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One more ground breaking at Assembly Row



A ground breaking ceremony and presentation at Assembly Row's final block of Phase I took place last week. For more info and pictures turn to pages 12-13.

Photo by Donald Norton

New ideas for Somerville

By Izak Shapiro

On May 2, Davis Square residents gathered in the Community Baptist Church on College Avenue for the Ward 6 ResiStat meeting. Additional rows of chairs had to be created as the room filled with people, the high turnout no surprise anymore as Somerville seems to be implementing changes at a rapid pace while the public tries to keep up.

For this meeting, many of the participants attended in order to discuss the plans for a potential hotel in Davis Square with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. When it was announced the mayor was running late, the crowd let out a slight groan. There were plenty of topics to get to in the meantime, however.

One of those topics was the issue of crime in Somerville. So far in 2013 in the Ward 6 Davis Square area, there have been no reported rapes or homicides, just one reported assault, and two issues of domestic assault cases. However, for property crimes, 30 cases of residential burglary have already been reported, 17 more than had been reported at this time last year, and 21 more than had been reported at this time two years ago.

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Cinco de Mayo at the chocolate factory

By Harry Kane and Linjing Cheng

Partygoers sporting sombreros, ponchos, and other Mexican regalia went "loco" over tacos, ice cream, and margaritas during the Taza Chocolate Factory Store's Cinco de Mayo festival on May 5.

The chocolate factory hosted the block party with plenty of yummy quality cacao to go around. And outside, there were food trucks, and many more merchants stationed to fill the empty stomachs of patrons. The event began around 1 p.m. and lasted until the food and drink ran out.

The origins of the traditional holiday date back to the mid 19th century when Mexicans won the Battle of Puebla during the French occupation. Mexicans in the State of Puebla commemorate the battle by celebrating the Cinco de Mayo festival. But the holiday has been transformed into an American celebration of Mexican culture and heavy drinking.

In Somerville the tradition takes on a new form, with a combination of chocolate, Mexican food, ice cream and

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NEWTALK

The annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation raffle is coming up fast - and plenty of tickets are still available - on May 17. The usual first prize of \$10,000 will be awarded along with many other prizes. Only 250 tickets 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 8 p.m. Several door prizes, 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. This is a great local charity that raises funds for scholarships for well-deserved students. Send a check today and get your tickets and, who knows, you just might be the big winner.

We note the sad passing this week of a great guy who will be missed by many, Tony J. Sillari, 92 years of age and married to equally great lady Mary for 67 years, who raised their large family here. What a nice guy from a great local family who has done a lot for many people here in Somerville. A private, family only, wake will be held this week, Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service in St. Catherine's of Genoa Church, 179 Summer St, Somerville, MA, on Thursday morning (May 9) at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment at Oak Grove Cemetery. Tony was a great guy and will be missed by his large family as well as the many here, especially in Somerville, who knew him. He was a great Somervillillian. We here at *The Somerville News* extend our heart felt condolences to his entire family.

A fundraiser gala to benefit Prospect Hill Academy Charter School, hosted by Young Professionals Advisory Board is Friday, May 10 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Harvard Club, 1 Federal Street, Boston. Open bar/live auction/live DJ. Price is \$75 online and at the door \$100.

This week's Happy Birthdays go out to former Ward 4 Alderman - and glad he's retired now - Walter Pero. Our good friend and funny guy - you know him as the DJ at city events - George Landers. Even though he's technically celebrating next week on Monday we wanted to squeeze him in

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Goodbye neighbor!*

Ray Spitzer says:
Condo conversion should be banned at this point. It destroys the charm of Somerville neighborhoods.

A. Moore says:
Don't dare try that in Newton. They don't like condo conversions. Sadly everywhere you look in Somerville they do it. I think it destroys more than just the charm of the neighborhood.

BLMosher says:
That's the problem with Somerville. I was born & raised in that great city, lived there for 46 yrs. I had to leave and move to another city because all the condo conversion raised rent prices and I could no longer find a 2 bedroom for 1200 a month. I still work in Somerville & my daughter goes to a private school in Somerville. Its not like old times were.

gloria ferrer says:
! sure do miss playing on the streets of somerville all those games untill dark there were no condos only houses every one knew each other no crime didnt even lock our doors at night the last time i went home to vist my old school northeastern jr high was a condo and the streets were so dirty we used to take PRIDE of our streets now its a mess so sad i sure do miss those days thanks for your stories jimmy

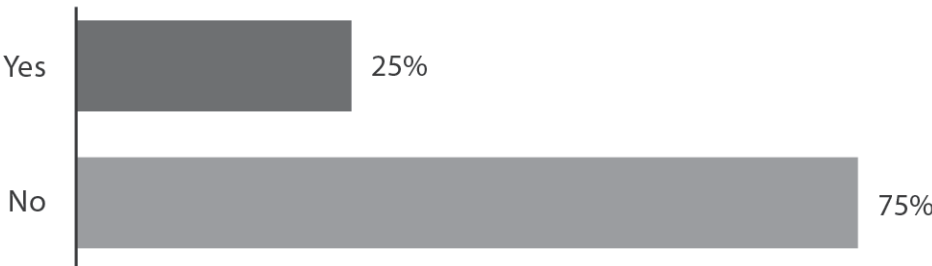
Steve Keenan says:
Correct me if I am wrong, but I am positive that many years ago the City of Somerville passed a Condo Conversion Bill or Ordinance of some sort to prevent exactly just what is happening now. Can anybody recall this or comment on it. I believe it was in the 1970's or 1980's.

Log onto *TheSomervilleNews.com* to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel if an elected official resigns with less than 1 year of their term left, should they have the right to appoint the person to represent their ward until election time. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

If an elected official resigns with less than 1 year of their term left, do you feel they should have the right to appoint the person to represent their ward until election time?



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Somerville Open Studios: Another great opening

This past weekend over 400 Somerville artists opened their doors and invited the public into their studios for one of the largest single-weekend open studio events in the nation, Somerville Open Studios.

Now in its 15th year, the event took place throughout the city Saturday and Sunday with a preview Friday night at selected locations. In the U.S., only New York has more artists per capita than the City of Somerville.

During SOS, artists opened all kinds of working space showcasing every kind of visual media. Throughout the city a visitor could see glass-blowers, jewelers, sculptors, digitally-based and interactive media artists, painters, photographers, weavers, printmakers, furniture makers, fashion designers, and artists whose media are too new to even have a name.

Historic converted industrial spaces such as Vernon Street and Joy Street hold more than 100 artists each. Mid-sized buildings such as Mad Oyster Studios, Washington Street Art Center, Central Street, and others count their numbers in the dozens and often mount small group shows inside their buildings. Somerville's Artisan's Asylum is one of the largest maker spaces in the country.

Somerville Open Studios is the only opportunity to get an intimate glimpse into some of these more private artist lives in what becomes equal parts Open Studios and home show.



Red Rooves 1 by Christine Chang - Acrylic.



Jimi by Bettina Burch - oil on board.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A mother and child reunion of sorts

Police responded to a call from the Walgreen's on Beacon St. that a suspected shoplifter had fled the store.

The responding officer was told that a woman was observed putting five cans of baby formula, each one valued at \$16, into a bag and leaving the store without paying.

The officer queried the license plate number of the car that the

woman left in and determined that it was registered to Ketra Tatum, 38, of Medford.

While the officer was still at the store, a woman phoned saying that she was Tatum's mother and asked what her daughter had stolen.

The investigating officer believed that the woman on the phone was the actual shoplifting suspect and he advised the wom-

an that the stolen items should be returned to the store or else he would have to file charges of shoplifting. The officer also reportedly said that if the items were returned that he would let her walk out the door, allowing the store to handle any criminal or civil charges.

The woman reportedly said that her daughter would call back, but this never happened.

The officer left the store for a short time, but returned awhile later to find the woman in question at the store, attempting to return some of the missing items, police said.

The woman reportedly told the officer that she had talked with her mother, who then convinced her to return the stolen items to the store.

The officer advised the wom-

an that he believed that he had actually spoken to her on the phone and that he knew it was not her mother on the line with him, according to reports.

Tatum eventually reportedly admitted that this was so, but due to the fact that she had not returned all of the stolen items she was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

James Shannon Jr., 50, of 18 Pamela Cir., Malden, April 30, 10:11 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Dillon Hughes, 22, of 19 Hancock St., May 1, 3:57 p.m., arrested at 366 Broadway on charges of possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Derrick Pannesi, 18, of 15 Foster Ct., Medford, May 1, 3:57 p.m., arrested at 366 Broadway on charges of being present where heroin is kept, conspiracy to violate drug law, and cocaine trafficking.

A juvenile, May 1, 4:37 p.m., arrested at 162 Broadway on a charge of furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Joseph Flynn, 21, May 1, 4:37 p.m., arrested at 165 Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and trafficking in cocaine.

McKenny Pierre, 19, of 16 Reynolds Ave., Chelsea, May 1, 4:37 p.m., arrested at 165 Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, and resisting arrest.

Kristen Barnett, 23, May 2, 11:02 a.m., arrested at 219

Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery, false crime report, possession of a class A drug, attempt to commit a crime, utter false check, and witness intimidation.

Carlos Carrion, 49, of 13 Pine St., Cambridge, May 2, 1:59 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Stephanie Hahn, 34, of 88-98 Nightingale St., Dorchester, May 2, 4:19 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Sonam Tsering, 36, of 397 Broadway, May 2, 9:04 p.m., arrested at 397 Broadway on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Jarvis Grant, 32, of 10A Memorial Rd., May 3, 12:45 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Michelle Megan, 43, of 3 Quincy St., May 3, 9:01 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and larceny from a building.

Claudine Dyer, 28, of 20 Kingman Rd., May 3, 9:40 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of utter false instrument, forgery of a document, receiving stolen property, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and uninsured

motor vehicle.

Sadrac Barthelemy, 37, of 25A Memorial Rd., May 3, 6:14 p.m., arrested at 90 River Rd. on a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Heinsky Anacreon, 26, of 380 Somerville Ave., May 3, 9:22 p.m., arrested at Central St. on multiple charges of drug possession to distribute.

Wesley Thomas, 56, of 15A Memorial Rd., May 4, 6:04 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery on a police officer.

Ketra Tatum, 38, of 15 Crescent St., Medford, May 4, 4:06 p.m., arrested at 16 Beacon St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Stephen Ramsey, 54, of 24 Heath St., May 5, 1:51 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

A juvenile, May 5, 8:30 p.m., arrested at 230 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime, assault and battery on a police officer, and assault.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 29, 8:41 p.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 Hills Park.

