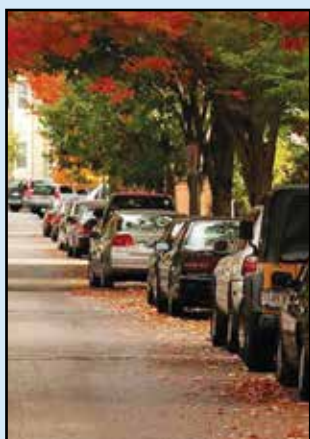




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A special day of games



Photo by Bobbie Toner

The 2013 Special Olympics – Somerville School Day Games took place last week at Dilboy Stadium. Turn to pages 12–13 for more pictures of this great event.

BOA hears department budgets

By Mike Molloy

On Wednesday evening, the Board of Aldermen began hearing from city departments concerning Mayor Curtatone's proposed FY14 budget.

They responded well to Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi's initiatives and goals, which focus on language arts, math and science, and innovations to improve student performance. Although the proposed school budget has a 6.9% increase, Superintendent Pierantozzi stresses those funds will go primarily to student services rather than administrative costs.

Some things the increased budget allows for are an expanded pre-k Smile program in which waitlisting will no longer be an issue, a new expansion of foreign language education to 7th and 8th grade, new music and arts initiatives, a new, state of the art special education facility at the high school, continuation of the MassGrad initiative, and the opening of the East Somerville Community School.

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Remedies and info found at Herbstalk

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Like a scented candle seemingly extinguished with breath, the fragrance of the candle-essence lingers and perseveres with summer's early breeze. Such is the trace of holistic and homeopathic medicinal aids. They bring you full circle by prompting a memory of a toddler's lazy afternoon slumber or a surge of stubborn adolescent adrenaline. High and low, the herbs have a goal, and they mean to transport you to a frame of reference, the closest real-time capture of shamanistic astral projection.

Herbstalk is quickly becoming a fixture of Somerville, acting as the middleman who brings the curious to farm-grown boons handmade by Mother Nature.

This is the second year of the event. This past weekend, it was held at the Center for the Arts at the Armory. The hall was packed and many were there for the classes as well as the goods. The classes taught lessons such as how to make your own tinctures and your own herbs for those suffering under disease and addiction problems.

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Herbstalk takes natural remedies, foods, and lifestyle seriously.

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NEWTALK

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our fans here in the Ville and elsewhere from the Ville: to a good guy, Ken Ward, who is celebrating. To David R. Smith, former Editor here at The News. Former State Senator and good guy Anthony Galluccio. Former Villen and former Chairman of the Somerville License Board, Ray Trant, is celebrating. And we can't forget that great lawyer and Villen Attorney Mike Dwyer, because if we forget - trust me - he won't speak to us for 24 hours. To Suzanne Bremer, who is celebrating this week and is also a candidate for Ward Three Alderman. We give send her best wishes. Also this week is Paul Cammarata.

Squeeze Box Slam 2013 is this Saturday June 15, 1-6p.m in Davis Square. Start the day off with a little accordion anarchy! From 1-3 p.m. local musicians are invited to bring their boxes and play in the parks and public spaces in Davis Square. No rules, no guidelines. You are welcome to play alone or join in groups. The concert starts at 3 p.m. in 7 Hills Park behind the Holland St. T. Concert schedules all afternoon, hosted by Somerville's own Lady Kielbasia!

Don't forget this Sunday in Charlestown is the annual Bunker Hill Parade celebrating the battle of Bunker Hill. The parade starts 1p.m., up and down Bunker Hill Street down Main Street around the monument.

Matt Desmond, another candidate for Ward Three Alderman, is having his kickoff event at the On The Hill Tavern this coming Friday, June 14, 6 to 10 p.m. Matt is the son of Alderman at Large Bruce Desmond. This is his first run for public office. He's a formable candidate in a race that could have 3 even 5 candidates running for the open seat being vacated by long time Alderman Tom Taylor this year. On The Hill Tavern is located at 499 Broadway in Magoun Square.

Don't forget about our newest Alderman. Courtney O'Keefe is having her kickoff on Tuesday, June 19 at the Olde Magoun's Saloon. Courtney recently was appointed unanimously by the Board of Alderman to fill

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Rats run rampant in East Somerville*

JAR says:

What you need is a few good-sized alley CATS in the area. They'll chase away any rats, no matter the number or size.

paul says:

Fine any business or person whose trash is contributing to a food source. Fines are great, they raise revenue and they improve behavior, and they are a choice because you can change your behavior to avoid them.

East Villen says:

The rats in East Somerville are out of control. They come out at high noon - they just don't care. Go to the kid's playgrounds at dusk and you will see rodents playing there. It's a disgrace but the city doesn't seem to care.

Lisa says:

I've lived on pinckney street for 8 years and this year is the worst it's ever been. So many rats in my yard, dozens of them at a time. We too replaced our trash bins and have done everything possible to get rid of them. Nothing works and the city doesn't want to help us.

Brian K. says:

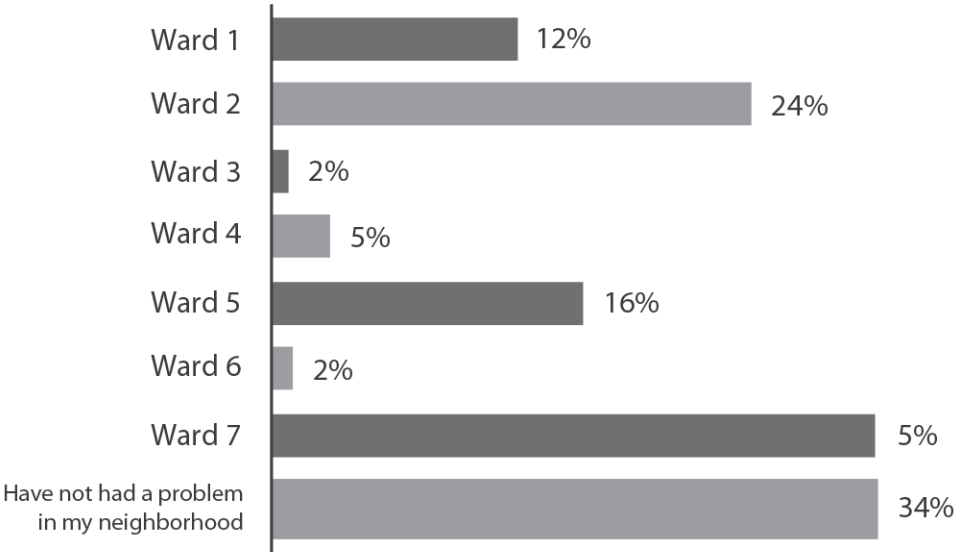
There are so many rats in East Somerville that they are turning up as road kill on a regular basis. I've had to hurdle a couple during jogs. They are huge and I see them in the middle of the day all the time!

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 have seen an increased rat problem in your Somerville neighborhood and if so, where you live. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Have you seen an increased rat problem in your Somerville neighborhood? If so, where do you live?



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OBITUARY

Doris M. (Higgins) Quinlan – Passed away June 5, 2013 and her husband John T. Quinlan passed away on June 6, 2013. Both were residents of Somerville.

They were married for the past 56 years. Loving mother and father of Mary Jo Rossetti and her husband Richard of Somerville, the late Caroline Peloquin and her surviving husband Bernard and his wife Judith of Westford. Doris was the sister of Brian Higgins of Chelmsford and the late Thomas Higgins. John was the brother of Carolyn Ryan of Hanover. They were the dear grandmother and grandfather of Jaclyn Rossetti and her fiancé Jason Piques, Kara Rossetti, Anne Marie and

Christine Peloquin. They are also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral procession was held for Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan, from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) in Somerville on Monday morning, June 10, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Clement Church in Somerville. Calling hours for Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan were on Sunday, June 9. Interment was held at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne Monday.

