rivera to turn around and it was at that time that a hard object was reportedly felt to be in his pocket, according to reports.

When asked what this was Rivera reportedly told the officer that it was marijuana.

Upon retrieving the object, the officer found that it was a prescription bottle containing individually wrapped quantities of marijuana, consistent with drug sales, in the opinion of the officer.

Other officers arrived to assist in dispersing the group of males that Rivera had been walking with, but one individual, Richard Alomar, 22, began behaving belligerently, according to reports, waving his arms and using profanity, police said.

Alomar was eventually sub-

dued and handcuffed.

A search of both Alomar and Rivera revealed that each of them was carrying knives with blades approximately four inches long, according to reports.

Rivera was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Alomar was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

## Remember your birthday

A police patrol unit observed a vehicle run a red light on Pearl St. last week and pulled the car over in order to issue a citation.

The driver was asked for her license and registration, but only supplied the vehicle's registration, saying that she was not in possession of her license at that time, according to reports.

When asked for her name and date of birth the woman reportedly said that her name was Katie O'Donnell, but she then hesitated and said that she could not remember her date of birth, police said.

The woman was then asked to step out of the car, at which time the officer told her that if she did not properly identify herself she

would be placed under arrest.

The woman then told the officer that her name was Kimberly Pendola and she also supplied a date of birth.

The name and birthdate matched database records and

revealed that Pendola currently had a suspended license.

She was then placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop or yield.

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#### **Arrests**:

Keith Laporta, 26, of 199 Pearl St., #1, April 22, 10:17 a.m., arrested at 194 Pearl St. on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and felony daytime breaking and entering.

A juvenile, April 22, 11:22 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, and threat to commit a crime.

Derek Mardirosian, 18, of 142 Holland St., April 22, 11:52 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

George Rivera, 22, of 130 Sycamore St., April 24, 3:12 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Richard Alomar, 22, of 309 Summer St., April 24, 3:12 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on charges of disorderly conduct and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Kimberly Pendola, 24, of 23 Everett St., Stoneham, April 24, 6:56 p.m., arrested at 195 Pearl St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop or yield.

Kevin Banos, 34, of 47 Hanson, April 27, 12:31 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

April 24, 2:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Washing-

April 24, 10:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford

April 25, 9:54 a.m., police

reported a theft at Sycamore

April 25, 4:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland

April 25, 2:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Tower Ct.

April 26, 8:12 a.m., police reported a theft at 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

April 26, 8:24 a.m., police reported a theft at Inner Belt

April 26, 8:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Washing-

April 26, 12:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Clyde St.

April 26, 1:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St. April 26, 1:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

April 26, 1:51 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

April 26, 4:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

April 27, 11:12 a.m., police reported a theft at Willow

April 27, 12:07 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middle-

April 29, 8:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Church St. April 29, 12:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St. April 29, 5:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Seven

April 29, 8:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 715 Somerville Ave.

#### Breaking & Entering:

Hills Park.

April 23, 10:30 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lexington Ave.

April 24, 10:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Harvard St.

April 25, 12:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chetwynd Rd.

April 27, 10:06 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

April 26, 12:32 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Clyde St.

April 28, 3:36 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 225 Elm St.

April 29, 2:24 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at River Rd.

#### Assault:

April 24, 12:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Temple

April 26, 1:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Canal

April 26, 1:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Central

April 27, 12:31 p.m., police reported an assault at Hanson St.

April 29, 12:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.



## Somerville by Design: **Complete Streets Series** holds final meeting

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

Meeting Three of Somerville by Design: The Complete Streets Series, which was a public meeting, was recently held to discuss ideas which were delved into at previous meetings and to further outline concepts for interventions around the city.

At present, the focus is on the streets of Somerville. That action will ensure that Somerville by Design is able to complete their SomerVision Comprehensive Plan goals, as well as "to compliment" the Green Line station area plans, which were developed at the recent Somerville by Design meetings.

Complete Streets design includes an emphasis on better safety and efficiency for each user and an emphasis on encouraging sustainable modes, such as biking and walking.

Meeting attendees were given the chance to examine all of the options and to contribute to the discussion which covered "spot improvements" to "larger scale network visioning."

The recent meeting completed the series.

"However, given the positive response and helpful output from this series, we hope to be back with more Somerville by Design series in the future," said Sarah Spicer, Senior Transportation Planner of the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development of the City of Somerville.

"At this session, we reviewed the main points of our discussion. While cities across the country have implemented Complete Streets guidelines, we wanted to identify how Somerville's own unique characteris-



Somerville By Design is seeking to complete its mission to help guide development processes throughout the city.

guidelines. We reviewed examples of design elements that can help achieve our goals. We talked about innovative ways to address streetscapes, ranging from neighborhood streets to challenging, congested intersections, and we also looked at nearby concepts underway with the City of Boston," said Spicer.

Previously, the second session included having attendees complete a survey about their favorite street, including the way in which they utilize it and the good points about it.

That "qualitative input" will help to enable them to decide which characteristics of a street may be vital "to emulate more universally throughout the city."

Although some of the feedback at the meeting was anticipated, individuals selected locations in which they had a feeling of safety and which were aesthetically

"This process directly compliments numerous goals in the Somervision Comprehensive Plan, one of the keys being the goal of 50 percent of new trips via transit, walking, or bicycling. This goal is vital to ensuring that the city is a great place to be and should be addressed in such that its residents have choices on www.somervillebydesign.com.

how to comfortably get around the city," Spicer said.

A purely hypothetical redesign of Powderhouse Circle was included in the meeting's discussion. Planners and attendees alike agreed that improvements could be made in that area.

The series included Ian Lockwood, Livable Transportation Expert. He outlined the way in which complete streets operate, as well as why they are essential to the future of Somerville "as a great place to live, work, play and raise a family."

The next steps in the design process of Somerville by Design include "city staff [whom] will be working on a Complete Streets Guide. This will state our vision for our streets and will compliment the goals already stated by the Complete Streets Ordinance currently under review, as well as the Somervision Comprehensive Plan. Our goal is to have a draft document ready for public release this fall," said Spicer.

The recent meeting took place at the Argenziano School, located at 290 Washington St. in Somerville

For additional information, interested individuals may visit http://

## Ten year old Somerville twins raise money for Boston Marathon bombing victims



Ten year old Somerville twins Lauren and Lindsay Ferraina were out raising money on Sycamore Street in Somerville to benefit the "One Fund Boston" charity with a lemonade stand outside their home Saturday Morning. - William Tauro

## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



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#### The Grand Turk

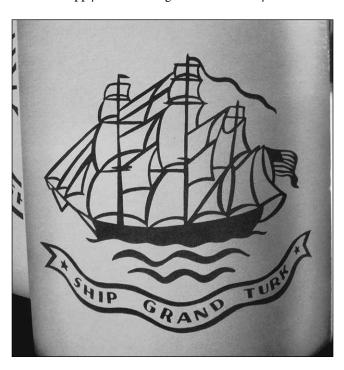
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"Old Spice means quality," said the captain to the bosun. "So look for the bottle with the ship that sailed the ocean."

So goes the iconic jingle referring to Old Spice toiletry products. The Old Spice Company, which began in 1934, manufactured products and then marketed them with a nautical theme. Your father and your grandfather are sure to remember the original Old Spice ad campaign.

Long before the branding ventured into promotions by sports figures such as Nascar driver Tony Stewart (the company sponsored him) and NFL star Ray Lewis, Old Spice prominently featured a picture of the Grand Turk, which can still be found on their packaging to this day.

The Grand Turk was a ship built in 1781 for Elias Haskell Derby. Derby, whose son is the namesake of Derby Street, was a Salem ship owner until he moved to the mansion at Ten Hills, Somerville. He was a patriot, whose ship, the Grand Turk, as well as many others under his ownership, captured 144 British naval and supply vessels during the Revolutionary War.



Elias lost 19 of his own ships during this ongoing endeavor. There was an expression during and after the war called "derby luck." The saying was a reference to the overall outstanding luck that Derby's vessels had during their nautical exploits. It was one of his ships that brought home the first word that The Revolutionary War had come to an end, with America reigning victorious.

After 1783, with the war over, America underwent a drastic change in focus, shifting from manufacturing items for the war effort to items more suited for peacetime commerce.

His fleet, highlighted by Derby's pride, the Grand Turk, sailed to many far-flung ports. His ships brought back exotic riches to New England from all over the world, making him America's first citizen to die a millionaire.

These were dangerous times for international sailing, but this did not slow down Derby's fleet. He risked his fortune with young captains and crew. In fact, one of his ships sailed away on a three-year voyage with a crew of men younger than 22 years of age. During this time, it was the Grand Turk that opened trade with China by being the first craft to sail under the new American Flag, bringing the stars and stripes to Canton.

The Old Spice Company made a truly fitting decision in selecting the Grand Turk for its logo, as it would be difficult to find a marketing campaign more representative of the spirit of American commerce. "Old Spice means quality," said the captain to the bosun. The Grand Turk. He was right.





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#### City resolves to get Sean Collier his badge CONT. FROM PG 1

city. But he had this incredible spirit and passion about life. Dedicated to his job, and really, I submit, the model of a public servant. He did his duty to his fullest potential, and beyond. He was an ambassador to the community, he wanted to have a positive impact on everyone else's life. Unheralded in what he did. He did it for no accolade. He did not do it for recognition. He wanted to serve. Above all, he wanted to be a Somerville police officer. Above all."

"Even after he admirably served us in the department as a civilian and went on to serve with honor at the MIT police department, he still came back and volunteered, managing the website for our police department. He still came back and helped out in the community with our boxing club. He still, from all accounts, from what I hear, across every neighborhood was seen all about Somerville. He really cared about the people in this community."

"Sean Collier's name would have been put forward by myself as the appointing authority to you for consideration and confirmation within the next couple of weeks. Tragically and sadly, that won't be happening. And tonight's legislation that we'll vote upon is not typical. But this person was exceptional, as a public servant and as a human being. And my submission of his name to you for consideration is a mere formality at this point. He would have been an outstanding member of The Somerville Police Department."

"We spend a lot of time, and rightfully so, honoring people who serve country and community. We dedicate many monuments and squares. We go out of our way to make sure we recognize those who put forth them-

while working for the Somerville Police Department volunteering his time. He did that every day as a MIT Police officer. He paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of his country and his community. His sacrifice led to the capture and take down of two of the most wanted perpetrators of our lifetime. His sacrifice has protected our quality of life, our safety, and secured our wellbeing. I have no doubt that Sean Collier as a member of the Somerville Police Department would not have hesitated to do the same for us. He is a person

> "He is a person of honor"

The mayor acknowledged and thanked members of Collier's family and his friends who were in attendance at the meeting, and sympathy for their loss.

"Sean will always be a member of the Somerville family. We will never forget him. And I hope this action tonight and what will subsequently occur at the state level will in a very important way memorialize his service and sacrifice. Service and sacrifice of a kid who wanted to do good, who helped other people, and is a national hero."