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

April 30, 5:40 p.m., police reported a theft at 17 Holland St.

May 1, 8:46 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

May 1, 12:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Derby St.

May 1, 2:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Willoughby St.

May 1, 9:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 2, 1:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Waterhouse St.

May 2, 1:59 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

May 2, 3:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Middlesex Ave.

May 2, 4:19 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

May 3, 12:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Trull St.

May 3, 5:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Parkdale St.

May 4, 4:06 p.m., police reported a theft at 16 Beacon St.

May 4, 11:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 3, 9:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cutter Ave.

May 4, 9:28 a.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Winslow Ave.

May 5, 2:20 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 186 Highland Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

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

April 30, 7:21 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Irving St.

April 30, 10:45 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Avon St.

May 1, 8:12 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Summer St.

May 2, 5:46 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

Assault:

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

April 30, 5:56 p.m., police reported an assault at 105 Middlesex Ave.

May 2, 9:04 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

May 4, 6:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

Drug Violation:

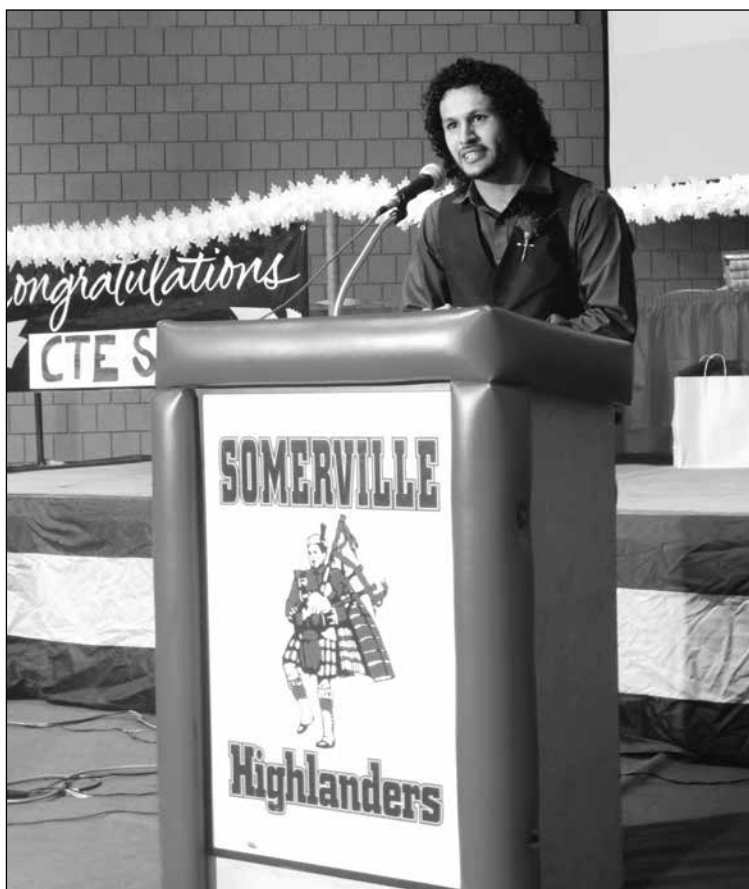
May 1, 3:57 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

May 3, 9:22 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Central St.

SHS Vocational Awards Ceremony

Students from the Somerville High School Class of 2013 Career and Technical Education (CTE) program were joined by family members and community partners on Wednesday, May 1 at the annual SHS Vocational Awards Ceremony held at the Somerville High School Field House. More than 300 people were in attendance at this annual event recognizing students' achievements as they prepare for the next step in their career paths. The event is coordinated by CTE students, staff and numerous community partners.

"The Vocational Awards Ceremony is an opportunity for us to recognize the incredible achievements of our Career and Technical Education graduating class, and it really highlights the broad range of skills that these students have gained through their involvement in this program," commented CTE Director, Leo DeSimone. "This event is planned and executed by our students with technical assistance from staff and community members. The students take a great deal of pride in putting together a top-notch event for their community, and showcasing the multitude of skills they've learned – from designing the program materials, display boards and video presentations to preparing the dinner for the event. I am extremely proud of the level of commitment this graduating class has shown, and I look forward to hearing about their



Edwin Cruz was recognized as the 2013 Most Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year.

many successes as they continue to pursue their goals."

Edwin Cruz was recognized as the 2013 Most Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year. The son of William Cruz and Aminta Umana, Edwin has excelled in the Automotive Technology Program while taking a rigorous course of study. He holds a 3.7 grade point average, ranks in the top fifth of his graduating class, and is a member of the Somerville High School National Honor Society. He is also a recipient of a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Edwin has been a member of the SHS Ultimate Frisbee

Team for 3 years and is also a member of the Astronomy Club. He has been a Somerville High School Ambassador for 2 years and is an active community volunteer. He has worked on the Helping Hands Project, has volunteered at various Somerville road races, and has also worked with elementary school children, sharing his passion for Ultimate Frisbee. Edwin will continue his education at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology where he plans to pursue a dual course of study in Automotive Technology and Mechanical Engineering.

Somerville Museum awarded \$85K to become ADA compliant

The Wallace Foundation has awarded the Somerville Museum \$85,000 in matching funds to support construction of a new handicapped-accessible entrance and first floor restroom.

These renovations along with a multitude of other changes necessary to make the 1930s building friendly to the disabled will allow the Museum to meet the regulations of the American with Disabilities Act.

The new entryway design will include a wheelchair lift and portico, and has been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as the neighbors on Westwood Road. The entire project cost is estimated as close to \$200,000 and the goal is to have the Museum ADA compliant by the end of the year.



The new entryway will be a welcome addition to the Somerville Museum.

The Somerville Museum is an all volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the arts, history and culture of Somerville and receives no municipal support. Those who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this cause may make a check

out to "SMBF" (Somerville Museum Building Fund) and send it to the Somerville Museum at One Westwood Road, Somerville, MA 02143. It is also possible to contribute online by going to <http://www.somervillemuseumbuildingfund.org>.

ResiStat meeting at WHYC

By Michelle Sinclair

Mayor Joseph Curtatone kicked off the Older American's Month Celebration with a Council on Aging luncheon at the Winter Hill Yacht Club by hosting a ResiStat meeting for over eighty seniors.

The seniors enjoyed a catered lunch, some dinner music, as well as a very informative meeting with the Mayor about the city's Residence and Statistics program.

The mayor spoke to seniors at the packed meeting hall last week regarding preventive

maintenance for streets and sidewalks.

Along with Mayor Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente also addressed the crowd with updates and awareness.

A new resident to Somerville at the meeting spoke out praising the city's 311 program. She spoke on how accessible and polite the people on the other end of the phone always are to her when she calls them to inquire on questions regarding her concerns.



(L to R) Dee Dee Elenanzih, Flo Papagno, Tony Lafuente (Alderman Ward 4), Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Mary Ann Heuston (Alderman Ward 2), and Cindy Hickey (Executive Director of the Somerville COA).

Eastern Star dinner



This past Sunday, May 5, Fraternal Chapter Order of Eastern Star #136 celebrated their 100th Anniversary here in Somerville. In attendance were over 130 members, their families and friends, to help celebrate this milestone here in Somerville. 100 years ago this Chapter was chartered and had its first meeting in Davis Square with over 100 candidates joining the chapter within months of their first meeting. Eastern Star here in Somerville meets at 125 Highland Avenue (rear) at the Masonic Building. It is the world's oldest men and women fraternity, and exists in many countries worldwide. If you're interested in joining this dedicated and friendly group contact Mike or Judy Podymaitis at jpodymai@aol.com for more information regarding membership.

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Candidates Roster

This week started the process for running for the local election. Monday, May 6 began with a rush on the Somerville election commission. The following took out nomination papers as of Tuesday, May 7th:

Mayor: Joseph Curtatone, re-election

Alderman at Large

3 incumbents and 2 challengers so far. One can vote for 4 with 9 running makes it a primary.

John Connolly, Jr., incumbent
William White, incumbent
Dennis Sullivan, incumbent
Sean Fitzgerald, candidate
Mary Jo Rossetti, candidate

Ward One Alderman

Maureen Bastardi, candidate
Elio LoRusso, candidate

Ward One School Committee

Steven P. Roix, candidate

Ward Two Alderman

Maryann Heuston, incumbent

Ward Two School Committee

Michael D. Nionankis, candidate

Ward Three Alderman

Mathew Desmond, candidate
Robert McWatters, candidate

Ward Three School Committee

Adam Sweeting, incumbent

Ward Four Alderman

Tony Lafuente, incumbent

Ward Four School Committee

Christine Berge-Rafal, incumbent

Ward Five Alderman

Courtney O'Keefe, candidate
Mark Niedergang, candidate

Ward Five School Committee

Laura Pitone, candidate
Ross Richmond, candidate
Caroline Shea-Rosas, candidate

Ward Six Alderman

Rebekah Gerwitz, incumbent

Ward Six School Committee

Paul Bockelman, incumbent

Ward Seven Alderman

Katjana Ballantyne, candidate

Ward Seven School Committee

Barry Rafkin, candidate
Caroline Normand, candidate

Retirement announcement

**By Alderman at Large
Bruce Desmond**

After twenty years of serving the people of Somerville in both elected and appointed positions I have decided to serve out the remainder of my term and not seek re-election as Alderman at Large in the upcoming local election of 2013. I have always believed that government bodies need to be refreshed from time to time. They need the injection of young minds, new ideas and new energy while also maintaining a respect for the past. I make this announcement now in hopes of attracting new candidates for the position of Alderman at Large. I have spent the last twenty years working to make a great city become an even greater city. It has been extremely challenging and very rewarding. It has been my honor and privilege to be a part of what I believe to be the epitome of what American government truly means; "government of the people, by the people, for the people". In 1993, when I was first elected to the Somerville School Committee to represent Ward 3, Federal and State officials were ready to take over Somerville Schools for the purpose of desegregation. In 1994 I was proud of my vote in favor of a city wide school choice program that allowed any child from any part of our city to attend any school they so desired. This very close 5 to 4 vote not only eliminated state and federal official's segregation concerns but also opened the door to 90% reimbursement for three new schools, the Kennedy, Healey, and West Somerville Neighborhood School. While planning the Kennedy School I saw an opportunity to end the bussing of our special needs students out of Somerville and to provide them with the same opportunities afforded all of our other children, the chance to be a part of the Somerville community. Why shouldn't they attend the same schools as their brothers and sisters? The SKIP



program at the Kennedy school ended two and three hour daily commutes to and from distant schools. These children have thrived in our system and are truly part of this community.