John was a Veteran of the US Navy, WWII. Prior to his retirement, he was a Firefighter for the City of Somerville for 28 years. Both John and Doris were members of the James A.



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Donations may be made in John and Doris' memory on behalf of Caroline Peloquin's memory to the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville, MA 02144 or Hallmark Health Hospice, 178 Savin St., Suite 300, Malden, MA 02148.

Gardening at Ralph & Jenny Center begins



The Indoor Gardening Club met recently and Master Gardener Vilma Sullivan shared with everyone the "Vilma" tomato, small cherry tomatoes great for growing on your patio. Although everyone thought the name fits Vilma perfectly, she did not name the tomato. As Vilma says, "They are short and squat, just like me!" Pictured here is Ann Diaz, Vilma Sullivan, Joan Valequez (back row), and Tina Cuccinotto, Mary Ackerley, Barbara Marshall (front row). Gardening meets the second Monday of every month at the Ralph & Jenny Center. New members are welcome. The next meeting is July 8.

LEGAL NOTICE

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION CITY OF SOMERVILLE



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered:

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city, members of the Democratic and Republican Parties will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

In Board of Aldermen

WARD ONE

- Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY, 115 Broadway;
- Precinct 3. A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;

WARD TWO

- Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;
- Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

WARD THREE

- Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
- Precinct 2. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;
- Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

WARD FOUR

- Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
- Precinct 2. A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;
- Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

WARD FIVE

- Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;
- Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

WARD SIX

- Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 2. A room in the CIAMPA MANOR, 27 College Avenue;
- Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

WARD SEVEN

- Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;
- Precinct 2. ENGINE 6 TEELE SQUARE FIRE STATION, 6 Newbury Street;
- Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for a Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth (to fill a vacancy) for the unexpired term.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

One of my favorite parts of living in Somerville- particularly Union Square is its diversity. So many different types of people live here, and that means so many different types of food, businesses, art and cultures in this community. People at all stages of life, and income, call Union Square home - families, students, recent graduates, older adults and young couples all have a place. I am concerned that with the Green Line Extension coming to our neighborhood in 2017, it will become so expensive to live here that the people who make this place so fun and diverse will be pushed out. As someone who works full-time in a nonprofit, I am concerned that I will no longer be able to afford my own rent, let alone buy a house in this community that I love. This is why I am so

supportive of projects like the one that SCC is proposing for the vacant Boys & Girls Club building on Washington St. Not only will it extend the action of Union Square all the way to its eastern gateway, it will provide opportunities for middle-income people who currently live in Somerville to stay in Somerville. I am talking teachers, city employees, construction and child care works, and nurses, because many of the apartments created will be for moderate income households (think \$60k for family of 4). I hope that the Planning Board approves this project on the 20th so that Union Square become an even more attractive place where everyone can afford to live, work and play.

Thank you,
Hillary Borcharding

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

He just couldn't let it go

At approximately 6:00 a.m. last Sunday morning, on-duty police officers observed an argument taking place between two men at 252 Somerville Ave., right behind the police station.

The officers noticed a taxi make a u-turn and park across the street from the two arguing men. When questioned by officers, the driver reportedly told them that one of the two men had been a passenger in the cab and that he was waiting to be paid for the ride. According to the driver, the fare's bags and wallet were in the trunk of the car belonging to the other man involved in the verbal altercation.

When approached by officers, the man who reportedly held the

other's man's baggage in his car, later identified as Timothy Zina, 23, of Lynnfield, told officers, "I have ADD and I really need to hear this." Zina was holding a cell phone to his ear at this time, according to reports.

Officers repeatedly asked Zina to put down the phone and to open his car trunk so that the other man could retrieve his belongings and pay the taxi driver, but he continued the phone conversation, occasionally pointing at the officers and telling them that they were being rude and disrespectful, police said.

Zina eventually handed his car keys to the other man and his bags and wallet were retrieved. He was then able to pay the cab driver and then leave the scene.

Meanwhile, Zina reportedly continued to argue with the officers, asking for their badge numbers and demanding to see their supervisor.

Zina also reportedly mentioned that he had been drinking and officers noted that his eyes appeared to be glassy, suggesting that the man was intoxicated.

The officers then radioed for the street supervisor to come to the scene. Upon arrival, he was reportedly told by Zina that he wanted to register formal complaints against the investigating officers and that he was recording everything on his cell phone and also that his vehicle was recording the incident.

The street supervisor told the investigating officers to clear

the scene so that they would be available for other calls, while he remained to continue speaking with Zina.

The officers moved away from the scene, but situated themselves so that they could observe Zina and the street supervisor discreetly from a distance.

The supervisor and Zina spoke for approximately fifteen minutes, then the supervisor began walking to his cruiser in order to leave the scene. Zina, however, reportedly followed him, engaging in more complaining.

After a few minutes of further discussion, the supervisor then attempted to drive away, but Zina reportedly followed alongside the cruise, apparently unwilling to end the discussion.

During one more attempt at driving away, Zina reportedly grabbed onto the driver's side door handle of the cruiser, at which time the original investigating officers pulled up to lend assistance.

Zina reportedly repeated his earlier accusations against the investigating officers, shouting and pointing his finger at them, telling them they would have "another thing" coming to them.

As auto traffic began slowing down to observe the activity, and local residents were potentially being disturbed by the incident, it was decided that Zina should be placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210
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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Melvin Martinez, 25, June 4, 4:07 p.m., arrested at Norfolk St. on a charge of disorderly conduct and on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery.

Claire Converse, 49, of 286B Beacon St., June 4, 8:58 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Michael Carlson, 26, of 145 Perkins St., June 4, 9:16 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Rene Villata, 49, of 36 Sharon St., Lynn, June 5, 9:15 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and failure to stop for police.

Brian Palmer, 53, of 37 Walker St., June 5, 11:13 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Juan Colon, 70, of 125 Jaques St., June 5, 6:03 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of abuse prevention order violation and witness intimidation.

Israel Miranda, 25, of 20 Meacham St., June 6, 6:44 a.m., arrested at home on warrant

charges of possession of a class E drug, assault and battery, unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and drug possession to distribute.

Robert Kneeland, 61, of 78 Boston Ave., June 6, 8:00 a.m., arrested at 47 Dane St. on warrant charges of assault an battery and witness intimidation.

Jose Hernandez, 45, of 74 Wheatland St., June 6, 6:36 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a warrant charge of indecent assault an battery.

Derrek Correia, 27, of 60 Albion St., June 7, 4:00 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Reginaldo Simon, 39, of 30 Flint St., June 8, 8:26 p.m., arrested at 30 Wheatland St. on a charge of home invasion.

Rolando Tejada, 29, of 34 Sargent Ave., June 8, 9:18 p.m., arrested at 499 Broadway on charges of resisting arrest, threat to commit a crime, and disorderly conduct.

Oscar Tejada, 24, of 34 Sargent Ave., June 8, 9:18 p.m., arrested at 499 Broadway on charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery, and disorderly conduct.

Eugene Espinal, 53, of 38 Florence St., June 8, 9:41 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Domingo Espinal, 77, of 38 Florence St., June 8, 9:41 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Joseph Tolley, 45, June 8, 10:22 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of larceny from a building and felony enter at night.

Matthew Silencieux, 23, of 24 Grant St., June 9, 2:24 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Timothy Zina, 23, of 8 Fernway, Lynnfield, June 9, 5:47 a.m., arrested at 252 Somerville Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Albert Pondelli, 65, of 56A Gilman St., June 9, 3:01 p.m., arrested at home on charge of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Incidents:

Theft:

June 3, 4:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Lowell St.