Police Chief Tom Pasquarello also addressed the Board and others present. "Last week the world watched in terror as it appeared that evil would temporarily triumph over goodness. As the auxiliary has done every year, they were out there lining the streets of the Boston Marathon. Over 20 officers insuring selves for the benefit of others. the safety and security of the wanted and would have made Sean Collier did that every day visitors and the runners. It was him complete."

a job that Sean Collier would have done just a few years prior as one of the youngest sergeants of the Somerville Auxiliary Police. When the bombs were detonated, as destiny would have it, two of our Somerville officers were there providing first aid to the critically wounded. When we received the call that officer Collier was shot our officers were there. Deputy Cabral was at his bedside when he passed. The Somerville Police Department has been there every step of the way."

Chief Pasquarello "Sean Collier is the finest. When we interview applicants we ask them 'What have you done to prepare as a Somerville police officer?' Sean Collier has been preparing for this job since first grade. In fact, the question we would ask him is what has he not done to prepare for this job. He will set the barometer for every officer that comes forward. His memory will live with us."

Members of the Board shared some of their personal experiences and memories of Collier, after which time the members present voted unanimously in favor of the action, sending it on to the state level for final approval.

Joseph Rogers, Collier's stepfather, then took the podium to express some final thoughts. "Even though he grew up in Wilmington, Sean fell in love with Somerville, and he was very determined to become a police officer here. I think the happiest day of Sean's life was when he graduated the Police Academy and on his shoulder was a Somerville Police Department badge."

"I just think this is a great thing and I just want to let you know our family's appreciation for your putting things in motion to get Sean what he

## O'Keefe sworn in as new Ward 5 Alderman



By Jim Clark

With little pomp and ceremony, but with much pride evident in the faces of the parents who stood behind her, Courtney O'Keefe was administered the oath of office of Alderman for Ward 5 at last week's regular meeting of the full Board.

O'Keefe was recommended to the Board by retiring Ward 5 Alderman Sean O'Donovan to serve out the rest of his term. The proposed appointment was sent to the Committee on Confirmation and Appointments for consideration and discussion. The committee unanimously approved the recommendation,

sending the matter back to the full Board with their recommendation to appoint O'Keefe as O'Donovan's replacement.

Alderman At Large Bruce Desmond made the formal motion to appoint O'Keefe as the Alderman from Ward 5 for the remainder of Alderman O'Donovan's term at Thursday's full Board meeting.

O'Keefe was then called forward to take the oath of office which was administered by City Clerk John Long.

After the swearing in ceremony was finished, O'Keefe took her place among the other aldermen and participated in the remaining business of the meeting.

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## COMMENTARY

## **TALES OF SOMERVILLE**

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville's got talent!

## The View From Prospect Hill



Somerville Open Studios, taking place over this coming weekend, reminds us of the rich abundance of artistic talent that exists within our community. It is no wonder that Somerville is regarded as a significant cultural focal point in the region.

Proudly celebrating 15 years as the city's premiere arts showcase, the event is the largest of its kind in the nation and holds a special place in our hearts as a special celebration of the creative spirit that thrives here.

More than 400 artists will open their studios for the public to experience and explore. Many of Somerville's finest painters, sculptors, photographers, and masters of other media will be welcoming visitors and showing their works, explaining their working processes, and generally mixing with the public.

Along with the regular Open Studios activities taking place throughout the weekend, other special events occurring during the week are also well worth looking into. The SOS Wearable Art Fashion Show happens on Wednesday, May 1, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at Arts at the Armory, followed by Somerville Open Cinema Festival by SCATV on Thursday, May 2, 8–10 p.m. at SCATV, Union Square.

Ongoing exhibits include the SOS Volunteer Show running through May 20 at Bloc 11, 11 Bow Street, Union Square. The Artists' Choice Exhibit also continues through May 10 at Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road. The Inside Out Gallery at CVS will be in place through May 6 at One Davis Square. And don't forget to check out the Kids' Art Show running now through May 10 at Arts at the Armory Café.

We congratulate SOS and all of the great people who labor long and hard to put this wonderful event together. We encourage all Somervilliens to take some time and visit an artist near you. You won't have to travel far, they're just a stone's throw away from wherever you may be.

For more information see www.somervilleopenstudios.org.

#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

less and we would save some money. At waiting to see what Bob is going to do. least that is a thought.

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We got confirmation from long time Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor last week that he wasn't going to seek re-election, that he was going to retire and enjoy his family. He has served the good people of Ward 3 for at least three decades of public service. A job well done. We salute him and his lovely wife Celia, who we hear also might just retire from her job down at the Healy School, which she loves.

We hear that the most talked about potential candidate for office this year, Bob McWaters, has been making calls, visiting with some close friends, and seriously considering the run and has told friends he will make his mind up just after this weekend. We think he would make a formidable candidate in Ward 3. We predict he's going to put on those special running shoes he has and has worn through many campaigns over the years and will run for Alderman in Ward 3. We also hear that some in Ward 3 are

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In Ward 5, Mark the Shark has been out there and with Sean out of the race we hear he's changing gears since his opponent Courtney O'Keefe has been seated on the Board of Alderman this past week. We hear Courtney has been busy as well, getting together her organization of people in Ward 5 to campaign to keep the seat. We hear she might be having a fundraiser sometime soon.

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On behalf of Somerville Lions Club President Gene Brune and our Club members, we would like to give thanks from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who attended the Somerville Lions Club Charity Brunch at the Mount Vernon Restaurant in Somerville this past Sunday. Close to 300 supporters attended the event and were in and out all day on Sunday as they helped to raise some well needed donations for Somerville Lions Club Charities, especially the charities for "Help Finding a Cure for Blindness and Diabetes." A big thank you also goes out to the Mount Vernon Restaurant and the Henry Family for their generosity and continuous support of the Somerville Lions Club throughout the years. Thank you again for your continuous overwhelming show of support.

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Happy Birthday greetings go out to former Somerville Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay who is celebrating her birthday with her husband Bert and their children. More happy birthday greetings going out to Ellen Glovasky, one of our favorite waitresses over at the Mount Vernon Restaurant. Happy birthday to Susan Gail Leyva, who is our good friend, and to Somerville's favorite mailman, Eddy Abate. Also, Mike Moccia of the Ball Square Café fame is celebrating this week. Former Villen Chris Cianci, who is seen here in the city all the time, also Florence Lewis and another Villen Anthony Frasier. Happy Birthday to Linda Norton-Beebe, the niece of Donald and Pat, and finally to our good friend Leo Saltman, who works for the city. We wish these and all the other Villens

#### a Happy Birthday this week.

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Our condolences go out to the family of long time Somerville resident, 97-year-old Assunta (Dussi) Pasciuto, who passed away this past weekend. She was also mother to our good friend Somerville Lion Frank Pasciuto. Assunta was a wonderful person and will be sadly missed.

A get well soon goes out to our good friend Freddy Caruso who we heard is back in the hospital again. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

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Our thoughts and best wishes go to our friend George Manzeli who has been released from the hospital and now home on the mend. George is a great guy with many friends throughout the Ville. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Our condolences go out to the family of Phyllis (Nannis) Kusmin. Phyllis was a very nice lady and, along with her husband Murray, was heavily involved with Lions Continued on page 15

## COMMENTARY

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## We're just getting started



By Joseph A. Curtatone

In Somerville, our policies, programs, and initiatives are all aligned with one orienting set of values: making our city a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. It's not an empty catch phrase. We take it seriously. I take it seriously. And the rewards and recognition the city receives show that, increasingly, others take our efforts seriously too. But more important is that

we're just getting started.

Over the last several years, Someville has been lauded by both reputable news sources and national agencies as one of the best places to live, as one of the most walkable and bikeable communities in the nation, and one of the most innovative. At the same time, we've been steadily working with the community to bring forward-thinking development and major infrastructure improvements to our city that will continue to propel our progress. We oriented ourselves around that one value to make this a great living experience, and it's working. What many people want to know, however, is how? Some might guess it's our loca-

tion. The nation is seeing a his-

torical shift of residents back to the urban core, and our draw is even greater due to our proximity to top universities, hospitals and technology hubs, and rapid transit. But while our location may draw new residents, it is how we retain them that sets us apart. The secret is that we do it with your help.

Through SomerVision, a twoyear community process, we drilled down to discover our core values as a community, including diversity, community, neighborhoods, and green space. Then we crafted a 20year comprehensive (and exciting) plan to make sure we aspire to those values in all that we do. As a result, we are investing in developing a resilient economic base centered around transit that generates a wide variety of job opportunities, supports independent businesses and affords us the ability to strive for an exemplary quality of life.

To that end, ongoing work in transformative districts like Union and Assembly Squares will create thousands of net new jobs and housing units, including 6,000 affordable units. Across the city, we're redeveloping underused sites, like the waste transfer station in Brickbottom, and upgrading major community resources like Foss Park and the Community Path. We're rebuilding the Lower Broadway streetscape into a vibrant, pedestrian- and bike-friendly destination. We're planning the next set of streetscape improvements for Davis Square, and tapping the community's imagination to re-envision Winter Hill, Magoun Square, and Gilman Square. Meanwhile, we're delivering an abundance of art, cultural and community programs to strengthen the fabric of our community, and just to have fun. This progress is marked with exclamation points, such as the buildings rising in Assembly Square, and smaller ones, like the intimate familiarity of living in our neighborhoods.

But again, we're just getting started. In the coming years, you'll see the transformation of areas including Union Square, Assembly Square, Brickbottom, the Inner Continued on page 17

## Loan program provides options for the needy



By State Sen. Patricia Jehlen Second Middlesex District

Faced with physical limitations, some seniors and people living with disabilities may have difficulty navigating their own homes safely. In some cases, they might even be forced to move away or to assisted living facilities. The Massachusetts Home Modification Loan Program (HMLP) provides another option, the option of living independently and safely.

In our neighborhoods, the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP) administers funds on behalf of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. This state-funded program provides loans to seniors and those living with disabilities to undergo needed modifications to their homes. The modifications are necessary not only for convenience but also for safety and health, as research by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that home modifications and repairs may prevent 30% to 50% of all home accidents among seniors.

The HMLP can make expensive changes affordable to individuals or families who truly

need accessibility to live more comfortably in their own home by removing the everyday obstacles that make getting around difficult. The simple widening of doorways, altering bathrooms or adding an entry ramp can make an astounding difference, allowing an elderly or disabled person to stay in the home they love.

As of March 2013, CEDAC and its cooperating agencies (including MBHP) have closed 1781 loans valued at \$39.4 million since the program inception in 2000. Twenty-two percent (386) of those loans went to elders. Since April 2005 (when CEDAC started collecting more detailed information), 216 loans to elderly homeowners – valued at over \$4 million – were closed.

In Somerville alone \$116, 415 has gone to modifying homes.