Over the last twelve years I have represented the city at large on tough issues regarding zoning, civil service, commercial development, housing, traffic and parking, and infrastructure to name just a few. A fully developed Assembly Square and the Green Line Extension will prove to be a staple in our city's economic development and help ease the tax burden off the backs of residential home owners and subsidize it with the increased revenue from a growing commercial tax base. I have supported local businesses by repaving streets, repairing and extending sidewalks and authorizing permits for outdoor seating venues and increasing the availability of liquor licenses. I have worked to ensure that Somerville is a safe place to live, work and raise a family. The men and women of our Fire and Police Departments are as professional, well trained and ready to respond in a crisis equally as well or better than any other force in this country. I have worked to improve our neigh-

borhoods and the quality of life of everyone who lives in them including the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, our seniors, our children, our special needs community and our immigrant community. I have done so with the hope of keeping Somerville as diverse a community as possible. It is in our diversity where we gain our strength. Rich, poor, white, black, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Haitian, white collar, blue collar, old and young all contribute to what makes this a truly great city. I leave public office with a true sense of accomplishment and a belief that we have instilled in our younger generation the wisdom and desire to govern this great city into the future.

It is now my intent to concentrate on my family, including my one year old grandson Thomas, play golf more often and with any luck get a little better at it. I will also spend more time on the two very important non-profit organizations that I helped establish and remain very important to this community; the Brian Higgins Foundation for Special Needs Children and the Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Welcome to walkable, bikable, and totally lovable Somerville.

The View From Prospect Hill



There are times when the rose tinted glasses have to come off as we take a hard, dispassionate look at the world we inhabit in the cold gray light of reason and sobriety.

While we love our city and proudly proclaim its virtues for all the world to hear, we must also not forget that all communities are works in progress. Just as no individual can lay a claim to perfection, so it is that even with all that

we can be proud of, there is also always room for improvement.

While much of our city is certainly to be deemed “walkable” for many of us, we must also look for the little imperfections that make it less so for others and work towards rectifying those problems. Sections of sidewalks in disrepair should be mended. Obstructions for those with mobility issues should be attended to. In short, “walkability”

is a subjective concept, according to the ability of any given individual to actually do the walking.

Likewise, the idealized “bikable” city that many wish for has not quite yet been realized. The pros and cons of developing proper biking paths are still being debated, and much discussion and intelligent planning is wanted as we consider how best to approach this issue.

It takes a lot of living in the real world to make a city “livable.” Jobs, support of infrastructure, basic civic pride, these and other important ingredients all work together to make a community a good – even a great – place to live.

We are certainly on our way, and we have a lot to be proud of. But let’s also be careful to keep in mind all the hard work that is yet to be done. If we do, we’ll get there. That is certain.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

this week. To Pauline McMahon, who also works for the city here. Leah Mattson is celebrating along with Internet tech guy Brian Whalley. Long time East Somerville girl Diane Macleod Lima from the famous Macleod family. Also, a good friend and former Villen here, but still has a lot of relations living here, Aida Sousa-Braga, an old time friend. Happy 15th birthday to our good friend John Foscarota, who is celebrating the entire week in the Ville! Also, Louise “Nana” Frongillo is celebrating her 93rd birthday this week. Nana is our good friend Lauren Candelino’s grandmama and Sylvia Candelino’s mama from Somerville. We wish them all the best! Happy birthday to Joel Mesiti, who is out and about blowing out birthday candles this week! More birthday celebrations are going on in the Ville, like our good friends Leo Saltman’s and Billy Desmond’s.

We heard that Senator Sal DiDomenico was taken to the hospital this week. We hope he is getting better and on the mend real fast. He is one of the nicest Senators that serve in the Mass Senate. Get better, Sal, and back to

doing what you like doing best, serving the residents of his district, of which Somerville is part.

There was a nice crowd Monday night at Tony LaFuenta “Cinco de Mayo” day fundraiser for his re-election to Ward Four Alderman. He’s done a great job for the residents of Winter Hill and Ten Hills and his reward so far is no one is going to challenge him for his seat. At least we haven’t heard of any names. We’ll keep you posted.

We were very impressed that well known behind the political scene guru Feargal O’Toole was seen sporting a full business suit. First time we’ve seen that and in a bar. A nice guy and a true Liberal in the good sense of the word. He knows what we mean.

Pulling papers for what appears to be one of the most exciting political years locally here in Somerville, almost wants to make an old time Somerville cry. Hopefully, it will help to stimulate discussion, debate and differences of opinion, which is good for the entire city. So far, as of Tuesday, 26

people pulled papers for various offices here in the city and that’s a good thing. We hear that more will pull in days to come, hopefully putting every ward in the city for all offices in a debate of the issues. City Hall election department on the lower level (School Street side) is where candidates can sign up and receive nomination papers.

A Storm is coming! The MMA’s 12th Annual Storm the State House. On May 16, motorcyclists from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and neighboring States will be making the trek to the State House in Boston to attend the MMA’s 12th Annual Storm the State House Event. The main staging location is the Lion’s Club & Senior Center, 9 New Washington Street, Somerville, MA and they’ll be leaving there at noon. Other staging areas are located across the state and leave at various times to converge on the Somerville start point. The seniors will have refreshments available at no cost and a donation to the center is welcome. Contact Billy Tauro for more information.

The recent ground breaking ceremony last week at Assembly Square was well attended under the extra hot tent that Federal Realty or their PR people picked out. It normally might be a good tent for rainy days but a sun blaring down made you feel like you were under a magnifying glass, making the 60 degree weather 90 degrees and on top of that they had the ceremony a fair distance away from where you could park your car. Maybe they need a planner for events?

Have you bought a Boston Globe lately? Especially the Sunday edition - \$3.50. Wow, and the Farm Team is \$2. We would be embarrassed to ask for that kind of money, and they seriously think people are reading their stuff? That’s why we are only local stories, and still at the low price of no charge. We do ask that you support our advertisers. They make it happen and they need your business, so mention you saw their ad in The Somerville News.

The Somerville High School Class of 2013 cordially invites the Class of 1963 to Class Day, Friday, May 31 at the Somerville High

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COMMENTARY

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Let the children play



By Joseph A. Curtatone

In case you haven't heard, Somerville is in the midst of a bit of a baby boom. The past six years have seen an upward spike in the number of births for Somerville residents. We're approaching more than 1,000 births per year - we had 970 in 2012 - which is a figure we have not seen since the 1970s.

It fits in with a national trend. The Millennial Generation is

hitting its prime parenting years. The children being born today will become part of the next mega-generation, like their parents (the Millennials) and their grandparents (the Boomers).

And this is particularly important in Somerville because the Millennials make up roughly 40 percent of our population. As those young families start having babies, it's going to completely change the makeup of our city. This is a transformational occurrence for Somerville, and it's a good thing.

If I had to make one criticism of Somerville, it's that we need more kids. We have great neighborhoods, parks and playgrounds, but there are not enough kids in them. Those

of us who grew up here in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s can remember when there were children everywhere you looked, on their bikes, playing sports and just goofing around in their neighborhoods having fun.

When people talk about what they miss from the good, old days, they mostly mean that Somerville was a tight-knit community with lots of families. Well, here comes a new generation of young families capable of bringing back those good, old days. Our challenge is to keep them here in Somerville.

What drew these Millennials to Somerville in the first place is that the city is an awesome place to live. We have great neighborhoods, bustling city squares and

cool events happening all the time. We have an immensely diverse city filled with artists and musicians. Somerville is one of the most stimulating, positive and culturally enriching places in America.

Now we need those young families, who already love living here, to recognize that their kids can have awesome childhoods growing up in this awesome place to live. With that in mind, we are kicking off the SomerPlay initiative to turn our neighborhoods into what some have started to call playborhoods.

The playborhood idea is to have groups of neighbors band together to turn their blocks into play zones. It could be as simple as setting a designated time

when parents take to their front porches and let the kids have the run of the neighborhood.

Others are looking to throw more block parties, and the city is streamlining the permitting process for that and other good SomerPlay ideas. Some are even thinking of having a regular street closure so that the neighborhood kids can get out without having to worry about traffic.

Half a dozen neighborhood groups are already drumming up ideas and I hope to see proposals streaming in from across the city. I also hope you'll come to our SomerPlay brainstorming session on Thursday, May 16 (visit the city website for details). We want parents *Continued on page 21*

Walkable Somerville

Part 1: What makes neighborhoods walkable



By William C. Shelton

Our 19th Century ancestors who built Somerville's streets, structures and squares gave no more thought to walkability than a fish gives to water. They created a built environment that met their needs, and they were walkers.

But following World War II, suburban life held a seductive

allure. The city's population dropped from 103,000 in 1950 to 77,000 in 1980. The dimensions of this exodus were greater than these numbers imply, since immigrants replaced many of the departed.

Decades past, and those who had left in search of privacy often found isolation. Those fleeing congestion came to sacrifice time, money, and health to highway traffic. Those wanting to shed their working-class identities lived to experience an America where popular culture denies the existence of class.

Today, their grandchildren increasingly want to live in walkable neighborhoods like

Somerville's. And they want to understand what makes communities walkable.

Jeff Speck answers that a walk must be useful, safe, comfortable, and interesting. Mr. Speck consults to the City of Somerville and is author of *Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time*.

Useful

Urban designers describe the physical characteristics that shape these four subjective conditions. Walkable neighborhoods have a center. For a walk to be "useful," there must be a rich diversity of things to walk to—stores, services, work, school, public transportation,

civic functions, entertainment.

There were once 14 movie theaters in Somerville. Their locations are a good indication of neighborhood centers. Teele Square, Ball Square, Lower Broadway, and Cross Street each had a theater. Davis Square hosted two, as did the intersection of Central and Highland. Union Square and Winter Hill each boasted three.

No place in Somerville was more than a ten-minute walk from where one could buy daily necessities, encounter friends, or be entertained. This kind of density of goods and services, in turn, requires a density of residents to support flourish-

ing businesses and frequent transit service.

Safe

Pedestrians need to feel safe. In the first instance, this means feeling safe from cars.

A variety of design criteria contribute to pedestrian safety. Generally, the smaller the blocks, the more walkable the streets. Small blocks disperse traffic.

Urban lane widths should rarely be greater than ten feet. Wider lanes promote higher speeds.

Two-way streets tend to be safer than one-way streets. Continuous on-street parking, continuous street trees, and bike lanes buffer pedestrians from traffic. Curb cuts *Continued on page 21*

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Say cheese!