June 4, 9:19 a.m., police reported a theft at Cypress St.

June 4, 2:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Union Sq.

June 4, 4:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Bonair St.

June 4, 7:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Cypress St.

June 4, 11:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

June 4, 11:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Bay State Ave.

June 9, 12:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

Robbery:

June 8, 8:26 p.m., police reported a robbery at Wheatland St.

Breaking & Entering:

June 3, 11:38 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hancock St.

June 5, 5:52 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Burnside Ave.

June 6, 1:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Columbus Ave.

June 7, 10:20 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Corinthian Rd.

June 7, 2:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

June 7, 3:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

June 8, 11:05 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

June 9, 5:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Banks St.

Vehicle Theft:

June 4, 7:28 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Curtis St.

June 9, 8:59 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Summer St.

June 9, 4:33 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Chester Pl.

Assault:

June 4, 8:58 p.m., police reported an assault at Beacon St.

June 4, 9:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Perkins St.

June 5, 7:53 a.m., police reported an assault at Spice St.

June 8, 9:18 p.m., police reported an assault at 499 Broadway.

June 8, 9:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Florence St.

June 9, 2:08 a.m., police reported an assault at 499 Broadway.

June 9, 2:24 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

June 9, 5:30 a.m., police reported an assault at Pearson Rd.

Candidates Roster

CITY ELECTIONS 2013

THE RACE IS ON AND THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ARE CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT:

MAYOR: JOSEPH CURTATONE,
Re-election. No opponent.

ALDERMAN AT LARGE CANDIDATES

(City wide you can vote for anyone of the candidates from one vote to four votes)

3 incumbents and 1 vacancy by Bruce Desmond who decided not to seek re-election. There will be no primary as 9 would be needed for a primary.

JOHN CONNOLLY, JR., INCUMBENT
DENNIS SULLIVAN, INCUMBENT
WILLIAM WHITE, INCUMBENT
SEAN FITZGERALD, CHALLENGER
MARY JO ROSSETTI, CHALLENGER
CAROL DEMPKOWSKI, CHALLENGER
WILLIAM MEDEIROS, CHALLENGER *

(*turned in his papers but wasn't yet certified by deadline of the paper)

ALDERMAN WARD ONE

(THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY IN WARD 1)

MAUREEN BASTARDI, CURRENT ALDERMAN
ELIO LORUSSO, CANDIDATE
MATTHEW MCLAUGHLIN, CANDIDATE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARD ONE

STEVEN ROIX, CURRENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER
KENNETH SALVATO, CANDIDATE

WARD TWO ALDERMAN

MARYANN HOUSTON, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(One candidate who took out papers failed to return by the paper's deadline, but still has until 5 p.m., June 12, to do so. If third candidate submits signatures before deadline then there will be a primary in Ward 2. If not then no Primary election). This seat is being vacated by Theresa Cardozza who decided not to seek re-election this year after many years of service to the city.

MICHAEL NIONANKIS, CANDIDATE
DAN FUTRELL, CANDIDATE

WARD THREE ALDERMAN

(One candidate who took out papers failed to return by the paper's deadline, but still has until 5 p.m., June 12 to do so)

THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY IN WARD 3

SUZANNE BREMER, CANDIDATE
STEPHEN DELANI, CANDIDATE
MATTHEW DESMOND, CANDIDATE
ROBERT MCWATTERS, CANDIDATE

WARD THREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ADAM SWEETING, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD FOUR ALDERMAN

(No primary in Ward Four)

TONY LAFUENTE, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD FOUR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHRISTINE THEBERGE RAFAL, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD FIVE ALDERMAN

COURTNEY O'KEEFE, CURENT ALDERMAN
MARK NIEDERGANG, CANDIDATE

WARD FIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY IN WARD FIVE)

LAURA PITONE, CANDIDATE
ROSS RICHMOND, CANDIDATE
CAROLINE SHEA-ROSAS, CANDIDATE

WARD SIX ALDERMAN

No Primary in Ward Six

REBEKAH GEWIRTZ, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD SIX SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PAUL BOCKLEMAN, INCUMBENT
NO CHALLENGER

WARD SEVEN ALDERMAN

(Open seat with the vacancy of

Bob Trane not seeking re-election)

No Primary in this Ward

KATJANA BALLANTYNE, CANDIDATE
JOSPEH CAPUANO, CANDIDATE

WARD SEVEN SCHOOL BOARD

(Three pulled papers, one notified City Hall he wasn't running and another hasn't certified yet and might not return papers as well)

CAROLINE NORMAND, CANDIDATE

Somerville begins data-driven street management

Starting immediately, hard data and an innovative new statistical model designed to prioritize community needs and values such as ADA accessibility, transit access, and development of the city's tree canopy, will guide the paving and sidewalk repair plans of the City of Somerville.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has announced that the new Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program, which also takes advantage of significant cost savings offered by a shift to more preventive maintenance, also recommends an increase of approximately \$1.5 million in supplemental city funding for roads and sidewalks beyond expected state funding of roughly \$1.5 million, as well as an additional \$1 million in funding for further ADA improvements.

To form the basis of the model, a team of city engineers worked with engineering consulting firm Fay, Spofford & Thorndike last year to survey and document the condition of every public way in the city including 93 miles of roadway, 6.5 million square feet of sidewalks and 3,200 curb ramps. Existing statistical models that evaluate only for road condition and likely rate of deterioration were then expanded to include other ranking priorities including:

- Accessibility needs
- Safety and traffic calming needs
- Preventive maintenance impact
- Economic and environmental sustainability (such as tree canopy needs, lighting quality, opportunities for increased green space, multimodal transit needs, infrastructure improvement needs)

The need for accessibility improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb ramps along a stretch of roadway is doubly weighted in the model to ensure the paving plan prioritizes access for residents of all abilities.

"This approach puts real communi-



The city is taking a scientific approach to street management, looking to improve ADA accessibility and overall quality of roadway infrastructure.

ty needs and priorities out front," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We'll be targeting our road plan not just to ensure a smooth driving surface, but roads lined by curb ramps and sidewalks with the greatest need for accessibility improvements will also rise toward the top of the queue. We'll also factor in other community benefits as well, such as safety needs, the opportunity to improve below-ground infrastructure such as sewer outflow, or to add transit features for all modes of travel such as bike lanes and crosswalks. When we go in to make the roadway better for cars, we'll also be improving the public way for all of our residents regardless of their mode of travel or abilities."

Preventive maintenance is also heavily weighted in the plan, and is a key cost saver built into the new approach. Just as painting a home shields a homeowner from the greater cost of replacing rotted exposed wood, earlier and more intensive preventive care of roadways has also been shown to reduce the scale of later costs. According to the American Association of State Highway and Transport-

tation Officials, every \$1 spent to keep a road in good condition avoids \$6-\$14 needed to rebuild the same road once it has deteriorated significantly.

"This means residents may be surprised to see us out sealing cracks or putting fine skim coats on roadways that are in relatively good condition. But what we'll be doing is making sure the road remains well maintained for a longer period," said City Engineer Robert King. "Think of it as us out there changing the oil on time to make sure the engine doesn't need to be replaced before its time."

Residents are still encouraged to report potholes to 311 and any safety concerns to 311 or the Somerville Police Department. The model will be adjusted to respond to emerging safety concerns, and immediate repairs such as potholes will still be made as the need arises. But road repaving and sidewalk improvement plans will now be guided by the Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program, which will be implemented by a cross-departmental team from Engineering,

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In Memoriam

Tiffany Sedaris left us on May 24th. She was raised in Raleigh, NC but made her home in Somerville for nearly 25 years.