The loans provided by the HMLP are affordable—no- or low-interest. The program provides both deferred payment loans (DPL) and amortized loans. No-interest loans from HMLP do not have to be repaid until the sale of the home or a transfer of the title. The low interest loans from HMLP can be repaid in monthly increments over 5 to 15 years, at a rate of only 3% interest. These low costs allow families to invest now in making their homes accessible without the anxiety of high payments.

Homeowners are eligible for a loan if they or a member of their household is living with a disability. Additionally, landlords are eligible if they would like to make modifications to assist a tenant. The HMLP provides funding of up to \$30,000 for modifications.

Living in your own home is a comfort that all of us deserve. The HMLP can help remove the barriers to allow the comfort of home to those who need it most.

The MBHP will be hosting an information session, "Housing Challenges and Opportunities: Partnering for Innovative Solutions," on May 17th from 8:30 – 10:00am at the Walnut Street Center, 35 Charlestown Street, Somerville. For more information about the HMLP you can visit www.mbhp.org (under programs).

## Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

## **Goodbye neighbor!**



This article first appeared in the July 16, 2008 edition of The Somerville News.

Well, we just lost another longtime family home on my street

(near Davis Square). They had been here for over 50 years - both parents are deceased and the adult kids decided it was time to sell - they had been my neighbors for 48 years. I heard that the new owner is going to convert the two-family into condos, what an original idea!

Though I am sad to see the family leave, I stand to get something out of the deal

- the common fence between our properties needs replacing - go get 'em, Carli Fence! You know what they do when they perform a condo conversion. They'll give the joint beautiful hardwood floors, except the kitchen and bath, which will receive some kind of extravagant tile. They'll throw in central air conditioning, and divide the basement into equal storage stalls with chicken wire and locks. They'll update all the systems. The kitchens will have shiny stainless steel appliances and marble counter tops. Then the price tag will be at least \$450,000 each (location, location, location).

The first thing I will do is buy one of

those bamboo curtains to put on my back porch so I don't have to watch the emotional metamorphosis. It's going to be noisy and dusty over there for a while that's for sure. One neighbor sold her duplex for around \$800,000 and they got nearly a million each for them after the conversion - I'm holding out.

What I am mostly sad about is that another family home that was up and running when we moved on the street in 1960 is gone. I know it's the circle of life and all that stuff, but it still makes me a little blue. I think back to a time when the street was full of kids playing relieve-e-o, buck buck, and dodge ball.

We had a mob of kids.

I can remember hearing the Beach Boys playing on a radio coming out of one of the older kids rooms. Sometimes we would all flock into someone's yard, but we rarely left the street. Hall Avenue was a two way then, but it seemed like cars never came by. Mr. Pine, who lived across the street from us, worked for Drake's Cakes and sometimes brought Ring Dings and Yankee Doodles home in his trunk for us kids. The O'Neal's owned Alpine Tree and Landscape Company - when they were finished with a day of cutting, pruning and de-stumping, a convoy of trucks came Continued on page 21



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call the week of April 22-26. There were no roll calls in the 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 records local representatives' votes on ten roll calls from 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.

Several of the House roll call votes involve successful attempts by Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against several Republican proposals to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent back to five percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against it and then would be open to charges of being anti-taxpayer.

The Democrats, with a 129 to 29 membership advantage, control the House. A Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue and the Lottery Commission study the impact of the cuts and a new bill to reduce the tax is filed and approved.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced, and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say that the studies are a sham because they are never done.

This is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership. The Speaker at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him, and that member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hand and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

GOP members have always been wary of this ploy, but this year many spoke out strongly against it. They urged the Democratic leadership to stop purposely trying to confuse the voters and instead allow a vote directly on the tax reductions themselves. They said the Democratic leadership hopes that voters see that their representative voted "yes" but do not realize that the "yes" vote is not in favor of the tax cut but rather in favor of the study and delay. Some GOP members said that voters are smarter than Democrats think and will see through this charade.

The Democrats fall into four categories. Some Democrats favor the tax cut and vote with the Republicans against the study. Others say that they are truly open to the tax reduction but vote for the study because they want to find out the cost first. A third group opposes the proposal but also opposes the study because they feel that there should be a direct vote on the proposal. Most vote for the study and acknowledge that the study system is designed to protect incumbent Democrats and prevent them from being required to vote directly against tax cuts.

Beacon Hill Roll Call urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that in cases in which a study is proposed in place of a tax cut, a "yes" vote is for the study while, a "no" vote is against the study.

#### APPROVE \$34 BILLION FISCAL 2014 STATE **BUDGET (H 3400)**

House 127-29, voting strictly along party lines, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$34 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. All Republicans voted against it while all Democrats present voted in favor. The Senate will soon draft and approve its own version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be approved by the House and Senate and then sent to Gov. Deval Patrick.

The House on the floor added an estimated \$135 million over a three-day period. While some controversial amendments were debated on the House floor, most of the work was done behind the scenes. Individual representatives filed dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters, including local aid, social services and public safety. They were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their amendments to Democratic leaders who drafted "consolidated amendments" that were brought to the House floor for consideration and easily approved.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that funds important programs to the best of the state's ability during this difficult economy.

Opponents said the budget is full of unnecessary waste, fraud and abuse. They noted it is also based on a \$500 million tax hike which the GOP opposes. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against the budget.)

> Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey

#### **DELAY MEALS TAX HOLIDAY (H 3400)**

House 115-39, approved an amendment indefinitely delaying a proposal that would exempt diners from paying the state's 6.25 percent meals tax this year between August 11 and August 15. The amendment would require the Tax Expenditure Commission, established in 2011, to examine the issue of tax holidays, including a meals tax holiday, and give the Legislature a report by August 1, 2013. The report would include the impact of tax holidays on the state's economy, tax revenue, transportation, local aid and ancillary economic activity.

Some supporters of the study said they oppose the meals tax holiday and acknowledged the study kills the proposal while avoiding a direct vote on it. They said the state simply cannot afford the estimated \$8 million revenue loss. Others said they might be open to the holiday but want to know more about its effects.

Opponents of the study said rising food costs, high fuel prices, high unemployment and a poor economy have hurt the restaurant industry and resulted in fewer customers. They argued the amendment is a double sham because the Tax Expenditure Commission finished its



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work last summer and technically no longer exists. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

## DELAY PROHIBITING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS'LOW TUITION (H 3400)

House 107-46, approved an amendment indefinitely delaying a proposal to prohibit illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities. The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the issue by the Higher Education Committee.

Some supporters of the study acknowledge they oppose the ban and favor the study because it kills the ban while avoiding a direct vote on it. They said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate.

Study opponents argued that the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. Some argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### STUDY DEATH PENALTY (H 3400)

House 119-38, approved an amendment that would replace a proposal reinstating the death penalty in very specific cases with a study to investigate the fiscal, social, economic and judicial impact of capital punishment.

Some supporters of the study acknowledged they voted for the study to essentially defeat the bill. Others said the budget was not the appropriate place to attempt to reinstate the death penalty and argued it should be considered as a separate bill with a public hearing. Others said that any death penalty is fallible and irrevocable. They argued that it is not a deterrent to murder and often discriminates along race and class lines.

Study opponents said that this narrowly drawn legislation is almost foolproof and is "the gold standard for the death penalty." They argued that it includes numerous safeguards to ensure fairness and execution of only those truly guilty of the most heinous murders. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

## DELAY NEW EBT CARD TECHNOLOGY (H 3400)

House 106-51, approved an amendment delaying the implementation of a proposal to make changes and use technology to ensure that welfare recipients who receive Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards are not using the card to purchase restricted goods. The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the issue by the state.

Some study supporters said they are against more restrictions and voted for the study to essentially kill the proposal. Others questioned how much this would cost and would prefer more information.

Study opponents said technology could be used to stop the abuse by enforcing current restrictions and providing for direct payments of high-cost necessary expenses such as rent and power. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### **STUDY TRANSGENDER ISSUE (H 3400)**

House 112-44, approved an amendment delaying the implementation of a proposal to require transgender students and others, when using a "sex-segregated" public facility, to use the one that is labeled for his or her anatomical sex of male or female, regardless of his or her gender identity. The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the issue. The proposal was made in response to an advisory by state educational officials that a transgendered student "may access the restroom, locker room and changing facility that corresponds to the student's gender identity."

Supporters of the study said it is important to examine this very new issue more before just approving the amendment without knowing all the facts.

Opponents of the study said the amendment was important because of the possibility of students being made very uncomfortable by a transgender person of the opposite anatomical sex changing clothes in front of them. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

## REDUCE SALES AND INCOME TAXES TO 5 PERCENT (H 3400)

House 35-120, rejected an amendment reducing the 6.25 percent sales tax and 5.25 percent income tax to 5 percent over the next five years.

Supporters said the sales tax is hurting consumers and retail operations, especially those on the state's borders. They noted that voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year's 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003, and it is time for the Legislature to honor that vote.

Opponents said the state cannot afford the annual loss of \$20 million in revenue. They argued this drastic cut would result in reductions to local aid, education, health care and human service programs. (A "Yes" vote is for reducing the two taxes. A "No" vote is against the reduction.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Carl Sciortino No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

## REQUIRING SOME COLLEGES TO PAY NEW EXCISE TAX (H 3400)

House 11-144, rejected an amendment that would impose an excise tax on private universities that have an endowment fund in excess of \$5 billion. The tax would be 2.5 percent of the institution's funds that exceed \$5 billion. Current state law exempts nonprofit institutions, including universities and hospitals, from paying property taxes.

Amendment supporters said these universities can easily afford this "luxury tax" and should be paying their fair share. They noted that Harvard has an endowment of an astounding \$38 billion.

Some amendment opponents said that the amendment is likely unconstitutional. Others noted these univer-

sities boost the local economy, create jobs that and some already pay their host communities millions of dollars under the voluntary Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax. A "No" vote is against the tax.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino No
Rep. Timothy Toomey No

#### TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (H 3400)

House 40-116, rejected an amendment creating a tax amnesty program that waives penalties for taxpayers who voluntarily file an overdue tax return or pay a delinquent tax liability within a two-month period to be determined by the state. The program does not waive the tax itself or the interest. Some of the revenue would be used for municipal police training and some to enforce restrictions on EBT cards used by welfare recipients.

Amendment supporters said that a similar program in 2010 was a huge success that raised \$32.6 million. They argued that implementing the program this year would generate millions of dollars in increased tax revenue that the state can use to balance the budget and fund important programs.

Amendment opponents said that proponents have not presented an estimate of how much an amnesty program would bring in this year. They argued that frequent adoption of an amnesty program would be counterproductive and become something that is expected by taxpayers. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax amnesty. A "No" vote is against the tax amnesty.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Carl Sciortino No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

## PUNISH "SANCTUARY" CITIES AND TOWNS (H 3400)

House 31-125, rejected an amendment that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. The withholding would also apply to communities that have established themselves as "sanctuary" cities or towns that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants.