No, this isn't a story about pizza. It's a story about those precious photographs that are part of all of our lives. They are in albums, shoeboxes, envelopes and drawers. They are a look back into our pasts, the way we used to be. Frozen in time, captured for eternity.

Recently I was at a 50th anniversary party. The couple's children put a pretty elaborate photo collage together. You could see the history of their lives right there on the easels. Young and thin with lots of hair, then with babies, then at

graduations and on holidays.

I noticed that all of the photos looked very similar. Why? Because over the past 50 years, as the technology of cameras evolved, so did the quality of the photos they produced. That, along with the aging process over many years causes a strange phenomenon. All of our special photographs look eerily similar! We were all using the same cameras, wearing the same period styles and hairdos, and all the photos have aged the same length of time.

In some of my family's photos it's fun noticing the changes to Somerville over the years. There is a picture of my sister standing in front of "The Quick Shop." It's

now Tedeschi's and before that The Store 24. We have a picture of my mother in front of her office in Davis Square the day after the Blizzard of '86. It used to be the welfare and social services building but now it's CVS and that sports club.

One of my favorite photos is among the missing. It's a shot of me in 1969 (age 16) in a leather jacket directing traffic in that round police box that used to be in Davis Square. I hope I find it someday.

How about those high school graduation pictures? The hair was big, and the fashions were loud. If you are anywhere near my age, you were wearing hideously huge bellbottoms and your hair was fall-

ing into your eyes. And the best part is that those photos of our silly selves will last forever.

As I said before, all of our photos have that similar look not only because of the fashions of the day, but because of the evolution of photography. Remember dad's big old camera that took flash bulbs? One of them was called the Kodak Hawkeye. Then came the Brownie Instamatic, and those cameras that used "flash cubes." We had a camera made by Argus. Who can forget waving that photo we got from our Polaroid Swinger? We couldn't wait for the image to appear!

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico
DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts

1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen
DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

LIMIT WORK EXEMPTION TO 25 PERCENT (H 3400)
House 31-126, rejected an amendment that would limit to 25 percent the number of welfare recipients who can be exempted from the law that requires some recipients to perform a work-related activity in order to receive benefits. The amendment would also require the reason for the exemption to be clearly documented and re-evaluated every three months.

Amendment supporters said currently a whopping 50 percent are exempted. They noted that exemptions are far too easy to obtain and urged the House to stop people from gaming the system. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the 25 percent cap. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

MUST PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (H 3400)
House 43-113, rejected an amendment requiring all current tenants and new applicants for subsidized public housing to provide their social security number for use by the state in verifying their income eligibility for public housing.

Amendment supporters said it is outrageous that currently people can get subsidized housing without producing a social security number. They noted this must stop so that people who are verified and struggling can get this valuable housing. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for requiring a social security number. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

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

CRACK DOWN ON MISUSE OF EBT CARDS (H 3400)
House 40-117, rejected an amendment that would require the state to enforce and collect all penalties and fines imposed on cardholders or retailers who misuse electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. It also mandates that all violation hearings be public and that the results be posted online.

Amendment supporters said this does not propose new rules but simply ensures that the current ones are enforced. They said the state seems to be lax in enforcement. Amendment opponents offered no arguments.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BUY DRUGS IN CANADA (H 1052) - The Committee on Health Care Financing held a hearing on a bill directing Gov. Deval Patrick to request a federal waiver to allow Massachusetts to provide information to its residents regarding the safe purchase of prescription drugs at reduced prices from certified Canadian sources. The measure creates a state Office of Pharmaceutical Information to educate consumers and keep them informed about the advantages and any potential risks of purchasing Canadian drugs. Current federal law prohibits individuals from purchasing drugs from other nations.

NEW CABINET SECRETARY OF HEALTH (S 535) - The Health Care Financing Committee's agenda also included a measure that would create a new cabinet level Secretary of Health. Under current law, health is included under the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DISRUPT MILITARY FUNERAL AND FLAGS - The Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing on legislation prohibiting disruptions within 1,000 feet of a military funeral or memorial. Violators would face up to a two-year jail sentence and/or a \$2,000 fine (S 1733). The measure was filed in response to the Westboro Baptist Church's demonstrations at military funerals suggesting that U.S. soldiers have been killed as God's vengeance for gay tolerance. The committee's agenda also included a proposal that would require each city and town, if requested by a veterans' organization or five voters of that community, to place a United States flag on the grave of each veteran (S 1728).

PHOTO ID OF CAB DRIVERS AND HANDICAPPED PARKING - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government's hearing included legislation requiring all taxi drivers to obtain a new special ID to be placed in the rear interior of the cab (S 931). The ID would include the driver's name and a photo. Another measure on the agenda would require cities and towns to make at least 5 percent of their public parking spaces handicapped spaces (H 1843).

SCHOOL DRESS CODES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND RELIGION - The Education Committee will hold a hearing on May 30 at 10 a.m. in Room A-1 on a proposal giving local school committees the option of establishing dress codes for their public schools. The measure requires that any adopted dress codes be published in student handbooks or handed out to each student and parent. Current law prohibits schools from dictating students' dress and appearance unless school officials determine they violate reasonable standards of health, safety and cleanliness. Other provisions include requiring schools to help low-income students purchase clothing that meets the code and giving parents the option to exempt their children from the code.

Other legislation on the agenda includes requiring that all public schools have programs and policies to address sexual harassment and violence against women and girls, including acquaintance rape and violence prevention

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(H 347); implementing a pilot program that would install silent alarms in the state's public schools (H390); and requiring all public schools to implement a policy that allows for a limited public forum and voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints at school events, graduation ceremonies and class assignments.

HEALTH ISSUES - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

ACCUSED KILLERS (H 1099) - Prohibits the next of kin charged with the murder of a spouse or other family member from claiming the body or from acting as executor of the estate. Ginny Marcheterre testified that funeral services for her 19-year-old daughter, Heather, were delayed in 2010 for more than a month because Kyle Alleyne, her daughter's husband, the alleged killer, refused to release the rights to her body. A court eventually ruled that the mother and family had legal rights to Heather's body. In February, Kyle Alleyne was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The bill was given initial approval by the House in 2011 but never advanced any further.

DAVID F. MARCELLI LAW (H 2385) - Prohibits any body part or organ from being retained following an autopsy without consent from the deceased's next of kin. The measure was filed on behalf of Cathie and Donald Marcelli, whose 18-month-old son, David, died suddenly in 1996. David's organs were retained without his parents' knowledge or permission following a hospital autopsy. Supporters say the family suffered untold anguish when they had to bury the body parts four months after David's death.

SERVE FOOD IN FUNERAL HOMES (S 1034) - Allows food and beverages to be served in funeral homes, a practice currently prohibited under current law. Supporters say this simple change would provide comfort for the family and other mourners at a very difficult time.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Two weeks ago, we collectively felt the horror and shock of the Boston Marathon bombings. For most of us, the impact will lessen over time. But for those who have lost a limb, the struggle is just beginning." – *Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Brockton) on her bill to provide a one-time payment of up to \$10,000 for each of the 14 victims who lost either a limb, or the use of a limb, to make their homes more accessible.*

"Public assistance programs are designed to help those who truly need benefits to feed and care for their families. Uncovering fraud through our investigations helps to ensure that these programs are reaching the intended recipients." – *State Auditor Suzanne Bump on her second quarter fiscal year 2013 audit that identified 205 cases of recipients abusing public assistance programs costing more than \$1.4 million.*

"I congratulate Jason Collins for his candor and his courage. We look forward to welcoming him home to Boston for the Pride Parade in June." – *Gov. Patrick on the former Boston Celtics player who became the first active player in the four major American professional team sports to announce that he is gay.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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 29-May 3, the House met for a total of four hours and 35 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 20 minutes.

Mon. April 29	House 11:10 a.m. to 12:19 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:26 p.m.
Tues. April 30	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 1	House 11:49 a.m. to 12:37 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 2	House 11:03 a.m. to 1:31 p.m. Senate 1:03 p.m. to 2:01 p.m.
Fri. May 3	No House session No Senate session

New ideas for Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

"Fifty Percent of breaking and entering is due to doors being left unlocked and windows being left open," said Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello. "For car burglary, sixty-five percent of them are due to doors being left unlocked."

So be sure to lock your doors. Community in cooperation with policy formed the theme of this Ward 6 meeting. A motto took shape: "Somerville: a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family." The 2014 budget priorities are as follows: increase education

funding, library improvements, technology upgrades, capital investment, enhanced communications.

"Crime is really the fault of failed policies," said Mayor Curtatone after arriving later in the meeting.

Mayor Curtatone and the rest of the Somerville government constantly strive for the best way to balance effective budgeting with sustainable community improvements. A small example of this is their decision to switch the outdated streetlights in favor of new LED streetlights, a change that

should save the city \$400,000 per year.

"We're planning for twenty, thirty years down the road," said Curtatone. "We believe we can build our neighborhoods smartly and effectively."

A major part of the mayor's plan for constant but sustainable improvement is the Somerville by Design program. Since 2012, the Green Line extension into Somerville has been underway, and by 2018 will extend into Davis Square via a stop on College Avenue. Kenney Park will be re-done, with creating space for all

types of active play serving as the re-design priority. Other improvements will be made to Davis Square street design and patterning in light of Somerville's always and increasingly dense population.

When the mayor finally got around to the topic of a Davis Square hotel, the energy in the room lifted a bit. One woman could not hold back her frustration, yelling when the mayor insisted on the hotel project.

"We intend on building a hotel," said Curtatone, looking squarely at the woman challenging him. "We believe in the

positive impacts."

Others expressed frustration at the lack of participatory opportunity in the planning of the hotel and other Somerville re-design projects. One woman even asked what the end-point is, or if there is an end.

"I promise you we won't be Manhattan," said Curtatone with a smile. "The end is how we plan it out."

If you would like to involve yourself in the planning of a possible hotel in Davis Square, the first meeting will take place on May 21, location to be determined.

Cinco de Mayo at the chocolate factory CONT. FROM PG 1

electro-infused salsa music. It wasn't quite like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, but there were some magnificent moments of delight from the patrons who came that sunny afternoon.

At the party, Alexei Beratis, an employee of Inspired Beverage Inc., served samples of smoky margaritas to thirsty consumers. "The El Buhu Mezcal used," said Beratis, "is produced in the traditional style of Mezcal by smoking the agave prior to fermentation."

Joan Ellis and Sarah Bardo drank smoky margaritas and

considered buying chocolaty delights, which were looking more and more appealing by the minute. Ellis and Bardo had been on the mailing list, and after learning of the event were more than willing to make the trip from Andover to take part in the festivities. "After a winter indoors, it's good to be outdoors," exclaimed Ellis, over the loud music.