A talented, self taught artist with a child's eye for color and form, Tiffany worked in a variety of mixed media including broken bits of pottery and dishware which she crafted into fantasyscape mosaics. Her work has been displayed in a local gallery and at Somerville Open Studios.

Tiffany was somewhat of a local legend as an urban archeologist, and an early advocate for pedal powered transport. Before there was a bike path or marked bicycle lanes, she could be seen cruising the city streets on her Bianchi towing a home built cart in which she'd haul her nightly finds. She saw beauty in other's discards and would use those found objects in her artwork.

She had worked as a professional pastry chef and baker. But was also an excellent cook who took great pleasure from feeding her friends (sometimes literally by hand), and could almost magically pre-

pare a meal from what appeared to be an empty refrigerator.

As a lifelong music lover whose taste leaned towards jazz standards, soul and hip hop, Tiffany could give a credible rendition of a favorite song by artists such as Dinah Washington, Esther Phillips, Gil Scott-Heron or Biggie Smalls. Her distinctive voice belied her diminutive stature, it was loud and bell clear with a bluesy quality. In an auditorium setting, she wouldn't have needed a microphone to hit the last row.

Through the years her pets were a constant source of solace for Tiff. From "Hoos" the rabbit to a succession of cats, each having a two word name. There was "Little Pants", "Mr. Wonderful" etc, etc. Try stepping out on your back porch calling "Little Pants, Little Pants" and listen to the sound of your neighbors throwing the deadbolt.

Tiffany was an absolute original. Her life's rulebook was written for one and subject to revision at anytime. That life could at times be a whirlwind, the safe place was



just off to the side where you could feel the breeze and enjoy the show, step into the eye and you could emerge a bit battered and dazed, yet a better person for having been there.

At 49, Tiffany left this world much too soon and gave to it much more than she ever took from it. She gave us all that was gracious and loyal within her.

Rest well Tiffany



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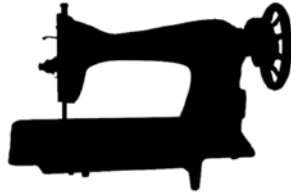
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BOA hears department budgets CONT. FROM PG 1

"When we received this budget from the mayor last night and we saw that the emphasis was on education, I think it was a unanimous agreement around this horseshoe that this is a good direction to go in for the city," Maryann Heuston, Ward 2 Alderman and Finance Committee Chair, told the Superintendent after his presentation.

In addition to schools, aldermen heard from Anna Doherty, Project Director of the more recently developed Somerville Promise Alliance (SomerPromise), who spoke of the program's continued FY14 goals in education and family-school connection, with no increase to their budget. Despite no fiscal change, aldermen asked questions in order to obtain a better understanding of the program which is still in its infancy.

Library Director Maria Carpenter enthusiastically spoke of the thriving program's continued goals to better facilities, promote literacy and reading, and improve technology, while Recreation Superintendent Jim Halloran presented a new football program costing \$140,000, an all-inclusive alternative to Pop Warner for grades 1-8.

Aldermen also heard from the various Finance Department divisions including Auditing, Accessing, Grants Management, Purchasing, and the City

Treasurer, the latter budgeting \$25,000 for a new part-time advertising position that will, ideally, improve revenue.

On Thursday evening the Board heard from Omar Boukili, Aide to the Mayor, who spoke on behalf of the Executive Administration's budget. The only significant difference from last year's budget is an expansion of the summer youth program, which will add an additional 46 youth positions. The funding for these positions, approximately \$50,000, went toward a special dispatch study in FY13.

Aldermen also heard from Betsy Allen, Commission Director of the newly created Office of Accessibility, who stressed the shortage of resources for Somerville's disabled residents and the Mayor's commitment to fixing that. She spoke of a "moral imperative" which Aldermen appreciated.

Next, the Board heard from SomerStat Director Daniel Hadley, who outlined its continued goals to save the city money and improve satisfaction of residents and city employees. Its budget includes \$15,000 to partially fund a new CPA manager position, the rest of the money coming from the CPA fund.

Communications Director Denise Taylor spoke of the ResiStat program's recent transference to her department from SomerStat. She discussed ResiStat's

place in the communications department, one that through social media tries "to serve everyone in an environment where it's hard to hold attention." Taylor also introduced three new positions: half-time, bilingual "Language Liaisons" who "will carry out ResiStat programs tailored to their language communities as well as citywide communications and service support for other departments and programs in the stated language." Each position pays \$25,000.

Aldermen also heard Constituent Services Director Steve Craig, who looks forward to improved department performance through upgrading technology and bettering customer service and operations training for 311 callers, making for a higher quality program.

Highlights from Monday evening's meeting include a Department of Public Works request for \$25,000 for new public safety equipment, the Highway division's request for two new sidewalk sweepers, and Water and Sewer's request for \$250,000 to lease a building to accommodate a significant need for more space.

City Engineer Robert King also presented his division's interest in budgeting for advanced GIS (Geographical Information System) software, a significant investment that would ultimately save the city money in



man-hours. A new GIS Analyst position has also been budgeted.

Recently hired Superintendent of Inspectional Services Goran Smiljic also talked about his division's plan to implement advanced software in order to streamline services. Included in this budget are positions for two new Junior Clerks and a Code Enforcement Inspector who will address public sanitation issues, specifically the growing rodent problem, which Smiljic considers a priority.

Planning & Zoning seeks an increase of \$165,000 to expand "Somerville by Design" in locations throughout the city, while Housing funding includes a previously grant-funded position now to be budgeted, the Housing Program Specialist for the Energy Efficiency Program.

Economic Development asks for \$50,000 for marketing ma-

terials and services throughout the city, specifically in Union Square. Transportation & Infrastructure seeks an increase of \$173,000 to fund the Hubway bicycle system. Director Hayes Morrison spoke of the division's goals to grow the system and make it more cost efficient.

Overall, the FY14 budget of 195.6 million has a 5.7% increase over FY13. The increase occasionally drew concern from aldermen throughout the hearings. During a finance hearing, Ward 4 Aldermen Tony LaFuerite said, "There are things we should be looking at and being a bit more fiscally responsible on." Chairperson Maryann Heuston of Ward 2 stressed throughout the hearings that the Board of Alderman has the ability to suggest cuts at the final budget vote on June 20.

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Washington Street development is not just for low-income folks, but for middle income like you.

What gets lost in the discussion about SCC's proposed redevelopment at 181 Washington Street is we're primarily engaging in a light-hearted low-income housing effort. While the mission of

the project includes assisting in low-income housing opportunities, this effort is not so limited in its use. What is lost in this confusion is how this redevelopment provides the opportunity for our very own city workers, nurses, police, construction workers and yes, even teachers to remain in Somerville. The Green Line is coming and housing pric-

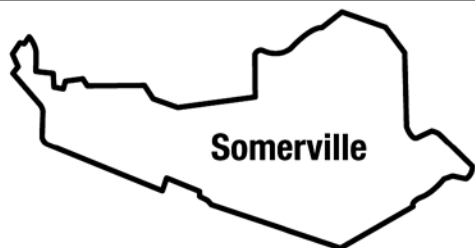
es are only going to go up. That is ultimately what this project is about. I'm a recent college grad and without opportunities like this one, I'm not certain I'll be able to stay in Somerville either. Yet, the burden would be greater on those who have raised families here longer than the 4 years I took to study here.

— Guillermo Samuel Hamlin

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The View From Prospect Hill



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We salute all of the graduates from 2013, from the junior high schools through the colleges, for achieving what they so earnestly sought after.

May the following years bring much success in the realization of your hopes and dreams.

Even though the regional, national, and world economies may yet remain sluggish and prove to be challenging environments to launch a budding new career, it is the new blood being introduced into the system that can most effectively revitalize and stimulate growth and recovery across the board.