Amendment supporters said cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They pointed to the attacks and carnage at Fort Hood and the Boston Marathon and argued the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Some amendment opponents said the amendment is mean-spirited and noted that some individuals are here because of political asylum. Others said the amendment will not have any real impact, just like a municipality declaring itself a sanctuary city is nothing but symbolism. (A "Yes" vote is for cutting off local aid to sanctuary cities and towns. A "No" vote is against cutting it off.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Carl Sciortino No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"While the taxpayers of Massachusetts have avoided the enormity of Gov. Patrick's \$1.9 billion dollar tax hike, our state's residents should find no comfort in the \$500 million dollar tax increase approved by my colleagues across the aisle." – House GOP Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading).

"Pot Tart (Pop Tarts) and Munchy Ways (Milky Ways)."

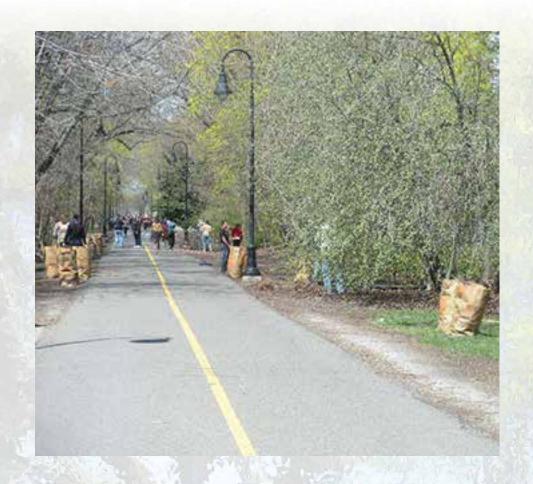
- Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer)

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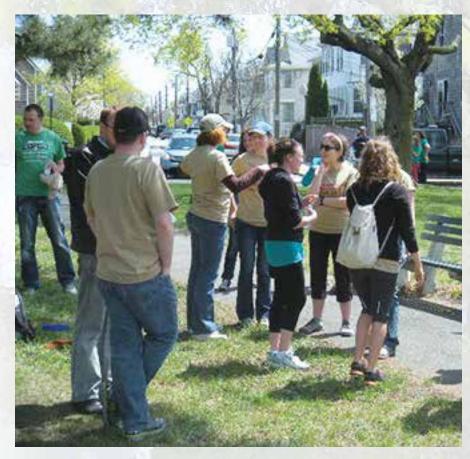
## Somerville Spring Clean-Up

The annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up took place throughout the city Saturday, April 27. The annual cleanup is sponsored by Comcast, and this year Comcast also partnered with Groundwork Somerville for a cleanup at three additional sites, as well as the SomerGreen Festival that was held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive following the Cleanup.

The Festival featured a community BBQ, opportunities to learn about agricultural and green initiatives, a scavenger hunt and other family-friendly events along the Mystic River.



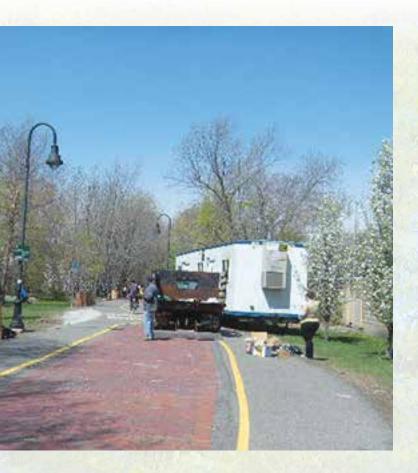






















Photos by Donald Norton

## **SPORTS**

## Somerville style: 'Boston Strong'





Instead of sporting his hockey jersey number/sticks for his annual hockey tournament haircut, Somerville Youth Hockey player, Jason Cassidy, decided to honor Boston with "B Strong."

# Ms. Cam's

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

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- 1. In the 1938 Irving Berlin tune, what three words precede "land that I love"?
- 2. How far back can the tradition of throwing rice at weddings be traced?
- 3. What is the throwing of rice at weddings a symbol of?
- 4. How many natural lakes are in the state of Ohio?
- 5. What song was used in the Heinz commercials in the 70s?
- 6. What position must be played by a college football player to receive The Davey O'Brien Award?
- 7. Who was the Yankee

- baseball player who had multiple nicknames - that suggested he be called "the idol of the American Boy"?
- 8. In 1987, what was the spin-off to *The Cosby Show* that premiered?
- 9. In economics, what does the "F" in IMF stand
- 10. In what sport is the Walker Cup competed
- 11. Jamie Lee Curtis is the daughter of what actor?
- 12. In horse racing, where in Long Island is the third Triple Crown race held?

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# Strong hurler Santana leads for Somerville baseball

By Mike Stoller

It was quite a day for Jonathan Santana and the Somerville High baseball team as the Highlanders defeated Pope John, 6-3, behind Santana's stellar pitching, in a non-league tilt last week.

Santana, a junior, totaled 13 strikeouts, while allowing only three runs on five hits in seven innings of work to improve his record to 3-0. As of this writing, Santana boasts a remarkable 1.34 ERA in 20 1/3

innings pitched.

As a team the Highlanders raised their record to 4-5 overall, while remaining 0-2 in the Greater Boston League.

Santana also hurled a dandy in a recent outing against St. Clements, as the Highlanders took a 10-1 victory. Santana helped his own cause by ripping a home run.

Senior catcher Quinton Hawkins and junior third baseman Anthony Gallo also have been part of the show this spring, batting .400 and .500, respectively.

In the following game, the Highlanders lost to No. 17 Malden High, 3-1, though Dan Camara tossed a complete game, allowing only two earned runs on a two-run homer in the second inning. Camara held the Golden Tornadoes to four hits and struck out five.

Somerville also fell to Cambridge, 16-1, late in week, and is still searching for its first GBL victory. The Highlanders were scheduled to play league rival Everett this week.

## **Bagel Bard ceremony**



As you may know, the Au Bon Pain is the home of the Literary Group The Bagel Bards. Pictured here is Doug Holder (left), Steve Glines (middle), and poet Irene Koronas (right) at the official remounting of the Bagel Bard sign in the Bagel Bard Corner of the said croissant joint.



## Peter Case: Up from down under

#### By Max Sullivan

Grammy nominated singer/ songwriter Peter Case is coming to Johnny D's in Somerville, and he'll also be returning from his first trip ever to the Land Down Under.

"Never been," Case said. "First trip."

Case didn't have anything particularly Australian that he was excited about experiencing over there. When asked, he just said he was happy to get his music in front of a new live audience of supportive fans.

"I'm excited to see the people over there, fans writing to me from there over the years," Case said. "It's great to get out there to play for other people. Taking it to a new frontier. It's a long trip,

Case has spent a lot of time in New England, where he'll be this Friday night. Having grown up on the East Coast in upstate New York before moving to California, Case has spent time in New England, both for personal reasons and through his touring. He appreciates the Boston area, and sees it as a good fit for his stage show.

"I tour America, that's my main thing. I come up to New England every year," Case said. "At least once, if not twice, every year or so. I like playing up there. Its a good audience for a solo musician."

Case referred to the artistic culture in Boston. He said he appreciates the attitude that many artists have in this competitive music scene.

"They've had a lot of (solo performers) up there," Case said. "Eric Von Schmidt to Joan Baez, all the folkies, Chris Smither. There's an audience that's been very worked in there. They basically understand it from the getgo what a solo musician is."

Case didn't always play solo. He started his career as a solo artist thirty years ago, but he eventually began to play with a band in the 80's and 90's. This, as exciting and fun as it was at the time, drastically effected Case's stage show. When he finally started to play solo acoustic again, he found it refreshing. In particular, he felt much more vulnerable in front of his audience, and therefore better able to communicate with them.

"A lot of things have changed since I started out," Case said. "With a band, those guys played exciting shows, but the communication changed a lot. It was a lot more open when I went solo, when I stripped it down and sat acoustic. Kind of a naked experience, vulnerable."

Case's show is a unique experience each time. He doesn't use set lists. Instead, he likes to get a feel for the crowd in the room. He has a general idea of what he'll play each night, but he sees each set as "its own kind of composition."

Case is currently writing material for his next album, which he hopes to record later this year.



Peter Case will be performing at Johnny D's in Somerville on Friday, May 3.

When writing an album, he envisions the collection of songs as a sort of snapshot of where he is in that time. While some artists don't mind revisiting themes, both in lyrical content and in sound, Case tries to always move forward with his records.

Still, there are those themes in life that frequently appear, like love and hardship. The subject matter is not what needs to change necessarily from record to record, but rather how Case is expressing his feelings on those topics.

"No, there's nothing I'm sick of writing about," Case said. "It's just finding in a particular song something you care enough to sing about. You're looking for something that is speaking to your needs and to the singers and to my needs.

It's the story. It's not really subject. It's more what you say, the way you say it, than what you're talking about. It's getting into that space where it opens up. That doesn't happen every day all the time. It's just, you've got to find it."

See Peter Case at Johnny D's in Davis Square. Friday, May 3. Tickets are \$15. Show starts at

#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Clubs around the world. Phyllis was also mother to our good friend Steve Kusmin here in the Ville. She will be sadly missed.

The family of Larry Post will be holding a one year anniversary Mass for Larry on Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church on Washington St., Somerville. All are invited. However, even though it's Memorial Day weekend and many will be out of town, a private prayer from everyone will be more than enough.

The annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation raffle is coming up fast on May 17 and the usual first price of \$10,000 will be awarded along with many other priz-

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es. Only 250 tickets are to be sold. The event will be held at the Highlander Café at the High School, May 17, 7 p.m. with the drawing starting at 8p.m. Several door prizes will be offered, along with refreshments and lots of fun for a great cause. To purchase a ticket for the raffle beforehand make checks payable to the SHS Scholarship Foundation and mail your \$100 check to SHS Raffle, c/o Eugene Brune. P.O. Box 440275, Somerville, 02144.

A fundraiser Gala to benefit Prospect Hill Academy Charter School, hosted by Young Professionals Advisory Board, is Friday, May 10, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m., at Harvard Club, 1 Fed-

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eral Street, Boston. Open bar, live auction, and a live DJ. Price is \$75 online and \$100 at the

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FREE acupuncture and re-

freshments in celebration of May Day and a 2nd anni versary in business. Contributions to benefit PocaTech (an affordable acupuncture school), and the One Fund. Because this is an open house they will be doing simpler relaxation-oriented treatments free of charge. Appointments recommended, walk-ins welcome. Open Space Community Acupuncture, 66 Union Square, Somerville, Sunday, May 5, 12-5:00 p.m. For more information and online sched-

## Sally O'Brien's



**Monday May 6** 

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7:30 p.m. Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

**Tuesday May 7** 

Eric Sommer & Solar Flares with the Ian McFeron Band 8 p.m.

Wednesday May 8

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

**Thursday May 9** 

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 9 p.m.