For many, the music, food and drink were a relief from the long winter. Jessica Ching, who was originally from Southern California, had been looking forward to the tequila and Mexi-

can food. "I knew coming here, there is a huge Latin American population or presence, so I was excited," she said. Back in California, Ching added, the Cinco de Mayo festivals were much larger, but she was enjoying this one just fine.

Chef Brian Sway from the Winter Hill neighborhood of Somerville was drinking a black chocolate stout beer developed by the Brooklyn Brewery. He had recently been at the chocolate factory to buy toasted cocoa nibs to garnish one of his specialty shrimp dishes that he

serves out of a food truck, aptly named Cod Squad after the seafood dishes. Sway was back for some more chocolate.

Hector Trejo, a Mexican immigrant who lives in the area, said the music was more like South American than Mexican, but he still enjoyed it. "We always celebrate this day in Mexico," he recalled. Trejo mentioned, however, that in Mexico, Mariachi music would be heard instead of the synthesized modern beat that played at the chocolate factory.

And the food, according to

Trejo, is "different but also tasty." The ingredients are done in the "American way," he added. And he noted the tortillas are flour instead of corn.

But for most Somerville residents and attendees, the party was about socializing, eating, drinking and looking silly in Mexican clothing. It didn't matter that the event wasn't entirely authentic; rather it was the thought that counted. And for fun, some socialites wore stick-on mustaches, a Cinco de Mayo tradition that seems to be growing in Somerville.

Assembly Row breaks ground again

The last block within Phase I of Assembly Row broke ground last week. The last block will consist of 100,000 Square Feet of Class A office space and 30,000 Square Feet of retail space. Construction is progressing on schedule: a six-acre waterfront park is to open this summer, residential to begin pre-lease, a new Orange Line T station to open summer 2014, shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues to celebrate grand opening spring 2014. Speakers included Don Briggs, President, Federal Realty Boston, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, United States Senator William Cowan and Jeffrey A. Simon, Assistant Secretary for Real Estate at MassDOT. Assembly Row is taking shape on the Mystic riverfront as Somerville's newest neighborhood and Greater Boston's most transit friendly corporate campus. Assembly Row is owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust.





SPORTS

Batter up! Youth Softball kicks off 2013 season

The Somerville Youth Softball Organization hosted their Kick Off Day Parade and Celebration Saturday April 27 at Trum Field.

SYSO launched their second season in partnership with the Youth and Recreation Department with a full day of activities that began with the presentation of teams, welcome, ceremonial first pitch, game and return of Major League Baseball's Pitch Hit and Run competition.

Approximately 70 girls are participating through Instructional, 12 and under and 15 and under teams that are playing games in town and against neighboring towns of Medford and Malden.

The girls dressed in their uniforms of the Red, Purple, and Lightning, Thunder, Tornadoes and Tsunamis teams and marched around the field to the sounds of the Dropkick Murphy's.

A nice crowd of fans and parents listened to a welcome from

Sean Faeth, SYSO Vice President and from Bob Schofield, SYSO President about the Past, Present and Future of the exciting program that is moving toward opportunities for girls' softball 365 days a year. Mr. Schofield also identified and thanked number of volunteers and organizations that have helped make the program possible the past two years.

On hand to throw out the first-pitch was Maureen Bastardi, Ward 1 City Alderman, which was followed by the home opener of the 15U Somerville Tsunami who hosted Malden.

A welcomed return of MLB Pitch, Hit and Run competition—35 girls and boys, ages ranging from 7-14 years of age—competed in the annual event. PHR was hosted by both SYSO and Somerville Little League.

Champions in pitching, hitting and running will all compete in the regional event on May 18,



Caitlin Fitzgerald, Lucas Sargent, Emily O'Regan, Aidan O'Donovan, Kaleigh Conte, Nikki Grover, Justin Schofield, Dylan Zrakat, Brenna Kristiansen and Katie Ziko.



Sean Faeth, Maureen Bastardi, Bob Schofield, Timothy Hawkins.

hosted by Canton Little League. Almost any night of the week you can catch a game at Trum

Field (home of the 15U) or Lincoln Park (home of the 12U) or Foss Park (home of Instructional).

For more information about Somerville Youth Softball visit <http://somervillesoftball.com>

Track progresses by leaps and bounds

Magre, Berger, and Baptista all qualify for states

By Mike Stoller

The Somerville High track and field team gave more than a commendable effort against a fiercely competitive Malden squad in a meet that came down to the final event – the relay – last week. The Highlanders ultimately dropped a tough 69.5 66.5 decision to the Golden Tornadoes.

"It was a tough loss, but I couldn't be happier with the way our girls performed," Highlanders Head Coach Charlie O'Rourke said. "Our young team has grown each week and they gave

their best against a strong Malden team."

Outstanding performances for Somerville included state meet qualifying times by Saragrace Magre, who finished the 400 meter hurdles in 70.1 seconds, Gelynn Berger, who ran the 100 meter in 12.5 seconds, and Melissa Baptista, who ran the 400 meters in 63.1 seconds.

Magre also won the long jump with a leap of 13 feet, 7 inches. Berger also placed first in the 200 meters with a time of 26.7 seconds. Baptista also won the triple jump with a combined leap of 31 feet, 9 inches.

Delmy Hernandez almost qualified for the states, crossing at 12 minutes and 37 seconds in the two-mile run. "That was her best time ever," O'Rourke said in praise of Hernandez.

Lissa Sannon, meanwhile, took first place in the shot put with a toss of 24 feet even. She also won the discus throw with a heave of 67 feet, 1 inch.

"So we had some really great efforts," O'Rourke said. "I can't be disappointed. We have another tough meet [today] against Cambridge. It should be another close meet, and I think our team is ready."

Ms. Cam's

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What James Bond movie was the first to feature Sean Connery as James Bond?
2. What is the translation of Cinco De Mayo?
3. Why is it celebrated?
4. What country is only bordered by Spain?
5. In the TV series *Alf* what did the letters "A-L-F" stand for?
6. Which one of the Beatles was the first to be widowed?
7. Where was the TV series *Knots Landing* set?
8. Who was the heavy-weight boxing champion in the 40's?
9. What soap opera did David Hasselhoff appear on before *Baywatch*?
10. What state is called The Bear State?
11. What does the "W.C." in W.C. Fields' name stand for?
12. What was Arthur Ash's *Hard Road to Glory* the history of?

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Alibrandis prepare for opening day

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club has been unstoppable for the past three years. They plan to make it another great season on the baseball diamond with some extra slugging power and pitching speed this year.

The veteran team has gotten an early start with more batting practice and scrimmaging than ever before. The team is looking forward to the upcoming opening game, which is on Friday, May 10 at Trum Field at 8 p.m. The Alibrandis will start their season with a game against the Brighton Black Sox.

There are 16 teams in the Yawkey Baseball League of Boston. The Somerville Alibrandis are part of the Ted Williams Division. They finished the 2012 season with 25 wins and eight losses, plus another championship win

over the Malden Bulldogs.

During this offseason the managers picked-up some new players, said Assistant Manager Cameron Lynch. This year's line-up will be even stronger than in previous years with the new additions to the roster.

One new addition to the line-up is first baseman Mike Cunningham from Suffolk University. "He'll be hitting in the middle of our line-up with Justin Crisafulli and Marc DesRoches," said Assistant Manager Lynch. The Alibrandis are pumped to have Cunningham aboard, and are awaiting his arrival, as he finishes-up his final season with the Rams.

Cunningham currently has a .438 batting average in 38 games. He drove in 42 runs and hit nine home runs so far, and is still hitting away for the next couple of weeks. Cunningham "was named conference Player of the Year for 2013,"

according to Suffolk University's official website.

The pitching staff has also received a new addition. A new pitcher from Bentley was drafted. His name: Lamarre Rey from Bentley University. Rey throws from 88-92 miles per hour, said Lynch.

During opening night, Jon Morse and Chris Foundas will probably split the game on opening night, said veteran player and third baseman Marc DesRoches. "They've both been staples on the rotation for the past couple of years," he said. "They are both back, healthy, throwing a couple innings in each scrimmage game so far."

"The old adage is, you can never have enough pitching," said DesRoches. "You always look to stock up on young pitching, so that those guys can carry the load, as far as innings."

DesRoches elaborated about the process for finding new players to add to the team. "We don't just take anybody on, they have to be a good fit for the team both physically and professionally, going about their business."

According to DesRoches, the league is getting more competitive. There are a lot of minor league pitchers who are retiring or getting cut from the majors, and they are starting to flock to the Yawkey League. DesRoches said this brings up the entire league, in terms of overall level of talent. "It's not a high school beer league...where high school hero's are living out their days. It's guys that really played somewhere," he said.

The Alibrandis aren't short of great ball players and quality coaching. Bernie Driscoll won the manager of the year and Mike Maguire was voted the Carl Yastrzemski most valuable player of 2012.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI 13P1442EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Margaret M. Russell

Date of Death: 01/23/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Cheryl Tavares of Wilmington 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:

Cheryl Tavares of Wilmington MA

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

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

10:00a.m. on 05/30/2013

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.

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: May 02, 2013

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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For the Commission
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Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

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Executive Secretary

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION

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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-75

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

Removal and Disposal of Street Sweeping & Street Excavation Materials

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, May 8, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


The contract award will be for a term of one (1) year from 06/01/2013 through 05/31/2014, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this contract. Somerville Living Wage applies to this contract.

Please email, Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, odeluca@somervillema.gov for bid package and information or visit the City of Somerville website: www.somervillema.gov

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

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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. ASDM. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Pursuant to City Charter Section 8, there will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:30 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman William A. White, Jr., President of the Board, for public input on the matter of filling interim vacancies on the Board of Aldermen, pursuant to a request for a public hearing on the subject submitted by 140 registered voters to the City Clerk on May 2 and May 3, 2013.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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The Somerville Licensing Commission is accepting applications for THREE available City Owned Alcohol licenses, All Forms of Alcohol or Wine and Malt licenses for restaurants in the Assembly Square District Area only. Interested parties may obtain applications online at Somervillema.gov or at the City Clerks Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. The deadline for applications is May 28, 2013 at 4PM.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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For the Commission
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Executive Secretary

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna


Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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STATE TAX FORM 470A



LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

NOTICE OF SALE
LAND OF LOW VALUE
FORECLOSURE OF TAX TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 79 to 80B, inclusive, and by virtue of the recording on May 10th, 2012, of an affidavit of a finding by the Commissioner of Revenue, with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 59062, Page: 078.