We welcome you all to the world that you will inherit. May it reward you with the prosperity you so richly deserve.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

the vacant seat left by former Ward 5 Alderman Sean O'Donovan. Courtney is well known in the Magoun Square neighborhoods for her hard work and dedication to bring that square to the attention of the city. This event will be her campaign kick-off and will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Again, at the Olde Magoun's Saloon.

Our condolences to the Quinlan family on the tragic loss of both John and Doris Quinlan, married for 56 years and passed away a day apart of each other this past week. John Quinlan was a firefighter with the city for 28 years. Lifelong residents and parents of devoted daughter Mary Jo Rossetti and family. We extend our sincere sympathy to them and the rest of their family. May they both rest in peace for eternity together.

Congratulations to Nancy Kavanaugh who this past Tuesday evening was installed as the new President of The Somerville Rotary Club. Nancy succeeds this past years President Mark Alston-Follansbee. Nancy was installed at the La Hacienda on Medford Street, attended by members, family and friends. Nancy will preside

over the club for the next year. Rotary is a service club formed of many of the local businesses, civic leaders as well as the non-profit filed. They meet on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m., at Mt. Vernon Restaurant on lower Broadway. For information about joining or finding out about the many local charitable organizations that the club supports go to the web site which is linked from our site directly www.thesomerville-news.com.

Mark your calendar. Candidate for Ward Three Alderman, Robert "Rob" McWaters, is having his first fundraiser/campaign kickoff on Monday, June 24 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Precinct in Union Square. We hear a lot of his family will be present too. He is a great guy and has done more for the city than most, and he's one of four candidates in Ward 3 that knows what's going on here in the city. We sure hope the place is jumping with wall-to-wall supporters.

It appears now that the deadline to file papers back to City Hall is near, only one candidate for the vacant seat in Ward 7 School Committee will be on the ballot. That person is Caroline Lynch Normand. We hear that Bar-

ry Rafkin has said since Caroline is in the race he won't file and the other person, Eric Saulnier, has decided against running as well. In Ward 3 it looks like it's only going to be four candidates for the Alderman seat: McWaters, Desmond and Delani have been certified, with Bremer not yet complete as of our deadline, but we understand she will certify. In Ward 1 there are three Alderman candidates: Bastardi, as the current Alderman, LoRusso and McLaughlin as challengers. Ward 2 has only two as of our deadline: Nionankis and Futrell have certified, but Thompson hasn't yet. For the At Large, Seven took out papers and as of deadline today, White, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, Fitzgerald, and Dempkowski have all been certified. One other person, William Medeiros, brought his papers into City Hall later Tuesday but hasn't had time to certified as of our deadline. Again, the deadline for candidates to bring back their papers is Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m.

The upcoming special election on the 25th is interesting in that the ballot will only have three names, and that the ballot looks like this:

Gabriel Gomez of Gloucester, Republi-

can Party nominee

Edward Markey of Malden, Democratic Party nominee

Richard A. Heos of Woburn, Twelve Visions Party nominee

Has anyone ever heard of the Twelve Visions Party?

REMEMBER TO GO OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT OF FORMER SENATOR JOHN KERRY.

Meet Author George Hassett as he discusses his new book "Gangsters of Boston" Wednesday June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at The Book Shop, Ball Square, 694 Broadway. This book is the first comprehensive account of three centuries of thug life in the city where America began. In chilling new detail, veteran Boston journalist George Hassett reveals the legendary crime stories of Boston - from Prohibition to the Mafia, the Irish Gang War to Whitey Bulger. The forgotten chapters of Boston gang history are also covered, from the role of street gangs in the American Revolution to Chinatown's infamous Tong Wars to the murder of number king Daddy Black, it is all here. Every neighborhood, every era, every gangster.

COMMENTARY

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Budget reflects residents' demands and values



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Budget season is upon us and in local papers across the state, we read about cities and towns touting spending plans that avoid layoffs or that maintain current services, as if the status quo should be a source of pride.

In Somerville, we are not satisfied with the status quo. The moment we are complacent is the moment when we will find ourselves falling behind. The budget I have recommended to the Board of Aldermen for the coming fiscal year does not contentedly rest upon our city's great achievements. It strives for more. It is a plan to own our future by making a down payment today.

The \$195.7 million operating budget recommendation is built around one purpose: listening to our residents and responding. The budget's foundation is the values espoused by our commu-

nity. Residents have told us they want more education funding. They want more efficient city services that reach every person in Somerville, residential property tax relief and a long-term sustainable fiscal strategy for this city. This is what they demand and this budget delivers what they deserve, both now and in the future.

It includes a \$3.7 million increase for our schools. Last year we had one of the largest increases in funding for Somerville Public Schools in city history. We will surpass that increase in this year's budget, but it is not blindly throwing money at the schools and hoping for the best. These are targeted investments based on analysis of hard data that tells us we need to phase in universal preschool and provide students with more hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology. We need to expand foreign language to the 6th grade, increase outreach and continue to support the arts, all while rejecting the premise too readily accepted by so many other communities that enrichment programs should cost parents extra.

Our Inspectional Services Di-

vision needs reorganization and reinvestment. The 2010 report requested by my office said as much, pointing to a streamlined permitting process and additional staff to handle the huge workload as solutions to the department's problems. That is why this budget includes a new Superintendent of Inspectional Services who has a background in streamlining the permitting process for contractors and residents. It includes a new online permitting process that's easier and more efficient. Two additional ISD clerks will make the process faster, organize administrative tasks and improve customer service. We will work harder and smarter in responding to the community, protecting our quality of life in every neighborhood in square and tackling issues around trash, overgrowth, rodents and dumpsters.

We will also realize cost savings in the future by investing now in preventive maintenance, protecting taxpayers from heftier bills down the line by maintaining the assets we have already invested millions of dollars in. The budget includes a new Department of Public Works fleet maintenance manager who will

ensure upkeep of vehicles to prevent larger repair costs later. A buildings preventive maintenance manager will similarly shield taxpayers from incurring steep costs, while a GIS specialist will support the city's pavement and sidewalk preventive maintenance work with high-level mapping. For every dollar spent on preventive maintenance and pavement preservation on roads, we save \$6 to \$8 dollars on later reconstructions and rehabilitations. We need to maintain these assets as we maintain our own homes.

Although the city has made great strides in reaching out to all residents, 95 percent of city communications are either not translated or translated only rarely or occasionally. Our residents want to access the huge amount of information coming out of City Hall, and the more people we reach and can bring to serve on boards, seek employment, ask for services and work with us to solve issues, the better the quality of life across the city. A pilot program with two language liaisons run since March will turn into three part-time liaisons reaching our residents who speak Spanish, Portuguese

and Haitian Creole - the three most common international languages in our diverse community. These are not mere translators, but true liaisons who will be out in the city, engaging and bringing in people who want to be part of the community.

Every one of these initiatives is a response to what the community has told us they want to see, while firmly rooted in the strategy that we must invest today with an eye on tomorrow. Playing the long-game has already yielded tangible positive outcomes for the city. The budget includes \$3.1 million in new growth, one of the highest new growth numbers in years. Any debate over whether the city made the right decision in Assembly Square can see that we are reaping the benefits right now. The District Improvement Financing bond for Assembly Square brings back \$1 million in new property tax revenue in this budget, easily ahead of schedule and paying down the \$500,000 in debt owed on the bond this coming year, resulting in a net revenue of \$500,000 for the city.

This is how Somerville will realize sustainable property tax relief, not

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Ron Robin, where are you?



This article first appeared in the April 9, 2008 edition of The Somerville News.

Elvis had just gotten out of the Army. Chubby Checker was making "The Twist" famous and my family had just moved into our new house near Davis Square. The year was 1960 and a stamp cost 4 cents. A McDonald's cheeseburger set you back 15 cents and you could buy a brand new Chevy for \$2,529.