Friday May 10

Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m. Baltic Sun, Patrick DeCosta, Mike Hastings Band \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday May 11

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. Zevon Helm 9 p.m.

**Sunday May 12** 

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m. Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen 8 p.m.



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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View & Weston Manor Common Area Floor Replacement Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Somerville Housing Authority's Modern-

The project consist of: Replacement of all rubber flooring, rubber stair treads and cove base in a total of 18 stairwell/ hallways at (31-1) Mystic View, a development that consist of (6) six (3) three story brick buildings. Installation of vinyl tile and cove base in elevator lobbies at Weston Manor a development that is an (8) eight story masonry high rise building.

The work is estimated to cost \$130,000

Bids are subject to prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c. 149 § 26 to 27H inclusive. Contractors must be DCAM Certified and have

General Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 23, 2013 and publicly opened, forthwith.

General Bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee which shall not be less five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount. Bid guarantee should be made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on May 9, 2013 at the Modernization Office at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At the conference the job site and existing buildings will be available for inspection. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders

Bids should be mailed or dropped off at: The Modernization Office, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 23, 2013

The contact person for the Somerville Housing Authority is Gabriel Ciccariello (617) 625-1152 Ext. 330.

Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding if it be in the public

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at: Somerville Housing Authority

> **Modernization Department** 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB # 13-74

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

#### **Various Excursions for Council on Aging's Constituents**

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, May 1, 2013. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 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

contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 5/01/2013 through 4/30/2013.

Please contact Michael Gauthier, Procurement Analyst, x3403, or email mgauthier@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 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

Docket No. MI 13P1890EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

#### Estate of:

Christopher Mercier

Date of Death: 03/21/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: Donna Mercier οf Somerville

MA

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

And also requesting that:

Donna Mercier MA of Somerville

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

#### 10:00a.m. on 05/16/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, Hon. Peter C DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 18, 2013

Tara E. Di 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

Docket No. MI 13P0974EA

#### **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

| Estate of:        |               |           |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Mary              | В             | Souza     |
| First Name        | Middle Name   | Last Name |
| Also Known As:    |               | _         |
| Date of Death:Jan | uary 13, 2013 | _         |

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Stephen P Souza of East Sandwich First Name MI Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Stephen P Souza of East Sandwich MΑ First Name MI Last Name (City/Town)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

Docket No. MI 13P1718FA

#### **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

| Estate of:  |              |             |         |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Jose  | J            | Mour        | a       |  |  |  |  |
| First Name  | Middle Na    | ne Last Na  | me      |  |  |  |  |
| Also Known As:  | Jase Moura   |             |         |  |  |  |  |
| Date of Death:  | 09/08/2012   |             |         |  |  |  |  |
| To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of |              |             |         |  |  |  |  |
| Petitioner Mario  | Moura        | of Boston   | MA      |  |  |  |  |
| First Name  | MI Last Name | (City/Town) | (State) |  |  |  |  |
| $[\mathbf{x}]$ a Will has been admitted to informal probate             |              |             |         |  |  |  |  |
| [x] Mario   | Moura of     | Boston      | MA      |  |  |  |  |
| First Name MI   | Last Name    | (City/Town) | (State) |  |  |  |  |

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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

Docket No. MI 12A0241AD

**CITATION** G.L. c. 210, ss6

In the matter of: Hayden Bradford Derocher

To: Lamar Taylor, of Parts Unknown, and

Any unnamed or unknown parent or persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by: Dorothy Helen Butler of Somerville, MA of Somerville, MA Andrew Decost Butler

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child

be changed to Hayden Bradford Butler

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 IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 06/03/2013

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 2 2013

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

Joseph M. Lally Esq. Attorney at Law 1233 Hancock Stra Quincy, MA 02169

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| 2006 | Dodge    | Grand Caravan | Vin# 2D4GP44L96R879599 |
| 1997 | Cadillac | Deville       | Vin# 1G6KD52Y9VU222343 |

Date of Sale: May 13, 2013

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

25 Madison Street: (Case #ZBA 2013-29) Applicant and Owner, Rachael Traub, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to enlarge the front entry porch of an existing single-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 3.  $\,$ 

76 Cross Street: (Case #ZBA 2013-30) Applicant and Owner, Winford Realty Trust, owner of property at 76 Cross Street/126 Pearl Street, seek an appeal (pursuant to Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) § 3.1.9) from a decision from the Inspectional Services Division denying the issuance of building permits to renovate a portion of the property to use it as a barber shop 7.11.8.1.a per SZO §4.5.1. RB Zone. Ward 1.

26-28 Willow Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2013-31) Applicant and Owner, Fifth Street Development LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to modify an existing nonconforming accessory structure by adding doors and windows and a Variance under SZO §5.5 to violate setback requirements and Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to convert this structure into a second principle structure. RA zone. Ward 6.

247 Pearl Street: (Case #ZBA 2013-32) Applicant, Merry, Inc., and Owner, 247 Pearl Realty, Inc., seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add and alter windows and doors for a restaurant. BA, Ward 2.

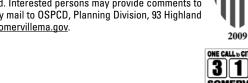
158 Boston Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2013-33) Applicant and Owner, 158 Boston Avenue Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for five spaces of parking relief due to additional seating at an existing restaurant establishment. NB zone. Ward 5

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 6.4.8.D(2)(b) TO PERMIT A GROUND FLOOR SUPERMARKET THAT EXCEEDS THE GROUND LEVEL RETAIL SIZE CAP IN THE ASSEMBLY SQUARE MIXED-USE DISTRICT.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATIONS TO ARTICLE 15 -LINKAGE. THIS AMENDMENT WILL AMEND USES THAT TRIGGER LINKAGE, ADJUST THE SQUARE FOOT THRESHOLD, INCREASE THE LINKAGE FEE AND CHANGE THE FEE CALCULATION FORMULA, MODIFYING SECTIONS 15.2, 15.3 & 15.5.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PLACE ADDITIONAL LAND IN UNION SQUARE AND ON PROSPECT HILL INTO THE CCD-55 ZONING DISTRICT. THIS AMENDMENT, SUBMITTED BY SUNOCO INC AND KRISTCO REALTY LLC, WILL CHANGE THE ZONING OF PARCELS ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF MCGRATH HWY FROM WASHINGTON ST TO GREENVILLE ST FROM BUSINESS B TO CCD-55 AND ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SOMERVILLE AVE FROM CHURCH ST TO DANE ST FROM BUSINESS A AND INDUSTRIAL A TO CCD-55.

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

75 Mystic Ave: (Case #PB 2013-09) Applicant, Rich Almeida for The Home Depot Somerville MA, and Owner, Stephen Bobrow, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to be able to revise SPSR # 91.49 and PB 2012-08 to allow for outside display of garden plants in the parking lot for one year. ASMD. Ward 1.

230 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2013-10) Applicant, George Moussallem, and Owner, TYR TWO Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the façade of a non-conforming building, SZO §9.4 for 3 spaces of parking relief, and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.13.c to establish 3 residential units. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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#### We're just getting started CONT. FROM PG 9

Belt, East Somerville, and Winter Hill, and we'll be asking your for help by sharing your ideas, input, and, yes, concerns. With the Green Line Extension finally under way, and the construction of the first new T station in the state in over 25 years also under way at Assembly Square, Somerville will see eight new T stops popping up across the city in the next decade, which will increase residents' access from 15% to 85% living within one halfmile of public transit. In other words, our residents will be more connected to services, jobs, and education, and, conversely, our local economy will greatly benefit from the spending of visitors. In fact, I think it is safe to say that we are going to be among the best connected communities anywhere.

But economic development is not the only area showing signs of progress and continued success. Somerville was not only recently named the most innovative school system in Massachusetts, we also offer one of the greatest values of any public school system in the state. While other area school systems have been laying off teachers and slashing programs, we have been adding both. Families in other communities are getting hammered by fees, while in Somerville, preschool and kindergarten are universal and free. We have no fees for music instruction. When you get to high school and want to play a sport, there's no fee for that either. You want your kids to have a good breakfast? Get them to school a bit early and they'll get a free, nutritionally sound breakfast. We are training the leaders of tomorrow here, and preparing our children to be bright and active members of society should never take a back seat.

And, again, we're just getting started. With new investment in school programs (\$3 million this year), new school partnerships with area colleges and technology companies, and innovative new approaches getting under way to use data and a systems approach to increase achievement levels for every student, our schools too are growing in their success every day. Engaged parents and community members have been key in making this happen.

If you were to develop a momentum index for communities in Massachusetts, taking into account all the improvements we've made, all of the improvements to come, the activity in our city squares, the gains made by our school system, our increasing green and recreational space, Somerville would be off the charts in first place. There's nothing like us right now.

Our successes are well documented. We have been named an AllAmerica city, one of the 100 best communities in America for young people, the healthiest community in Massachusetts, one of the 10 most walkable and bikeable cities in America, and one of the top smaller city travel destinations in America. We have the big picture in focus and we don't let the details slide.

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#### **FOR CHILDREN AND**

#### Wednesday | May 1

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

#### Thursday May 2

**Central Library** Teen Room Annex 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Friday | May 3

#### **Central Library**

Teen Anime & Manga Meet-up Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville

#### Saturday May 4

#### **Central Library**

People to People Student Ambassador Meeting Eileen Sullivan|413-531-0208 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

#### Monday | May 6

#### **Central Library**

Sing-along with Steve! Cathy|2950

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Arts at the Armory

Knucklebones: For the Love of Play! 9 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

#### Tuesday | May 7

#### **Central Library**

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan 10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Wednesday | May 8

#### **Central Library**

Book Group for Kids Cathy|x2950 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville

#### **MUSIC**

#### Wednesday May 1

#### Johnny D's

The Cliks Eytan & The Embassy 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Pub Quiz|8 p.m. Comedy|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern Sports Trivia

#### 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Precinct Bar**

#### 3penny Open Mic (No Cover)

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

#### 10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Free Pool|Game Night 381 Summer St

#### Radio Bar

Up & Down: BENEFIT FOR THE MAR-ATHON BOMBING VICTIMS:Crooked Mirror | Dave Wells | Death Waltz '76 | Fantastic Liars | JJ and Thee Cuban Heels The Old Edison, Old Hat, Penalty Kill. FREE FOOD. 1 FREE PBR per person. All money made at the door, as well as a percentage of all money made at the bar, will go to helping

victims of the marathon bombing. 379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7:30 p.m.|Café Somerville Open Studios Fashion

#### 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 2

#### Johnny D's

Sergent Garcia

Tickets not sold at Johnny D's |17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

#### The Burren

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

#### PA'S Lounge

The Hammond Group|Sugar Bomb|-Petrina Foley|Rob Pagano 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Precinct Bar

The i Want You|Froggy &The Friendship|Dukes County Love Affair 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### **Rosebud Bar**

Sugarman 381 Summer St.