I SHALL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, severally or together, certain parcels of land of low value listed in said affidavit, said parcels having been taken or purchased by the City of Somerville for non-payment of the taxes due thereon.

Further notice is given that the following land in which you appear to or may have an interest is included in the affidavit referred to above.

AUCTION PARCEL	#	ADDRESS	ACCOUNT	M/B/L	SQ. FT.	MINIMUM BID
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2	0	AUBURN AVE	20667030	92/I/2	136	\$ 36.21
3	0	KILBY ST	23706180	74/B/24	85	\$ 114.21
4	0	MOUNTAIN AVE	23717050	35/H/1	395	\$ 213.33
5	0	PORTER AVE	23717070	35/H/16	225	\$ 120.75
6	0	RUSSELL RD	12384060	8/C/35	97	\$ 62.40
7	0	ST JAMES AVE	08322160	25/F/3A	100	\$ 64.41
8	0	SMITH AVE	12378160	66/E/12	58	\$ 32.19
9	0	WALNUT RD	10334190	71/B/10	75	\$ 26.16

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AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR REDEMPTION ON ABOVE SALE SHALL BE THE MINIMUM BID AMOUNT OR THE AUCTION AMOUNT, WHICHEVER IS MORE.

Peter K. Forcellese, Jr., Treasurer of the City of Somerville

Your attention is directed to Section 80A, inserted in said Chapter 60 by Chapter 594 of the Acts of 1941, which is printed below:

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 60, § 80A
As inserted by Acts of 1941, Chapter 594

SECTION 80A. Any person, having a right of redemption or any other interest in the land conveyed or purporting to be conveyed under section seventy-nine or section eighty, upon whom service of the notice of sale provided in said section seventy-nine has been made by registered mail, who, prior to the sale, neither redeems the land nor brings proceedings to enjoin the sale, shall, upon the recording of the deed as required by said section seventy-nine or said section eighty, be forever barred from raising any question concerning the validity of the title conveyed thereby, and a statement contained in the treasurer's deed that such service has been made, naming the persons who were served by registered mail, shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM BID AND DEPOSIT:

The Minimum Bid for each parcel is listed below. A NON-REFUNDABLE Bid Deposit in the amount of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars must be paid to the Treasurer by the successful bidder/purchaser of each parcel precisely at 3:30 p.m. pursuant to the Treasurer's announcement of the successful bidder/purchaser at the Close of the Public Auction.

AGREEMENT TO PAY:

The successful bidder/purchaser must pay the Treasurer the NON-REFUNDABLE Bid Deposit; provide the Treasurer with adequate, legal, photo identification; and sign an agreement with the Treasurer to provide the balance of the bid amount plus the three additional amounts listed below (Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Legal Fees and Recording Fee) within ten (10) days of this Public Auction.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

All payments made pursuant to this Public Auction must be by cashier's check, bank check, certified check or USPS money order. This includes, in addition to the NON-REFUNDABLE Bid Deposit, Payment in Lieu of Taxes; Legal Fees; and Recording Fee.

PRO RATA/PRO FORMA TAXES:

The successful bidder/purchaser must pay a pro-rated payment in lieu of taxes to the Treasurer before the deed can be delivered (44:63A). That would be 38 days in Fiscal Year 2013 and all of Fiscal Year 2014. Pursuant to this payment in lieu of taxes, the real estate taxes for the parcel are paid through the end of Fiscal Year 2014 (June 30th, 2015).

LEGAL FEES:

The Treasurer shall include the payment of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to the City of Somerville as the legal fee for proceedings under this section for the land being sold at Public Auction. (60:79)

RECORDING OF THE DEED:

The expense of such recording shall be paid by the successful bidder/purchaser in the amount of One Hundred and Twenty-Five (\$125.00) Dollars. The Treasurer shall cause such deed to be recorded in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds within fifteen (15) days after the execution thereof. (60:79)

TITLE OF AUCTIONED PROPERTY:

Title taken pursuant to a sale under this section shall be absolute upon the recording of such Treasurer's deed. (60:79)

SUBSEQUENT BIDDERS:

In the event that the successful bidder/purchaser fails to perform all the requirements, the Treasurer may, at his option, offer the parcel to the next highest bidder. The Treasurer may, at his option, continue down the list of bidders until the list is exhausted or the parcel is conveyed.

LACK OF OR INADEQUATE BIDS:

The Treasurer may reject any and all bids at such sale if, in his opinion, none of the bids represent the market value of the property. The Treasurer may also adjourn the sale. Upon the consummation of a sale, the Treasurer must execute and deliver all instruments necessary to transfer title after timely payment-in-full in good funds has been made. If no person bids at such the Public Auction or if no bid is deemed adequate by the Treasurer, and if the sale has been adjourned one or more times, the Treasurer shall then and there make a public declaration of the fact, and if no bid or no bid deemed adequate as aforesaid is then made he shall give public notice that he purchases for the City of Somerville; or if the successful bidder/purchaser does not within ten (10) days pay to the Treasurer the necessary sum in good funds the sale shall be void and the City of Somerville shall be deemed to be the purchaser of the land. (60:80)

THE AUCTION WILL END PRECISELY AT 3:30 P.M.

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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
Andrew Decost Butler of Somerville, MA

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 Street Rear
Quincy, MA 02169

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. MI 13D1544DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Junia Coelho vs. **Daniel Patterson**

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a **divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B**

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**


You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Junia Coelho
94 Grant Ave.
Medford, MA 02155

your answer, if any on or before **06/04/2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 30, 2013

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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

2013-16 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following addition: 17 Cutter St

2013-17 Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended with the following addition: No Turn onto Cherry St from Summer St, 7am-9am, Mon-Fri (except residents)

PROMULGATED: APRIL 18, 2013
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MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|May 8

Central Library
Mother’s Day Origami
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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 Ave

Thursday|May 9

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5
year olds
1030 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Friday|May 10

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

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

Saturday|May 11

East Branch Library
Ding-Dong, ¿Quién es? Playing and Learn-
ing Latin Rhythms
Meghan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970
11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|May 13

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

Wednesday|May 15

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|May 8

Johnny D’s
Shannon McNally Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

PA’S Lounge
Tennis System|Heaven|Nightmare Air|Joe
Turner & the 7 Levels
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Jesus Vio|Personal Finance|Dylan Ewen|Ron-
nie Nordac & His Crying Lessons 21+,
8PM, \$7
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
The Ways and Means Committee
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 9

Johnny D’s
Kevin McDonald of Kids in the Hall|Ken
Reid|ImprovBoston
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

PA’S Lounge
The Good Time Strangers|Naughty Wa-
ter|Sam Small & David Becker
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
front bar 5.30pm|Tir na nog reunion With
The J C L S|Back Bar Jazz Is Not Dead|Ryan
Jackson Troika|School Of Robots
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
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Neighborhood Watch Presents: Steep
Leans|Space Bums|Winter the rattlesnakes
\$7
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Get Off My Lawn! - presented by NAME
REDACTED
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 10

Johnny D’s
Shinyribs|Township|Leroy Justice|The
Connection
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Baltic Sun, Patrick DeCosta, Mike Hastings
Band \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Jimmy’s Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St
Precinct Bar
Team Shred Presents|Holmes|Alchemilla|C-
ity Of Squares
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
Dan Rodman(solo)|Three Day
Threshold|East Mountain|Dan Rod-
man(solo)|Brother Sam Slideshow |Dan
Rodman(solo)|
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Hot Sauce
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
ZL CD Release: Thalia Zedek, Do Not For-
sake Me Oh My Darling, You People \$10
Down: pre war (from brooklyn), polaroids,
nervous \$5
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

David Tanklefsky and friends
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 11

Johnny D’s
Hayes Carall|Warren Hood & The Goods
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Zevon Helm |9 p.m..
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
2pm The Days Weight reunion Show|With-
Steep Leans & Pals|High Five Time &
Friends 9pm
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Double Stops|Bubba Loaf|Whistle Jack-
et|Letterik
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
The Mother Plucker Brothers
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
5.11@ The Rosebud|Crespo
381 Summer st

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

Radio Bar
Down: Dance party with DJ Dangermix \$5
all dough goes to “global fund for women”
UP: Nate Rogers Presents: Mixtape 1991:
the field effect, the fatal flaw, joe turner
and the seven levels, the friends of mixtape
\$10
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Coo & Howl and friends
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 12

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam
The Matthew Smart Band
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentl
men |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
One Fund Fundraiser 5pm
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
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
Boston Rueda Salsa
7 p.m.|Performance Hall
Second Sundays Open Stage
7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 13

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike |7:30
p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Con-
querors|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
Lykaion Cult|Order of the Owl|Gozu|Ich-
abod
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
Movie Night
massmouth
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Tuesday|May 14

JohnnyD’s
“RISING – SONGS OF HOPE & RECOVERY-
”|Proceeds to benefit The One Fund Boston
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Eric Sommer & friends
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic W/Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
A Little Backwards|Not Bothered|Uncle
Buzz
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Siffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Open Mic Series with Celia Slattery and
Bill Duffy
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 15

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
6 p.m. til 10 Spring for Children Annual
Fundraiser * Tom Hagerty Band * Buffet
Dinner|Raffles and
\$20 door benefits Somerville’s Mystic
Learning Center
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

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

Thursday|May 9

Central Library
Commissions Workshop
Cristal Amin|2039825224
6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Drop-In Meditation
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Friday|May 10

Central Library
Johnny Cupcakes
James Fox
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Saturday|May 11

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly
to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland
St

Sunday|May 12

Central Library
BUSY
1 p.m.- 5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Monday|May 13

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|May 14

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday|May 15

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Effective Communication for Family Caregivers - As part of our ongoing caregiver education, we are presenting a two-part series on effective communication for adult children caring for aging parents. Tuesday May 14 and 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. With Dr. Daphne Schneider from the Cambridge Health Alliance and Lindsay Brennan from Life Care Directions of N.E. LLC. Both are free and open to ALL ages in the community.

Men's Club meeting May 8 - 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 am. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Trip Corner:

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.

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

Suffolk Downs - June 12.

Lowell Spinners and all you can eat BBQ Pit - August 1.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Flexibility & Balance at Ralph & Jenny Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. on 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.

May 8

Hanscom AFB

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street

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

May 9

Holland Street Center

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

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 10

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 13

Wildwood

Holland Street

Indoor Gardenin|9 a.m.

Singing 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 14

Holland Street Center

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

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Low Vision Group

Caregiver's Series|5:30 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 15

Holland Street

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.