It was around then that music came into my life in the form of a small plastic radio. I can't remember exactly when I got my first transistor radio, but I can still recall its scent. There was nothing like the smell of that new plastic when you opened that little box. The earphone came in a separate, small clear envelope or with elastic wrapped around it. You only needed one earphone because it was mono, baby!

That magical transistor radio went everywhere with me, but it spent most of its time in my bed, under my pillow.

What would my childhood have been without my transistor radio? That little radio was where I first heard Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg on WMEX. I also recall listening to Dick Summer, who did a show called "The Loving Touch." Songs like *Goodbye Cruel World* by James Darren still bring me back to a time long ago when my transistor radio was a huge part of my life.

With gas costing a whopping 31 cents a gallon, how much could that small radio have cost? Well to me and my sister our transistor radios were absolutely priceless. My friend Al, who lived on Cherry Street, said his mother gave him the money to buy one at a variety store that was on Highland Ave. Al says his father was upset because it cost so much money. Al paid two dollars for his transistor radio. We also discussed the painful practice of testing a 9-volt battery by touching the terminals to your tongue. I still do it today (there has got to be another way).

Most of my transistor radios probably came from Woolworths or Grants in Davis Square, or Savel's five and dime in

Ball Square. I know you could get one at the Smoke Shop, but it was no doubt more expensive there. If you wanted to mix the smell of the new plastic radio with the stink of burnt plastic, you could buy one at The Bargain Center. I can't remember when Radio Shack came to Davis Square.

By around 1962, I was taking that radio everywhere I went, much like my kids depend on their iPods and cell phones. Some more songs I remember were *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Palisades Park*, *Let Me In (wee ooh!!)* and *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*.

Whenever I hear the great harmonies of *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do* by Neil Sedaka, it brings me back to that time in my mind.

My friends and I used to tape our transistor radios onto the handlebars of our bikes and cruise in style. As long as you de-waxed the earphone every so often, you could listen to your heart's content. Today, I listen to WJIB - AM740. There are no annoying commercials and no whiny, outdated, over the hill "DJs" who have outstayed their welcome. On WJIB,

I can often catch one of those songs that I remember hearing back when my little radio was a trusted companion. I also have downloaded many of them onto my iPod.

The stations I remember listening to back then were WMEX and WCOP and later, WRKO. I had the pleasure of working with Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg during my early years at Kiss 108. That was a gas! I will never forget my dad yelling upstairs, "Time to shut off the radio and hit the sack." And I did turn off the radio, as soon as Allan Sherman finished singing, *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (A Letter from Camp)*.

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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.

Four of last week's roll calls are on proposed amendments that would impose more requirements on individuals to verify their eligibility for public housing and other state assistance.

Supporters of the amendments said that the stricter requirements would help ensure that only people who are truly eligible for these benefits will receive them. They argued it is outrageous that people can get taxpayer-funded welfare and other public assistance without producing a social security number. They noted this must be stopped so that people who are verified and struggling can get taxpayer-funded assistance.

Opponents of the amendments said they go too far and place an undue burden on some people who cannot easily provide documentation. They argued the Legislature should not micromanage the Department of Transitional Assistance which administers these programs. They noted that requiring a social security number in order to receive assistance that includes federal dollars, has already been banned by the federal government because immigrants who are here with asylum cannot produce those numbers.

APPROVE \$1.4 BILLION FOR HOUSING (H 3492)

House 150-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing Gov. Deval Patrick's administration to borrow \$1.4 billion over five years for public and affordable housing. Provisions include \$500 million to renovate and modernize many of the state's 45,000 public housing units; \$55 million in loan guarantees to assist homeowners with blindness or severe disabilities to make their homes handicapped accessible; and \$47 million for loans for the development of community-based housing for individuals with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Supporters said that Massachusetts has the 4th highest average home sale price in the nation. They noted this package will help thousands of people remain in their homes or find new affordable housing in the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

MUST HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO COLLECT BENEFITS (H 3492)

House 51-98, rejected an amendment requiring that a valid social security number be shown and verified in or-

der for a person to receive any form of housing assistance from the state. (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

MUST BE CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS (H 3492)

House 48-102, rejected an amendment prohibiting anyone who is not a citizen or resident of Massachusetts from receiving any state public assistance. The amendment also requires that any residents have proper verifiable documents or identification from their country of origin. (A "Yes" vote is for the prohibition. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

DECLARING RESIDENCY NOT VALID (H 3492)

House 43-107, rejected an amendment providing that "self-declaration of residency" not be accepted as a valid form of residency verification for people seeking taxpayer-funded benefits from the state. (A "Yes" vote is for requiring more than self-declaration. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

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

MUST ALSO BE ELIGIBLE UNDER FEDERAL GUIDELINES (H 3492)

House 123-27, approved an amendment prohibiting anyone who is ineligible for federal assisted housing to displace or be given priority over any applicants who are eligible under both state and federal guidelines. Federal eligibility standards and proof of identity for housing assistance are stricter than state standards. (A "Yes" vote is for the prohibition. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Didn't Vote

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RAW MILK SALES (H 717) - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on legislation that would allow licensed raw milk farmers to deliver raw milk directly to the consumer. Current law allows only the on-farm sale of raw milk. The bill would also allow farmers to sell raw milk to consumers through third-party cooperative buying clubs. This would allow consumers to join together and have the milk delivered to a nearby location so each individual consumer does not have to travel miles to the few farms that sell on-site.

ABORTIONS FOR WOMEN UNDER 18 (S 999)

- The Public Health Committee heard testimony from both sides of a measure that would give women under 18 more options to have an abortion. Current law prohibits abortion without parental consent or a court order. The bill would allow abortions with the consent of a doctor, physician assistant, nurse, psychologist, social worker or family member over 25. Supporters said this simply gives more options to girls who don't have good relationships with their parents. Opponents said the bill goes too far, undermines parental rights and will make access to abortion even easier.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



ANESTHETIZE FETUS (H 1930) - The Public Health Committee's agenda also including a proposal that would prohibit doctors from performing an abortion without first anesthetizing the fetus, unless the mother asks not to have it anesthetized. The bill exempts other circumstances from the requirement, including if the anesthesia would cause serious risk of life or harm to the mother and if the woman has been pregnant less than 20 weeks. Supporters said this will help prevent the fetus from feeling any pain. Opponents said the bill goes too far and is unnecessary.

GOOD SAMARITAN BILL (S 829) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill that would protect off-duty firefighters and EMTs from liability when providing emergency care. The current "Good Samaritan" law only protects civilian bystanders who are not trained in emergency response. Supporters said the bill is long overdue and has gained more support since the Boston Marathon, in which hundreds of off-duty personnel were running in the race and then responded immediately after the bombing. They noted that under current law, these firefighters and EMTs would have been liable if anything went wrong as a result of their efforts to provide care.

EXPAND VALEDICTORIAN TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM (H 1070) - The Higher Education Committee's June 19 hearing in Room A-2 at the Statehouse will include a proposal expanding the current program that waives the tuition cost for any high school valedictorian who attends a state university. The measure would also waive the mandatory fees. The average annual tuition cost is \$1,700 while the fees are \$12,000.