#### **Somerville Theatre**

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

#### Radio Bar

379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Somerville Climate Action and Rep. Denise Provost Film Series 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | May 3

#### Johnny D's

Peter Case|Dub Apocalypse 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band|6 p.m. Paul Harkins with Christy Prince

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren **Red Square**

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### Precinct Bar

Muck & The Mires|The Sights|The Dirty Truckers|Kurt Baker Band 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge Thick Shakes|Radio Control|White

Pages|Lady Pilot 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

#### DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's Jess Tardy Band

#### 366A Somerville Ave|617-440

Joshua Tree

#### 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Gal Vanize|The Egos|The Skeleton 381 Summer St

#### Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Down: Freak Flag First Friday:Nice Guys|Dungeoneers|Guilty party \$5-Up: Gozu Album Release Party: Streight Angular|Gozu|Mellow bravo|Birch Hill Dam \$10 379 Summer St.

#### Arts at the Armory

Boston Jazz Singers Showcase 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday | May 4

#### Johnny D's

Chick Singer Night| Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson , 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Family Jewels |6 p.m. American Beauties with The Big Lonesome and Bob Kendall |9 p.m. 335

#### Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

**Red Square** 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Precinct Bar**

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

#### Karaoke 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge Drama / Leah V Presents! 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### **Bull McCabe's**

**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** Cinco de Mustache 381 Summer st

Casey's **Entertainment every Saturday** 

#### 173 Broadway|617-625-5195

Radio Bar Up: Gozu Album Release Party Cocked N Loaded|Gozu|Black Pyramid|Thunderbloods|Hey Zeus \$10 - Down: Tik, Tok, Here We Just Dream|Shawn Dierde|The 4 Point Restaurants \$7 379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios 12 p.m.- 6 p.m.|Café

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Sunday | May 5

Johnny D's Open Blues Jam The Matthew Smart Band

Somerville Songwriter Sessions

#### 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Peter Ward & Amarillo |5 p.m. Amber Casares Band |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**Precinct Bar** 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### **Rosebud Bar** Karaoke

381 Summer St

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

#### Radio Bar Roy Sludge Trio 4PM, No Cover 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios 7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday May 6

Johnny D's Team Trivia

8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7:30 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

#### 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.

## Set Dancing 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

#### PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### **Precinct Bar** 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

#### **Rosebud Bar** Movie Night

Sci-Fi Meet Up 381 Summer St Radio Bar

#### 379 Summer St Tuesday | May 7

JohnnyD's Bonnie Bishop|Susan Cattaneo 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Eric Sommer & Solar Flares with the Ian McFeron Band 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren Open Mic W/Hugh McGowan|6:30

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

p.m.

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 **Precinct Bar** 

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band

#### The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

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

#### Karaoke

Egoart.

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

#### Radio Bar

379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory Youth Open Mic 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Shannon McNally Band

#### Wednesday | May 8 Johnny D's

1/ Holland St|61/-//6-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren Pub Quiz|8 p.m.

Comedy|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge Tennis System|Heaven|Nightmare

Air|Joe Turner & the 7 Levels

#### 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia

**Precinct Bar** 

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

3penny Open Mic (No Cover)

#### 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

#### **Rosebud Bar**

Free Pool|Game Night 381 Summer St

Radio Bar

#### 379 Summer St Arts at the Armory

The Ways and Means Committee 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | May 1

#### **Central Library**

9 a.m.- 6:30 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

#### Thursday | May 2 **Central Library**

Meetina

Drop-In Meditation Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library** Somerville Community Corporation

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland 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

Karen Narefsky|617-776-5931 x230

#### **Third Life Studio** Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Saturday | May 4

**Central Library** LIFT focus group Tanya Stepasiuk 617-797-3053 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

#### weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

**Bagel Bards** 

Sunday | May 5 **Unity Church of God** Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

#### Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement. Third Life Studio

**Family Groups** 

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Monday | May 6

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

#### Tuesday|May 7 **Central Library**

**Central Library** 

Chess Night

Service Fair

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.| 79 Highland **Central Library** Beantown Chamber Music Meetup: Reading Session

Alison LaRosa Montez|908-489-0753

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation

The Art of Group Singing For Women

Patty Contente|617-625-6600 x4325

LGBT Awareness Workshop and

#### Avenue **Third Life Studio**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com 7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday | May 8

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

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



#### HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming

Nutrition Fair - May 2 at Holland Street Center from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join us for a delicious and nutritious event. Food demos, raffles. Talk at 10:00 a.m. on "Nutritional Needs for the Older Adult." 11:00 a.m. cooking demo with Chef Connie. Samples from local markets and restaurants. Raffles. Free. Pre-registration required.

Join us Monday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holland Street Center for a delicious breakfast. Our guest speak this month is Dr. Jason Strauss from the Cambridge Health Alliance. His topic: "How the media and the newspapers influence our mood." - Reservations are a must. Suggested donation is \$2.

May 6 - Get a taste of Tuft's Osher Lifelong Learning Program with a brown bag lunch with Yvonne Abraham from the Boston Globe. Limited space.

Men's Club - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome. May 8.

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

Belly Dancing begins again May 21. Check out Boston Globe article on how Belly Dancing is a secret to Health (April 24, 2013). Belly Dancing is during the day from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

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

The Moonlighters is our all level singing group that meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed. A fun way to meet other people in the community.

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

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

#### **Trip Corner:**

Twin Rivers - May 7.

Mt. Auburn Cemetery Guided Tour - May 17. Learn the history of the place and some of the famous people resting there.

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

Culinary Arts - May 21.

Danversport Yacht Club with Charlie Thomas & The Drifters - June 11.

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Flexibility & Balance - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15

a.m. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3. May 21 - Belly dancing Tuesdays at 12:30-1:30 p.m. \$5.

Walking Club - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings. Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

Older American Month - Celebration at Winter Hill Yacht Club

All centers closed.

#### May 2

**Nutrition Fair** 

**Holland Street Center** 

Nutrition Fair|9:30 a.m. Flexibility & Balance 10 a.m.

Current Events 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

#### May 3

**Holland Street Center** 

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Book Club|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### May 6

#### **Holland Street**

Breakfast|9:30 a.m.

Singing Group - New to Somerville or just retired? Come join. 10 a.m.

English Conversation | 10:30 a.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### May 7

#### **Twin Rivers**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Strengthening w/ Geoff|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt. 10 a.m. LBT Fit-4-Life 6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### Ralph & Jenny

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### May 8

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

**Holland Street Center** 

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Men's Group 12 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance 1:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center** 

Closed

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

## **COA Foodie** Tour



"Jaunts with Janine" had a great day on a Foodie Tour of Union Square. Rachel Strutt from the Somerville Arts Council led them on an international market tour and then the group proceeded on to even more places. They covered Well Food, La International, Bombay Market, the wonderful Brazilian market, Taza Chocolate and Fiore Di Nonno. Next adventure is a tour of Mt. Auburn Cemetery on May 17. Pictured here. Mary Davidson, Arthur Ramsdell, and Mary Ackerley at La International. Check out the Somerville COA on Facebook for some more wonderful pictures of the Foodie Tour taken by Jim Buckley.

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noting a couple of the names used in the manufacture, packaging and sale of marijuana and synthetic marijuana in forms that are meant to closely resemble popular candies or other snacks. His amendment to ban that practice was approved by the House.

"Voters give overwhelmingly high marks to the law enforcement agencies that handled the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath but are less happy with the media coverage of the events. They worry, though, that the government is not focused enough on the threat of domestic Islamic terrorism." – Rasmussen poll showing that 87 percent of Bay State voters give positive marks to law enforcement's response to the Boston Marathon bombings.

"(They were) against (the) \$500 million tax hike before they were for it." – A Republican State Party press release that says that last week every Democrat in the House supported a state budget which relies on \$500 million in new taxes, but 25 members voted against this same tax hike plan just weeks ago.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 22-26, the House met for a

total of 35 hours and 33 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 43 minutes.

Mon. April 22 House 11:08 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

Tues. April 23 House 10:14 a.m. to 11:58 p.m. No Senate session

Wed. April 24 House 2:09 p.m. to 10:56 p.m. No Senate session

Thurs. April 25 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.

Fri. April 26 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



## Jazz-up your spring with cool jazz books

By Kenneth Gloss

A great way to enhance warmer weather is to start a new collection of books and what better way than with than to focus on books about American-born music: jazz! If you happen to own a rare and used bookstore, as I do, and you happen to have a wife who collects books about jazz, as I do, it makes it pretty easy to find that elusive birthday or anniversary gift. Throughout the year, I put aside books that I know my wife will like, saving them for a surprise.

Collecting books on a favorite type of music can be fun and educational. Not only can you learn a great deal about the people who shaped and formed that type of music, but you can also trace your interests and find your own area of specialty. Music is such a wide and varied area that it helps to have a niche in order to collect books or ephemera on any particular type of music. I, myself, don't collect books but Joyce, my wife does. She has about 1000 books on jazz in our home. Her collection started out simply, with just a few books more than 30 years ago. She's always been interested in that area of music and she started out in a more general area, narrowing her interests as the years have passed.

When she attends bookseller conventions or goes on buy-

ing trips with me, she is just as busy hunting and searching for those particular books as I am hunting more generically with customers in mind. It gives her the same thrill as other collectors get to find that one needle in a haystack that she's been seeking for years.

One of the more informative books she has in her collection is Jazz by Paul Whiteman, written in 1926. This is one of the few books on that subject that was written by a jazz musician. It's worth at least \$50 and has a great amount of history in it. This book is particularly interesting because it discusses the jazz scene in Japan. However, what really caught my wife's eye was the Kodak picture of Ella Fitzgerald that was tucked inside the book. Fitzgerald had signed it, making the whole package worth a few hundred dollars. Many people didn't take care of their books about music because they didn't see them as future classics. When you find a book that is well cared for and has interesting features, like Esquire's Jazz book from 1946, it can be worth a bit more. This book, which sells for about \$50, was one of the cutting edge editions of its day. The design on the dust jacket and the pictures inside are exquisite.

People who collect music-related books and memorabilia really

need to pinpoint exactly where their collection starts and what segments of the history it covers. With jazz, for example, saying you want to start at the beginning of jazz's introduction can be tricky. It actually has roots in the spirituals and minstrels from decades ago. It evolved through the big band eras, enjoyed a strong movement in Europe, and then made a crossover to Broadway and Gershwin. Almost all American music can be related, in some shape or form, to jazz.

My wife's collection has become more scholarly over the years as she weeds out some books and adds others. After more than three decades of collecting, she has become more discerning. As a result, specific books can be harder to find and she often has to search a lot longer and harder to find a particular title. It took her 15 years to find an autographed book by Charlie Parker because most musicians didn't spend a lot of time signing their books. Sometimes, she'll replace a book in her collection with a different edition. For example, she had a first edition of Lady Sings the Blues. Later, she found one with an inscription and bought that, selling the other one.