Nutrition Fair



May 2 was the first Nutrition Fair at the Somerville COA celebrating easy ways to eat healthy as we age. There were seven local vendors sharing information and giving out healthy snacks. We also had Somerville Cambridge Elder Services and Groundworks Somerville manning tables on information on healthy eating and community based organic gardening. This collaborative event was the brainchild of Lisa Heyison, Outreach Coordinator and Seth Coburn, our MS student intern from Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy who has been working with us on our Fit-4-Life program. There were about 75 people that came out for this Fair.

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93 Beacon Street,
Somerville, MA 02143
Tel: 617-492-8377
Fax: 617-492-8534

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I thank the voters of Somerville for the privilege and honor of representing you over the past twenty years. I may not have always voted the way you would have if you were sitting in my seat but I always voted with the best interests of the city in mind. I leave with my head high, my dignity and honor in tact, and with a very high sense of accomplishment. I leave office with the city I love in better shape than

when I found it and that was my only goal all along. Thank you to my many colleagues over the years, most of whom are among the most sincere and effective public servants to ever hold office and I am proud to have served with them. Thank you to Mayor Joe Curtatone whose high energy level, his level of commitment to this city and his vision for the future of this city is unparalleled.

CONT. FROM PG 7

To my family and friends, especially my in-laws and my many nieces and nephews, all of whom would drop whatever they were doing every two years to campaign for their old uncle Bruce. Thank you and I love you. Finally, thank you to my wife Barbara, my children Matthew, Caitlin, Seamus and Joseph for all the time and effort you spent campaigning for me over the years, encouraging me, defend-

ing me and for having to endure those who lacked the courage of voicing their criticisms to my face but instead thought it ok to voice it to you, my wife and children. Thank you for allowing me the thousands of hours away from you to pursue a dream. You are my true pride and joy, you are my true source of strength, you are my heroes and the only thing I will ever truly need in this world.

As I leave public life I take great pride and solace knowing that my oldest son Matthew will be announcing his candidacy for Alderman in Ward three in the very near future. I am proud of the man he has become. His honesty, his hard work ethic, his love of this city and his genuine concern for the people in it will make him an extraordinary Alderman for the people in Ward 3.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

School Field House, 81 Highland Avenue. Class Day festivities begin at 9 a.m., with a luncheon immediately following the ceremony. RSVP by May 17 to the Somerville High School Main Office, 617-625-6600 x6100.

Limited to the first 50 respondents.

Auditions for The Sunsetters 2013 Season will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Cafeteria. Please bring a CD with your

music on it, or be prepared to sing without music. Auditions are open to kids ages 12 to 18 (or entering grade 12). For information call Jimmy Del Ponte at 617-625-6600 ext. 2616.

Rising - Songs Of Hope & Recovery: A Benefit for Victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy takes place at Johnny D's, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit The One Fund Boston.

Let the children play CONT. FROM PG 9

brainstorming about ways to make the neighborhoods more play-friendly, and we want to see that on every block. If you haven't heard of a group working on this where you live, then I hope you will start one.

It's going to take some creative thinking. What we hear back from parents is that traffic is their top concern when it comes to sending their kids out to play

in Somerville. We do not have the sleepy cul-de-sacs you find in the suburbs. We have a lot of cars driving around on our streets. Eight new T stations will help cut down on that traffic, but we're trying to figure out ways to lessen cut-through traffic on side streets.

We're thinking about creating pedestrian paths to our parks and playgrounds, so kids don't

have to cross busy streets. We're establishing walking school buses to and from our neighborhood schools.

We want to create more indoor recreational opportunities during the cold weather months. We want to add cool new play features like forts. We want more picnic tables and outdoor grills to encourage families to get outside together. We want more commu-

nity gardens and gathering spaces. In general, we want to make the idea of you and your kids outside in your neighborhood the most natural thing on earth.

The demographic shift is happening right now. We have the opportunity to make Somerville the most family-friendly city anywhere. What we need is neighborhoods to band together and for people to share

their best ideas.

I always talk about making Somerville a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. The last two items in that list are not just throwaway notions. I know Somerville can be a city teeming with children at play. I've lived it.

I want this new generation of kids to claim our neighborhoods as their own.

Walkable Somerville CONT. FROM PG 9

that enable vehicles to cross sidewalks should be minimized.

Urban designers use the term "complete streets." "Complete," here means, "inclusive." It means that everyone feels safe sharing the street, not that you have a separate space for each use. It requires integrating transportation planning with land use.

Comfortable

Humans have a need for refuge. Our predecessors who survived long enough to transmit their genes to us instinctively protected their flanks from things that would eat them. This need seems to be encoded in our DNA. Urban designers talk about a "sense of enclosure" that is required to create comfortable, walkable streets.

We feel better in spaces with defined edges—what some call

"outdoor living rooms." From classical times, designers have suggested that the ideal street space has a height-to width ratio of 1:1. More recently, researchers find that ratios beyond 1:6 create an environment that people want to flee. Think McGrath Highway.

Buildings on walkable streets come up to the sidewalks, with few gaps between them. Parking lots are behind buildings. Street trees contribute to a sense of enclosure while moderating heat and wind, absorbing rain and emissions, and providing shade.

Sound affects our sense of comfort. Heavy traffic and construction noises are conditions that we want to pass through as quickly as possible. Sounds of a fountain or agreeable music encourage us to linger.

Cleanliness is also important. A littered or poorly maintained environment will keep people away from an otherwise well designed streetscape.

Interesting

None of the foregoing matters much if the walk is boring. The more frequently views change, the more interesting the walk is. A series of narrower buildings is more interesting than a large façade. Frequent doors and windows are essential. Think of Magoun Square, Ball Square Union Square or Lower Broadway.

Now think about Twin Cities Plaza or Assembly Square Market Place. In these locales, the only purpose for your walk is to get back and forth to your car as quickly as possible. On the walkable streets, the ever-shifting storefronts, doors, and windows

enrich the experience.

Retail uses at street level are more interesting. Office and residential uses should be on upper levels, also ensuring that there are eyes on the street for more hours of the day, enhancing safety. The street sides of parking structures should be devoted to active uses rather than being blank walls. Public art, vegetation, and well-designed street furniture can evoke interest.

What seems to interest humans most is other humans. We're curious about each other, we feel safer when others are present, and we see their presence as indication that something interesting is going on. Jeff Speck writes, "The goal of all of the designers who make up the city must be to create urban environments that communicate

the presence, or likely presence, of human activity."

Those who built Somerville created a great urban environment by simply designing a city that met their daily needs. The emergence of a cult of expertise subsequently persuaded us that the pronouncements of experts were more legitimate than the authenticity of our own experience.

To its credit, the City of Somerville began its Comprehensive Plan process by soliciting the wisdom of 'Villens lived experience. What emerged was a commitment to urban design and land use goals that conserve and enhance what's best about our neighborhoods.

In the final installment, I'll look at what the city is doing to protect and extend the domain of walkability.

Say cheese! CONT. FROM PG 9

who graduated from Somerville's Junior High Schools still have your class photo? You remember it. It came to us all rolled up. There were so many kids in the graduating class that they had to use this special camera that actually swept across the posing classmates. Look in the attic, it's probably up there. Want a laugh? Look for me in the front row sitting down in the Western Junior High School class photo from 1968.

We have photos of us as kids skating on the frozen over Trum Field in the 60's. We have black and white photos of our

first holy communion at St. Clement's, St. Anne's, St. Catherine's and St. Polycarp's. I was the dork who wore brown shoes with my white communion suit. That image is sadly preserved forever in a photo.

We have shots of ourselves in little league uniforms, and prom tuxes (and gowns). We laugh when we look at photos of our 5th birthday party, and the one mom took when we lost our front tooth. We can't believe our parents dressed us in such lame outfits. Hideous suit jackets, and embarrassing hats and ties. Don't you love that

picture of you proudly standing in front of that tank of a car you used to have? Don't you wish you still had that car? I wish I still had the people that were in my life at that time. Alas, often all we have are our precious photographs to remind us of old times, old places, old friends, and loved ones that we miss so much.

At the time some of my old photos were taken, I remember being critical of the way I looked. I thought I looked old, chubby, and I didn't like the way my hair looked. Man do I wish I looked that

way now!

So, keep those valuable photos in a safe place so you can enjoy them forever.

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Answers

1. Dr. No

2. It is Spanish for "5th of May"

3. It commemorates the Mexican Militia's victory over the French Army in the Battle of Pueblo. It is a Mexican regional holiday, celebrated in parts of the U.S. where there is large Mexican population.