Sponsors say that current law offering valedictorians a \$1,700 discount is not likely to lure them to the state's system of public higher education because they still have to pay the other \$12,000.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'd say don't do it." – *Ann Romney when asked if any of her children should run for political office. She later said she was ambivalent about it but worried what the family would have to go through in a campaign.*

"If one of our boys or our daughters-in-law finds themselves in a position where they can make a real contribution and they're needed - school board, mayor, Congress, whatever - I'd expect them to stand up and volunteer, if their life was in a setting that allowed that to happen." – *Mitt Romney.*

"We have people on wait lists. It is crazy for our residents not to be first on the list. The hard-working families in my district are tired of their tax dollars going to people who are not legal residents of our country." – *Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) on his proposal requiring a valid social security number in order for a person to receive any form of housing assistance from the state.*

"Massachusetts Housing Partnership found that a 2012 state law that requires banks to notify borrowers of their rights to pursue a loan modification before foreclosing is contributing to this precipitous drop." – *Timothy Warren, Jr., CEO of The Warren Group, on the 79 percent decrease in the number of foreclosure petitions statewide, from*

1,750 in April 2012 to 370 in April 2013.

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

During the week of June 3-7, the House met for a total of six hours and 20 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 38 minutes.

Mon. June 3	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
Tues. June 4	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 5	House 11:04 a.m. to 4:43 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 6	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:37 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:38 a.m.
Fri. June 7	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Remedies and info found at Herbstalk CONT. FROM PG 1

One simple fact that strikes fear into the hearts of pharmaceutical companies is the day when their industrial gauge pills become obsolete because of the potential for each individual or family to possess their very own medicine cabinet stocked with herbal alternatives. Is there any surge in research to push our lazy plant friends to work for us?

Start of your day with Black Magic coffee a branch of the Tandem brewing company. How about a donut or Echinaca. That's what Leota, a long time patron of the herbal arts bought from one of the tables. The tables were proudly featuring their respective brews. And noncompetitively reaching across the aisles to the curious participants making pleasant chatter, the herbalists answered questions and fulfilled requests.

"The Ingredients are raw, wholesome and pure," said

Rachel, who didn't mind the question "What do you think makes this conference special?" Herbstalk's first response to the curious is its webpage herbstalk.org that answers questions and points the way to its highly focused blog that covers the average inquiry. It's important to consult with an herbalist and learn how scientific research corroborates the potential of east meets west. Check out Somerville's own new age frontiersmen at NaturalStandard.com, a scientific endeavor that parallels the zeal seen in Herbstalk.

Steph Zabel, founder of Herbstalk and organizer of the event says, "Through education, Herbstalk seeks to change the perception that herbalism is something strange, dangerous or on the fringe, into something that is a natural, easy, and healthful part of daily life."



Budget reflects residents' demands and values CONT. FROM PG 9

through short-term gimmicks or cuts, but through investments that will fuel the urban renaissance throughout our city, unlocking more economic opportunities and broadening our tax base. We will rid ourselves of the Brickbottom waste transfer station, one part of a

multi-prong approach to transform the front door of our city into a thriving neighborhood that further expands our commercial tax base. We must continue to play the long game and make sure we unlock other districts like those along the Green Line corridor, ridding ourselves

of blight and knitting together vibrant, walkable and bikeable communities.

We still have the second lowest average residential property tax bill in the area, even with all the services we provide, with only Cambridge and its extensive commercial tax base low-

er than ours. Our per capita spending is fourth lowest in the state, another indication of our smart, strategic spending based on our community's values. And we've done all this despite losing more than \$23 million in state aid since the high water mark of 2000.

This budget invests in the next generation, continues our ongoing demand to deliver community services more efficiently and expands our commercial tax base in a smart, forward-looking way. This is a solid foundation for a sustainable fiscal future.

Special Olympics – Somerville School Day Games

Students from around the District participated in the 2013 Special Olympics – Somerville School Day Games last Thursday at Dilboy Stadium. It was an incredible day of competition and celebration.





Photos by Bobbie Toner

SPORTS

Somerville Alibrandis pick-up two more wins

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club maintains their first place position in the Yawkey league after 9 games. This year they've dominated the league, with only one loss so far on May 31.

In game 7, the Alibrandis lost to the Revere Rockies 5-2, the first time they've taken a licking all season. It was hot that day, said Assistant Manager Cameron Lynch. "Defensively, we were a little shaky."

The starting pitcher, Lamarre Rey, tossed 4 innings. "He didn't have his best stuff that night for us," Lynch said. Rey struck out 2 batters, gave up 3 hits and allowed 1 unearned run. "Defensively we didn't play that well," Lynch admitted. "We were in a lull. The dugout was very quiet, it was a like a team that I've never seen so far."

Later in the game, Jon Morse pitched 1 inning and gave up

3 hits, allowed 2 runs and was responsible for the loss. On the bats, Bobby Barrett went 2 for 3 and drove in 1 run. Marc DesRoches went 1 for 3, with 1 double.

In game 8, the Alibrandis conquered the Al Thomas Athletics, winning 6-5 in the 10th inning. "Seems like we battle back and forth every year with them," Lynch said. "They get some good ballplayers that really care about the game, and they come to battle every night. It's always fun when we play those guys."

Pitcher Brian Tanguy entered the game in the 10th inning and picked up the win. Bobby Barrett went 5 for 6 with 3 RBI's. We had a "walk-off win in extra innings," said Barrett. "That was just Alibrandis baseball, we grinded it out to the end."

Ted Dziuba knocked-in 4 hits, earning 1 RBI and a double. Mark DesRoches got 1 RBI and a double, too. Mike Maguire



Photo by Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis hold first place standing in the Yawkey league 9 games into the season.

stole 2 bases, and Mark Adessa stole 1 base. "We were down three nothing going into the bottom of the 3rd inning, and we scored three runs to tie it up and bring us back into it," Lynch said. Game 8 produced the best offense of the season, with a total of 14 hits.

The Alibrandis trumped the Stoneham Sabers in game 9, winning 5-1. Anthony Del Prete pitched his first game of the season, holding-out for 5 innings, giving up five hits, striking out 2, and getting the win. Lamarre Rey pitched a scoreless 6th, and Brian Tanguy pitched a scoreless 7th. On the field, Logan Gillis made his Alibrandis debut at second base. At bat, Gillis went 3 for 4, with a double. "He played great defense for us," Lynch said. Mark DesRoches knocked-in 2 RBI's. Sal Mendonca got 1 RBI and 1 stolen base.

"That win put us in first place

in the league," Lynch said. The assistant manager admitted that the ball club sometimes falls into a slump around this time of year. "Right now, this time of the year, we always go into a lull and we lose two or three games," he said. "June is our lull month where we play average baseball." The players are used to a few extra losses in June. "Once July 1st comes, we click on the switch, and that's it, we're off and running."

Bobby Barrett has been a key contributor to the offense, said Lynch. Barrett's batting average is a modest 500 AVG. Barrett, 25, is a graduate of Suffolk University and is in his second year on the team. He's batting third in the lineup, and playing left field and occasionally second base.

"I don't mind playing left field," Barrett said. "Our Center Fielder Mike Maguire makes it pretty easy on me."

Earlier in the season, Barrett

says the bats were a bit rusty. "Pitchers really stepped up and put us in position to win before the guys got their swings back," Barrett said.

With a mix of veteran leadership and younger players new to the team, the Alibrandis Baseball club continues to grind out the wins in the 2013 season.

And on June 7, the Alibrandis Baseball Club held their annual fundraising golf tournament at Shaker Hills Golf Club to raise money for the team's expenses. Alumni Yawkey Hall of Famer and former pitcher Derek Bates puts on the tournament every year. The tournament was sold out with 144 golfers.

Upcoming games are scheduled for Friday, June 14 against the South End Astros at Trum Field at 8 p.m., and Monday, June 17, against the West Roxbury Nationals, also at Trum at 8 p.m.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What infraction is being called when the hockey referee clasps his wrist?