She also has some signed studio photographs of jazz greats. One of the photos she has doesn't look like much at first glance. It's a poster with a pic-



The world of jazz collecting can be wild, cool, and swinging.

ture of Louis Armstrong playing. At the bottom is an advertisement for an appearance by Billie Holliday. However, Billie signed the poster with the words, "To Pops, who taught me everything." That personal inscription makes that poster worth a great deal, both financially and sentimentally. The one book that stands out in my wife's collection is To Bop or Not to Bop by Dizzie Gillespie. He was at one of the book conventions we attended. She went up to him and asked him to sign her copy. He not only signed her copy, but he also kissed her on the cheek. When she sees the book, she has a wealth of memories to go along with her find.

Her collection is a perfect example of the way a person can start amassing books in a certain

area, for not a lot of money. Most of the books in her collection cost between five and 50 dollars. As a group of some 1000 books, they are worth much more as a collection than individually. The rewards she gets from finding another book about her favorite type of music far outweigh the monetary value, though.

And it also helps that her collection provides me with perennial ideas for her birthday!

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by on the way back to the garage up the street. One family had six girls and one boy and another had five girls and one boy. We had three, and most had at least two. There were kids everywhere!

Summer vacation seemed to last longer back then, but the same thing always happened - we would find a really cool new activity three days before school started. One year it was making bows and arrows out of sticks, string and bottle caps. It was someone's bright idea to bend the cap over the stick to make an arrowhead. We were inventive but not necessarily safe. We didn't always get along great either. I

seem to recall being called a certain derogatory Italian slur, which prompted a visit from my older cousin.

I remember sitting in my backyard playing *Mr. Tambourine Man* on guitars with my friends. When we could finally afford electric guitars one of my neighbors called the cops on us for being too loud. We called her Mrs. Rat lady. There was a rock group rehearsing on both ends of the street. The PJ Five up the top of the street, and the Mini-Squirts at our end.

It's also been a plus having my godmother, Auntie Marie living on the street – she and my Uncle Carl have added a nice feeling of security for me over these many years. I can go up and down the street and remember each house and the families that lived there. There are only a few parents still in the homes. The grown kids come over to visit occasionally, and finally, sadly to pack up and sell. The list keeps growing.

So with the passing of another family home into history, I will as always cherish the memories. Occasionally, I would clear snow off my departing neighbors walk and the mother would make me the most delicious cookies ever. She use to give me an "atta boy Jim" when I was outside cleaning my trailer park of a yard, once a year. There was never anything

but a friendly word between us. I miss the dodge ball, the cookies and the Ring Dings, but not as much as I will miss my neighbors and friends.

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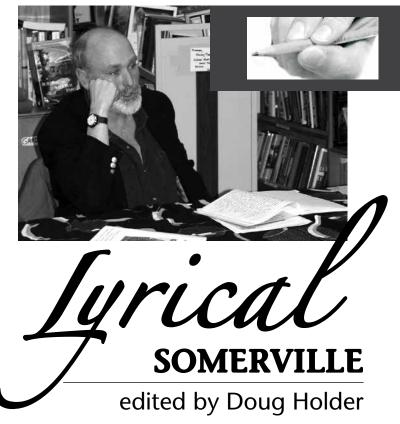
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| Jeff Jam Sing Song Sho                  | 9:30am   | Reeling Movie Show                           | Noon      | Jeff Jam Sing Show                   | 5:00pm        | Free Speech TV                         | 12:00am   |
| Somerville Biking News (timesle         | 10:00am  | Bongoman (LIVE)                              | 1:00pm    | Culture Club (weekly timeslot)       | 5:30pm        | Heritage Baptist Church                | 6:00am    |
| Nossa Gente e Costum                    | 11:00am  | Henry Parker Presents                        | 2:00pm    | Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)       | 6:00pm        | Healthy Hypnosis                       | 7:00am    |
| Democracy Now! (Free Speech 1           | 12:00pm  | Bullying Public Service Announcement         | 2:30pm    | Art @ SCATV                          | 6:30pm        | Life Matters                           | 7:30am    |
| Ablevisi                                | 1:00pm   | Tele Magazine                                | 3:00pm    | Porchfest 2012                       | 7:00pm        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)        | 8:00am    |
| Art at SCA                              | 1:30pm   | Tele Kreyol                                  | 5:00pm    | Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)          | 8:00pm        | Somerville Newspaper Reading           | 9:00am    |
| Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle | 2:00pm   | Basic Buddha                                 | 6:00pm    | Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013     | 9:30pm        | Science Issues & Innovations           | 10:00am   |
| Exercise with Robyn and M               | 3:00pm   | Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill | 7:00pm    | 3                                    | Friday, May 3 | Abugida TV                             | 11:00am   |
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| Know Your Roots: Eating Loca            | 5:30pm   | Gay TV (Free Speech TV)                      | 11:00pm   | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)      | 8:00am        | Culture Club                           | 2:00pm    |
| Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech 1            | 6:00pm   | May 5  | Sunday, I | Energy Theater                       | 9:00am        | Somerville Back in the Day             | 2:30pm    |
| Tonight's Spec                          | 6:30pm   | Free Speech TV                               | 12:00am   | Somerville Newspaper Reading         | 10:00am       | Medical Tutor (LIVE)                   | 3:00pm    |
| Boston Marathon Candlelight Vi          | 7:00pm   | Program Celebrai                             | 6:00am    | Mass Factor                          | 11:00am       | Inside Talk                            | 3:30pm    |
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| Talking about Somerv                    | 8:00pm   | Press Pass TV: Stand up for Women            | 7:30am    | Somerville's Most Interesting Places | Noon          | Neighborhood Cooking                   | 5:00pm    |
| Dedilhando au Sauda                     | 9:00pm   | Effort Pour Christ                           | 8:00am    | Shrink Rap                           | 12:30pm       | Cooking with Georgia & Dez             | 5:30pm    |
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| Couch's Corr                            | 11:00pm  | International Church of God                  | 10:00am   | Next Generation Producers            | 1:30pm        | Art @ SCATV                            | 6:30pm    |
| May 7                                   | Tuesday, | Basic Buddha                                 | 10:30am   | Neighborhood Cooking                 | 2:00pm        | Tonight's Special                      | 7:00pm    |
| Free Speech                             | 12:00am  | Somerville Newspaper Reading                 | 11:00am   | Cooking With Georgia                 | 2:30pm        | Basic Buddha                           | 7:30pm    |
| Road to Recove                          | 6:00am   | Play by Play                                 | Noon      | Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders      | 3:00pm        | Somerville Pundits (LIVE)              | 8:00pm    |
| The Strug                               | 7:00am   | Neighborhood Cooking with Candy              | 12:30pm   | Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)  |               | The Entertainer's Show                 | 8:30pm    |
| Drawing with Ma                         | 7:30am   | Boston Marathon Candlelight Vigil            | 1:00pm    | Press Pass TV: Stand up for Women    | 5:00pm        | Somerville Biking News (LIVE)          | 9:00pm    |
| Democracy Now! (Free Speech 1           | 8:00am   | Inside Talk                                  | 2:00pm    | Art @ SCATV                          | 5:30pm        | Play by Play                           | 10:00pm   |
| Somerville Newspaper Readi              | 9:00am   | Life Matters                                 | 2:30pm    | Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)       | •             | The Literary Scene                     | 10:30pm   |
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| Democracy Now! (Free Speech 7           | 12:00pm  |  | 4:00pm    | Reeling Movie Show                   | 7:00pm        |  | Thursday, |
|   |          | Ethiopian Satellite TV                       | 5:00pm    | Culture Club<br>Visual Radio         | 7:30pm        | Free Speech TV                         | 12:00am   |
| Neighborhood Cooking w/ Can             | 1:00pm   | Abugida TV                                   | 6:00pm    |                                      | 8:00pm        | Atheist Viewpoint                      | 6:00am    |
| Cooking with Georgia & D                | 1:30pm   | African Television Network                   | 7:00pm    | The Garage                           | 9:00pm        | Gerry Leone Show                       | 6:30am    |
| Somerville Housing Author               | 2:00pm   | Telemagazine                                 | 8:00pm    | Boss Lady News                       | 9:30pm        | Physician Focus                        | 7:00am    |
| Life Matt                               | 2:30pm   | Effort Pour Christ                           | 9:00pm    | Creepy Castle                        | 10:30pm       | Ablevision                             | 7:30am    |
| Henry Parker Prese                      | 3:30pm   | An Evening at Johnny D's                     | 10:00pm   | The Steve Katso's Show               | 11:30pm       | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)        | 8:00am    |
| ne Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech 1    | •        | with Yani Batteau and the Styles             | 11 20     | nay 4                                | Saturday, May | Somerville Newspaper Reading           | 9:00am    |
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| Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech 1            | 6:00pm   | •  | Monday,   | Arabic Hour                          | 6:00am        | Neighborhood Cooking with Candy        | 10:30am   |
| Real Estate Answer Sho                  | 6:30pm   | Free Speech TV                               | 12:00am   | Creating Cooperative Kids            | 7:00am        | Chef's Table                           | 11:00am   |
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| Teen Empowerment Late Night 20          | 9:00pm   | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)              | 8:00am    | Tele Galaxie                         | 10:00am       | Talking about Somerville               | 3:00pm    |