4. Portugal

5. Alien Life Form

6. Paul McCartney

7. Southern California

8. Joe Louis

9. The Young and The Restless

10. Arkansas

11. William Claude

12. The history of an African American athlete

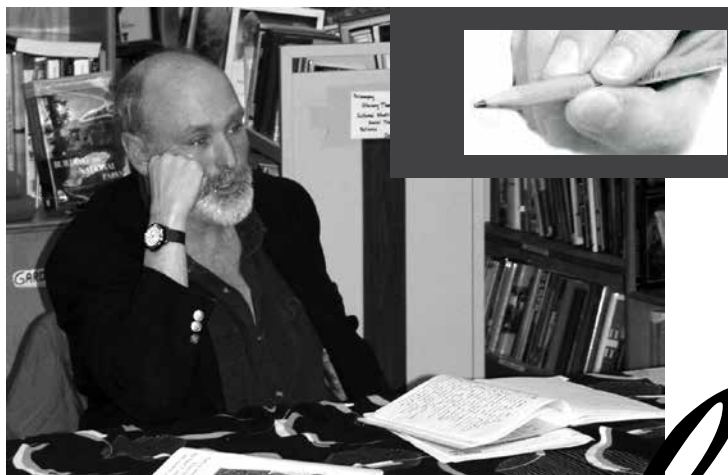
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Bullying Public Service Announcement	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	SCATV Producer's Reflection on 30 years	4:00pm	Somerville Arts Festival	2:00pm	Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:30pm	Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	Friday, May 17		7:00pm	Jimmy Tingle Special: The Battle for the Bottle Bill	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Wine Inside Out
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Road to Recovery	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	The Folklorist
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	6:30am	The Origins of SCATV	10:00pm	Copy Cat Festival	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	A Conversation with Governor Deval Patrick	6:30pm	Tonight's Special
2:00pm	Culture Club	9:00am	Energy Theater	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Boston Marathon Candlelight Vigil
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, May 19		8:00pm	Talking about Somerville
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	11:00am	Mass Factor	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Somerville Rocks!
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	The Struggle	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Somerville's Most Interesting Places	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Couch's Corner
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, May 21	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Next Generation Producers	10:00am	International Church of God	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:30am	Basic Buddha	6:00am	Road to Recovery
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	The Struggle
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	Play by Play	7:30am	Drawing with Mark
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	5:00pm	Press Pass TV: Stand up for Women	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters	11:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Show
10:30pm	The Literary Scene	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	Python Force	7:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, May 16		7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Boss Lady News	8:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	Life Matters
7:30am	Ablevision	10:30pm	Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
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9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, May 18		Monday, May 20		5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)
10:00am	Basic Buddha	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	The Literary Scene
10:30am	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Chef's Table	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:30am	Physician Focus	6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
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2:00pm	Boston Marathon Candlelight Vigil	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	9:00am	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
3:00pm	Talking about Somerville	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		Sunday, May 12		EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		8:30pm: Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	
Wednesday, May 8		12:00am: Greek Independence Day Celebration		Wednesday, May 8		9:00pm: Prom Safety Assembly	
9:00am:	B2Green	1:00am:	B2Green	9:00am:	2013 SHS Vocational Awards	10:00pm: 2013 SHS Spring Concert	
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5/6/13	1:30am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	10:30am:	Prom Safety Assembly	Sunday, May 12	
2:30pm:	Mayor’s Business Town Meeting	2:00am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	12:00am: SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	
7:00pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	3:00am:	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions	1:30pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	12:30am: SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica	
7:30pm:	Patriots’ Day Celebration	9:00am:	Veterans of the ‘Ville	3:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	2:00am: 2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	
8:00pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee	3:00am: 2013 SHS Spring Concert	
9:00pm:	BOA Agenda for 5.9.13 Meeting	12:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	6:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert	9:00am: SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	
Thursday, May 9		1:00pm:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	10:00am: All City Middle School Spring Concert	
12:00am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	1:30pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	9:30 pm:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	12:00pm: Prom Safety Assembly	
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12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Monday, May 13		9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Nutrition	6:00pm: SHS Baseball vs Medford	
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7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	9:00am:	Mayor’s Fitness Challenge Kickoff	2:00pm:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	Monday, May 13	
Friday, May 10		12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.9.13	3:00pm:	Prom Safety Assembly	12:00am: All City Middle School Spring Concert	
12:00am:	Mayor’s Fitness Challenge Kickoff	7:00pm:	Green Line Transportation Forum	4:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Nutrition	1:30am: SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	
12:15am:	B2Green	7:30pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	5:00pm:	Prom Safety Assembly	2:00am: Prom Safety Assembly	
12:45am:	Voices of Somerville	8:00pm:	B2Green	6:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert	3:00am: Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	
9:00am:	Congressional Update	8:30pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	8:00pm:	SHS Softball vs Medford	9:00am: Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	
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12:30pm:	B2Green	Tuesday, May 14		11:30pm:	kid stuff - Shape Up	10:00am: Prom Safety Assembly	
1:00pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	12:00am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	Friday, May 10		12:00pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert	
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2:30pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	1:30am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	1:30am:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	2:00pm: 2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	
7:00pm:	Patriots’ Day Celebration	2:30am:	Playborhood	2:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	3:00pm: SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica	
7:30pm:	B2Green	9:00am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	12:30pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	5:00pm: SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	
8:00pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	6:00pm: 2013 SHS Spring Concert	
8:30pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:30pm:	Talking Business	2:30pm:	SHS Baseball vs Medford	8:00 pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert	
9:30pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	1:00pm:	Veterans’ in the Ville	5:00pm:	Prom Safety Assembly	9:30 pm: SHS Softball vs Medford	
Saturday, May 11		1:30pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	6:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica	11:30 pm:SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	
12:00am:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:30pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	Tuesday, May 14	
12:30am:	B2Green	7:30pm:	Talking Business	9:00pm:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	12:00am: SHS Softball vs Medford	
1:00am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	8:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:20pm:	SHS Baseball vs Medford	2:00am: Prom Safety Assembly	
1:30am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	8:30pm:	Patriots’ Day Celebration	Saturday, May 11		3:00am: 2013 SHS Spring Concert	
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7:00pm:	Patriots’ Day Celebration	9:30pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	1:30am:	SHS Highlander Boys’ Basketball Highlights	12:00pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert	
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						1:30am: SHS Softball vs Medford	
						3:00am: Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Meikle Paschal: The Black Buddhist and his spiritual journey

When Meikle Paschal arrived at his first meeting of the Bagel Bards at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square, Somerville, he was the only black man in a sea of white, pasty faces. But he did not seem phased—he weaved through the crowd like he was at home at the joint—striking up conversations, and cracking the dry air with his wit. 30 or 40 years ago this may have not been the case. Paschal, a native of the mean streets of Roxbury, was a self-described Angry Black Man. He was uncomfortable in his own skin, fighting the pressure of a racist society that he felt kept the cards stacked against him. Now, in his 60's, he is a very different character. He found his way through the practice of Buddhism, and is transformed into a rather contented man in the autumn of his years, as Frank Sinatra once sang. Today he is a respected educator with the pedigree of a PhD, and a home in the tony suburb of Lexington, Mass. I interviewed Paschal about his new memoir *The Black Buddhist: A Spiritual Journey* (Ibbetson Street Press) on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Meikle, you were in the tradition of the Angry Young Man some decades ago. This literary tradition, and this dynamic in society, goes way back and of course it involves the working class railing against the system. And you added another factor on the plate—you are a black man. What specifically were you angry about?

Meikle Paschal: Actually I don't know what I was angry about. It was sort of a persona you kept so no one would bother you. If I looked like a pushover—even girls would come up to me and challenge me to a fight. So I had to have this edgy, urban demeanor so that people would leave me alone. When you are a young person and in that domain it's ok—it serves a purpose. But when you finish school and go out to the workplace, and still have that angry edge, it limits you. If you are looking for a job people label you as an angry black man. From that image all kinds of generalizations get passed on. People don't get to know you. They just tread lightly around you.

DH: You embraced Nicene Buddhism. Why did you go there—did western religion fail you?

MP: I had an experience when I was quite young. Probably around 14. I had my first sexual encounter in a hallway. My family members were practicing Catholics. So I started feeling guilty and went to Confession. I made the mistake of saying I committed adultery. And this priest almost started to come through the screen to get at me. He told me never to see the girl again. But she lived upstairs so I wondered how that was going to be possible. I started thinking something was wrong about this. I was on my way out. It was a long trail. For a long while I went to Atheism—you know when you are dead you are dead. After I grew up and grew more accepting of the ways of the world, I realized that I didn't quite know what was going on. Then I had this experience. It was with my mother-in-law. I had stayed with her awhile to calm down after completing my dissertation. One day she fell down in the front yard and never recovered. It turns out that she was riddled with cancer. She died shortly after. One night after this I went to sleep, not thinking about here or anything. In the middle of the night she came to me just as clearly as you sitting here. She sat at the edge of my bed and told me that everything was going to be all right. It was such a beautiful experience. I cried; I called my mother and tried to get some understanding. And I began to realize there is more going on in this



world that I can understand. And this led me to the path of reading. And in my reading I feel into what the Buddha actually said. It led me to some thoughts I had during my own life. I saw them clearly articulated now. I read even more and I sought out some people who were practicing Buddhists in my family. I became ready to embrace it. It has become a way of life. And this way of life has diminished the Angry Black Man persona. The meditation, etc., has made me feel more at home in the universe.

DH: Does the angry side ever rear its ugly head?

MP: Every so often I can slide. It is under control. It is relegated to the lower domains. When you become harmonious with the world this stuff doesn't come up so often.

DH: But sometimes isn't it a good thing to get good and pissed off?

MP: It doesn't work for me. Being a black man in this society, if I get angry, it would be a negative thing. Besides it makes me feel sick. I try to let things stay quiet.

DH: You talked about these incidences of foreshadowing in your life—in which someone would say something in passing for instance and it would be of great importance. Do we often miss these signs?

MP: Well, I do feel we all follow a path. I have had occasions where I could have gone one way instead of the other. When I went down to the Induction Center during the Vietnam War I was very despondent because I thought I was going to be sent to the jungles to die. As I was coming home from the Center I just happened I looked up and I saw a sign for the U Mass Boston. And for some unknown reason I went in. I found the recruiters; they took me in; and I was accepted into college. And being accepted into college—I am sure—saved my life. I have had experiences like this in my life and I was able to embrace them. Your path unfolds before you. You have a few choices. You can stay stuck or you can evolve. The universe gives you information to hear; it is up to you to embrace it or not. That is the message I am trying to display in the book.

DH: Does your Buddhist practice manifest itself in your college teaching?

MP: My teaching is all about my Buddhist practice. I teach Philosophy, English and Composition. I do tell my students that if they do have self-confidence, start a regime, that the energy will flow. I don't get angry with them. I am accessible. It makes for a more harmonious classroom. We both learn and benefit.

DH: You use quotes throughout the book by Buddha. One is "What we think, we become."

MP: I truly believe this. It took a long time to believe in myself—to not be afraid that all these things were going to be taken from me. I have relinquished fear. I think of myself as a worthy person. I love being a calmer state of being.

To order *The Black Buddhist*... go to: <http://lulu.com/ibbetsonpress>

Visiting Somerville poet Paige Bluhdorn, is a former ballerina and model. Paige danced for the prestigious School of American Ballet in New York City where she was discovered as a model. She subsequently graced the runways and campaigns of leading fashion houses such as Chanel, Valentino, Missoni and Giorgio Armani. Additionally, she has appeared in fashion magazines that include *Vogue*, *Marie Claire* and *Glamour*.

After taking time off to raise her twin daughters, Paige resurfaced in the fashion arena to launch her debut handbag collection Paige Bluhdorn.

Frailty

Frailty of blossoming petal,
blade of grass
as seen looking through a looking glass,
a prism,
A beam of light.

It's me standing here,
how queer,
my hair askew,
my rubber band bondage
Please wind,
blow me in another direction.

Dear Nature,
Hand pulling me at
my roots,
help me,
find my way.

Frailty
of blood and stone
A bosom,
A bow,
An African throw
the leaves
fragile underfoot
jolted,
by the crackle of hoof.

The tea,
the temperature,
the clouded milk,
from my breast
might I go home
to my babies
after this test.

— Paige Bluhdorn

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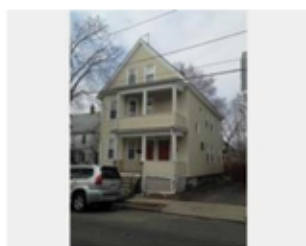
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