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| CITY TV 13  | <u>3/22</u>                           | 2:30am:            | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property                      | 12:30pm:   | Talking Business                          | 2:30am:             | CTE Senior Awards Night                   |
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| Wednesda    | v. Mav 1                              |                    | & Possessions  | 1:00pm:    | Veterans' in the Ville                    | 3:00am:             | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| 1           | •                                     | 9:00am:            | Talking Business   | 1:30pm:    | Mayor's Business Town Meeting             | 10:00am:            | Our Schools, Our City – School Committee  |
| 9:00am:     | Women's History Celebration           | 12:00pm:           | Playborhood  | 7:00pm:    | Senior Circuit                            | 12:00pm:            | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball Highlights |
| 12:00pm:    | B2Green                               | 1:00pm:            | Somerville Spring Clean Up                                 | 7:30pm:    | Talking Business                          | 12:30pm:            | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| 12:30pm:    | Vigil for Boston Marathon             | 1:15pm:            | Women's History Celebration                                | 8:00pm:    | Congressional Update                      | 2:30pm:             | Our Schools, Our City – School Committee  |
| 1:30pm:     | Mayor's Business Town Meeting         | 2:00pm:            | Talking Business   | 8:30pm:    | School Committee Meeting –                | 3:00pm:             | kid stuff - Shape Up Somerville           |
| 2:45pm:     | Clean 'Ville of Health                | 2:30pm:            | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property                      |            | REPLAY OF 5/6/13                          | 3:30pm:             | SHS Softball vs St Clement                |
| 7:00pm:     | Somerville Spring Clean Up            |                    | & Possessions  | Wedneso    | lay, May 1                                | 6:00pm:             | CTE Senior Awards Night                   |
| 7:30pm:     | Patriots' Day Celebration             | 7:00pm:            | Playborhood  | 12:00am:   | Senior Circuit                            | 7:30pm:             | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball Highlights |
| 8:00pm:     | Mayor's Business Town Meeting         | 8:00pm:            | Somerville Spring Clean Up                                 | 12:30am:   | Talking Business                          | 8:00pm:             | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| 9:15pm:     | Playborhood                           | 8:15pm:            | Women's History Celebration                                | 1:00am:    | Congressional Update                      | 10:00pm:            | SHS Softball vs St Clement                |
| Thursday,   | May 2                                 | 9:00pm:            | Talking Business   | 1:30am:    | B2Green                                   | Sunday, N           | May 5                                     |
| 12:00am:    | Somerville Spring Clean Up            | 9:30pm:            | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property                      |            | ONAL CHANNEL 15                           | 12:00am:            | Our Schools, Our City – School Committee  |
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| 9:00am:     | Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff     | 1:00am:            | Somerville Spring Clean Up                                 | 11:00am:   | Our Schools, Our City - School Committee  | 12:30pm:            | All-City Middle School Concert            |
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| 12:00pm:    | Senior Circuit                        | 2:00am:            | Talking Business   | 1:30pm:    | 2012 SHS Highlander Football Highlights   | 3:00pm:             | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| 12:30pm:    | Greek Independence Day                | 2:30am:            | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property                      | 2:05pm:    | kid stuff - Shape Up                      | 6:00pm:             | All-City Middle School Concert            |
| 1:30pm:     | Green Line Transportation Forum       |                    | & Possessions  | 6:00pm:    | Our Schools, Our City - School Committee  | 8:00pm:<br>10:00pm: | SHS Softball vs St Clement                |
| 7:00pm:     | Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff     | 9:00am:            | Veterans of the 'Ville                                     | 6:30pm:    | SHS Spring Concert                        | Monday,             |   |
| 7:15pm:     | B2Green                               | 12:00pm:           | Senior Circuit   | Thursday   | /, May 2                                  | -                   | •   |
| 7:45pm:     | Voices of Somerville                  | 12:30pm:           | Patriots' Day Celebration                                  | 12:00am:   | SHS Boys Volleyball vs Cambridge          | 12:00am:            | SHS Spring Concert                        |
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| 12:15am:    | B2Green                               | 7:30pm:            | Patriots' Day Celebration                                  | 12:00pm:   | SHS Lady Highlander Basketball 2012-13    | •                   | ational Honor Society Induction Ceremony  |
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| 1:15pm:     | Women's History Celebration           | 1:00am:            | Veterans of the 'Ville                                     | Friday, N  | lay 3                                     | 12:30am:            | All-City Middle School Concert            |
| 2:00pm:     | Talking Business                      | 1:30am:            | Vigil for Boston Marathon                                  | 12:00am:   | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball Highlights | 2:00am:             | CTE Senior Awards Night                   |
| 2:30pm:     | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property | 2:30am:            | B2Green  | 12:30am:   | CTE Senior Awards Night                   | 9:00am:             | 2012 SHS Highlander Boys Basketball       |
|             | & Possessions                         | 9:00am:            | Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff                          | 9:00am:    | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball 2012-13    | Highlights          |   |
| 7:00pm:     | Playborhood                           | 12:00pm:           | Somerville Spring Clean Up                                 | 12:00pm:   | · ·                                       | 12:00pm:            | SHS Softball vs St Clement                |
| 8:00pm:     | Somerville Spring Clean Up            | 12:30pm:           | Green Line Transportation Forum                            | 1:30pm:    | SHS Softball vs St Clement                | 2:00pm:             | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| 8:15pm:     | Women's History Celebration           | 2:00pm:            | School Committee Meeting –                                 | •          | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball Highlights | 3:00pm:             | 2012 SHS Highlander Boys                  |
| 9:00pm:     | Talking Business                      |                    | REPLAY OF 4.22.13  | 4:00pm:    | Our Schools, Our City – School Committee  |                     | Basketball Highlights                     |
| 9:30pm:     | Hard Target: Protecting Your Property | 7:00pm:            | School Committee Meeting - LIVE                            | 6:00pm:    | SHS Softball vs St Clement                | 3:30pm:             | Superintendent's Awards-Brown School      |
|             | & Possessions                         | Tuesday, N         |  | 8:00pm:    | SHS Highlander Boys Basketball Highlights | 6:00pm:             | SHS Spring Concert                        |
| Saturday, I | May 4                                 | -                  |  | 8:30pm:    | CTE Senior Awards Night                   | 8:00pm:             | Our Schools, Our City- School Committee   |
| 12:00am:    | Playborhood                           | 12:00am:           | Vigil for Boston Marathon<br>Mayor's Business Town Meeting | 10:00pm:   | SHS Spring Concert                        | 8:30pm:             | Superintendent's Awards-Brown School      |
| 1:00am:     | Somerville Spring Clean Up            | 1:00am:<br>2:15am: | Voices of Somerville                                       | Saturday   | , May 4                                   | Wednesd             | ay, May 8                                 |
| 1:15am:     | Women's History Celebration           |                    |  | 12:00am:   | SHS Softball vs St Clement                | 12:00am:            | SHS Spring Concert                        |
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Senior Circuit





Poet Frances Donovan writes about the early spring. We are in May now--but this poem is definitely in the spirit of the season.

#### Some Notes on Boston in Early Spring

Still waters of the pond.
The ice broke. An email about bacteria count.
This morning, wavelets.
Will the swans mate this year?

I want to slide into it, skin to water's skin.
I want to guide him there, swim the
dark waters with him.

The cold makes you vital.

Zip the tiny jacket, slip into sleet.

For Puritans, dancing is a sin.

Homeland is a beach in Santa Cruz, three thousand miles away. This is home.

Snow on tulips.

Curtain of sleet in the streetlamp.

I am alive. Yes. Alive.

At the egg moon. Alive.

6. Quarterback

– Frances Donovan

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# Ms. Cam's Answers 1. God Bless America 7. Babe Ruth 2. Ancient Rome 8. A Different World 3. Fertility 9. Fund 4. None, all are man made 10. Golf 5. Anticipation by Carly Simon 12. Belmont Park in El-

mont, New York

## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Mass. Poetry Festival to Feature Pulitzer Prize Winner Sharon Olds as well as Noted Somerville Poets

I asked Jacquelyn Malone (Mass. Poetry Advisory Board) to contribute an article about the upcoming Mass. Poetry Festival taking place in Salem, Mass. May 3 to 5. I advise all Somerville poetry lovers and poets to attend this event.

At last year's Massachusetts Poetry Festival J. D. Scrimgeour, a poet and member of the festival planning committee, was setting up a table for the book fair. A stranger walked by and asked if she could help. As the two positioned the table, Scrimgeour asked her name, and she replied, "I'm nobody! Who are you?" Scrimgeour replied, "I'm nobody, too." And the two strangers, laughing, began to recite alternating lines of Emily Dickenson's famous poem before they went their own merry ways. Not your typical stranger-in-the-street meeting.

But it is typical of the ambience of the Massachusetts Poetry Festival. Last year over a crowded lunch table, more than one person commented on meeting someone at the festival who could become a good friend.

This year's event, which runs May 3 through 5 in Salem, Massachusetts, will not only have Pulitzer Prize champs like this year's winner Sharon Olds and previous winners Tracy Smith and Yusef Komunyakaa, it will have camaraderie like that Scrimgeour experienced.

Jill McDonough described last year's festival, which also took place in Salem, this way: "Shining pedestrian walkways filled with poetry, poets, people who love poetry." McDonough was talking about a city where store windows sported poems, shower curtains with poems written on them, and bars of soap in paper wrappers with snippets from poems. Like last year's festival, this year's will have a poetry trolley car circling the various venues in downtown Salem with poets reciting poems in route from one event to the next. It will have a typewriter orchestra tapping out rhythms of symphonies - or poems. There'll be a a small press and literary magazine fair, and, back this year by popular demand, a reading by Steve Almond of the winners of the annual bad poetry contest.

Many of the participants in the Saturday session Dead Poets among the Living have ties to Somerville and local group, Tapestry of Voices. They are Lainie Senechal, Kathleen Spivak, Doug Holder, Kirk Etherton, Lucy Holstedt, and Harris Gardner. They will be reading Robert Frost, e.e. cummins, John Greenleaf Whittier and other poets no longer with us, pairing those classic poems with some of their own. The poets will be supported by a talented jazz trio.

The three day program includes poetry readings, workshops, panels on poetry, music, and visual arts, including a Cinco de Mayo reading on May 5. The Peabody Essex Museum, which provides the venue for many festival events, has a special series of programs for families, such as Make Your Own Magnetic Poetry.

There'll be a session on taboos subjects like race, sex and class. Some of the other sessions include a panel on war and social consequences, the reading of poems about pregnancy and motherhood, a reading of the nine Common Threads poems selected by Mass Poetry for discussions in book



clubs, libraries, senior centers, etc.. across the state. And there will be slam and spoken word performances to delight young people. And their elders.

Each day features headliner poets:

On Friday evening (at 7:30–9:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the Peabody Essex Museum) poets read poems about the humor and the dysfunction of family, Michael Jackson and the Hubble telescope.

The poets are:

**Tracy K. Smith** (*Life on Mars*), winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

**Nick Flynn** (Another Bullshit Night in Suck City), poet and memoirist.

**Jill McDonough** (*Where You Live*), who chose the poems for Common Threads this year.

Saturday evening (at 7:30–9 p.m. in the First Universalist Church of Salem) three writers demonstrate the extraordinary possibilities of poetry to reveal the personal and political experiences of American life.

The poets are:

**Sharon Olds** (*Stag's Leap*), 2013 winner of the TS Eliot Poetry Prize and this year's Pulitzer Prize poet.

**Terrance Hayes** (*Lighthead*), the 2010 National Book Award for Poetry winner.

Eduardo C. Corral (Slow Lightning), whose first collection won the prestigious Yale Series of Younger Poets competition.

Sunday afternoon (at 2:15–3:15 p.m. at PEM's Native American Gallery)

The poets are:

**Arthur Sze** (*The Ginkgo Light*), Santa Fe-based poet and recent winner of the Jackson Poetry Prize.

**Gail Mazur** (Figures in a Landscape), Cambridge-based poet.

Sunday afternoon (at 3:45–4:45, PEM's East India Room)

The poets are:

Yusef Komunyakaa (The Chameleon Couch), 1994 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

**Kevin Goodan** (*Winter Tenor*), a poet with Massachusetts ties.

**Erica Funkhouser** (*Earthly*), a poet with Massachusetts ties.

During the festival more than 100 poets will engage with thousands of people. Admission for all weekend events is \$15 or \$7 for students and seniors.

The website www.masspoetry2013.crowdvine. com provides a complete schedule of events, a list of book stores for festival buttons sales (your admission to events), and a social media platform for festival goers to pre-register for events.

See you there!

– Jacquelyn Malone (Mass. Poetry Advisory Board)



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