2. What is dubbed as the "sin bin" in hockey?

3. What are strumpfhose in Germany?

4. What Roman numeral is after Ted Danson's name?

5. What morning breakfast food's name is derived from the German word for "stirrup" (Steigbügel)?

6. What is the origin of the Stanley Cup?
7. How many noggins in a pint?

8. What is a "Librocubicularist"?

9. Who composed *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* at the age of five?

10. What song did the U.S. Hockey Team forget the words to while celebrating a win over the Soviets in the 1980 Olympics?

11. What is a quidnunc?

12. What is the literal meaning of "Sierra Nevada"?

Answers on page 21

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Zumba starts June 5 at 5:15 pm with Cheryl. Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work - open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community.

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. \$5 per class.

Wii Bowling League begins at Holland Street Center Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Free. If you haven't tried this come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

LGBT Events:

Our first event was a huge success with over 60 people attending. Don't miss out on the next one. MUST RSVP ahead.

June 24 - "Movies To Come Out To" continues with "Transamerica". 5:30 p.m. Holland Street Center. Dinner \$6.00 Dinner from the Greek Corner Restaurant. Chicken kebabs or spinach pie.

July 8 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch time together. Holland Street - Masala Somerville (Indian Food). \$6.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

June 18 - Join us on our trip to India for some wonderful food and dancers. Food from Masala Somerville. Tasty and not spicy. \$6 at Holland Street Center.

Farmers Market is back at Holland Street Center on June 27.

Charlie Card Day - If you need to apply for a CharlieCard or replace your expired CharlieCard, stop by the Holland Street Center between 12 and 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. You will have to bring in a photo ID with your date of birth, fill out a brief form and let us take your picture.

July 9 - REVERE Beach Slide Show and Reminiscing with Bob Upton, a long time Revere Beach enthusiast who will narrate a slide presentation that features 80-100 images of historical Revere Beach and its wonderful past that takes you through the current day. Come join us and relive the heydays of Revere Beach and share your stories. Time: 10:30 a.m. (Lunch and transportation available upon request).

Trip Corner:

Hanscom - Dinner & Bingo - June 19.

Mohegan Sun/Foxwoods - July 30/31.

Lowell Spinner's and all you can eat BBQ Pit - August 1.

Foster's Clambake - All you can eat - August 13.

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo - September 13-15.

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24.

Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland - Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Free.

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

Zumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

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. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays 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.

June 12

Suffolk Downs

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Men's Club|12 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 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

June 13

CHARLIE CARD DAY

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Charlie Card Day - get your picture done.

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

June 14

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

June 17

Bunker Hill Day - All Centers closed

June 18

CAREGIVER'S GROUP - all new people welcome

Holland Street Center

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

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.

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

Caregiver's Group|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 19

Hanscom AFB

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Yoga/Meditation|2:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 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.

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

The Somerville News
Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #28

Bunker Hill

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you drive out of Boston over the Leonard P. Zakim (Bunker Hill) Bridge, the first exit brings you to Sullivan Square at the Charlestown/Somerville line. This area used to be known as Charlestown Neck. The site was an isthmus, or small thread of land, that connected Charlestown with what is today Somerville.

These two towns, until 1842, were one. The Neck was normally a quiet spot, but not at this time. It was late in the day of June 17, 1775 and the infant Colonial American Army was in the midst of losing its first battle to the British. They lost control of the battleground they fought on.

Amazingly, later when the story was told and the statistics revealed, the results were staggeringly in the favor of the Americans. They had just repulsed the cream of the British army during two assaults on their Bunker/Breeds Hill defensive works and only gave way on the third attack because of their lack of ammunition.

This impressed General George Washington, who was in Virginia on his way to Massachusetts. At that time, he was leery of leading the Colonials, thinking that Lexington and Concord were only skirmishes.

Then, upon hearing of the appalling losses the New England militia inflicted on the British (1,054 British losses vs. 441 American losses), he proudly determined that he would lead these men.

So what does the Battle of Bunker/Breeds Hill have to do with Somerville? Well, the heart of the battle was fought at the earthworks fort. But upon running out of gunpowder, they began to retreat toward The Neck and the sanctuary of Prospect and Winter Hills.

The retreating Americans suffered many casualties heading toward the Sullivan Square area. One such person was the famous General Warren, whom Somerville almost named itself after. New Hampshire's Colonel John Stark, who at the battle famously quoted, "Live Free or Die" and his Winter-Hill based troops covered the withdrawal.



While the British soldiers were fighting on the Hill, their navy was at work, trying to stop American reinforcements from crossing The Neck or escaping, thus turning it into a shooting gallery. They barraged the entire area with cannon shot from their war ships and floating gun batteries. These cannons did much damage well into East Somerville, destroying houses, barns, docks, and crop fields. Cannon balls are

still occasionally found in the area.


The first Somerville City Seal was depicted on police, fire, and city buildings and apparatus. For 100 years, it honored General Washington and the Bunker Hill monument on its depiction.

One of Washington's Generals, Marquis de Lafayette, laid the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument and was afterward honored with a candlelight parade from Charlestown through Somerville ending in Cambridge. Because of Lafayette's love of America, his son, George Washington Lafayette, came to America to take Bunker Hill soil to be mixed with the French soil where his father was put to rest.

Many Somerville streets are named after heroes who fought and died that day. The Battle of Bunker Hill began on Breed's Hill and ended in what is now Somerville. This is why, historically, Somerville proudly participates in this holiday.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com



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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, June 19, 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:

17 Fremont Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-36) Applicant/Owners Stephanie Hirsch & Joseph Calzaretta seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family house by adding a small addition in the front, and new windows, door, canopy and deck in the rear and by altering an accessory structure roof and windows. RB District / Ward 2

35 Corinthian Rd: (Case #ZBA 2013-37) Applicant and Owners, Brandee and Chris Hall, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing, non-conforming, single-family dwelling by constructing an addition within the existing non-conforming side yard setback. RA zone. Ward 7.

336 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2013-39) Applicant, Siyuan He, and Owners, Siyuan He and Robert Yi Bao, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to create one new two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 3.

17 Winslow Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-40) Applicant and Owner, John Connolly, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing, non-conforming, single-family dwelling by constructing an addition within the existing non-conforming side yard setback. RA zone. Ward 6.

9 Monmouth St: (Case #ZBA 2013-14) Applicant and Owner, Monmouth Street LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to modify a three-family dwelling, which includes two dormers and a rear addition, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a and §9.13.b for one space of parking relief and to modify parking design standards. RB zone. Ward 3.


45-49 Day St: (Case #ZBA 2013-06) Applicant, Flatbread Somerville, Inc., and Owner, The Marina Trust, Catherine L. Serrano, Trustee, seek a Special Permit with Design Review to expand an existing restaurant and add outdoor seating (SZO §7.11.10.1.2.a), and Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add windows and doors and a Variance from providing approx 22 parking spaces. Six parking spaces will be provided.


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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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Legislative Matters, in concert with the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, has scheduled a **public hearing on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm** in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, regarding a proposed map amendment to the Somerville Historic District Ordinance. The map amendment proposes to designate one additional property, 237 Washington Street, as a local historic district (LHD) in the City of Somerville. This property is more commonly known as the Union Square Post Office and is formally known as the Somerville Main Post Office.

Property owners and residents of the community are invited to this hearing. The purpose of this public hearing will be to answer questions and receive public comments regarding the proposed map amendment for 237 Washington Street. The Board of Aldermen will use these comments to reach a decision and vote on the proposed map amendment at a later date. A copy of the Somerville Main Post Office Draft Preliminary Report is available for review at www.somervillema.gov (see the Historic Preservation Commission webpage), the third floor of City Hall (93 Highland Avenue), and the Central Library (79 Highland Avenue). Comments regarding the proposed map amendment may be given at the hearing or submitted in writing by Friday, June 14, 2013 to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, Attention Amie Hayes (or e-mail ahayes@somervillema.gov). Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday June 19, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of American Multi-Cinema, Inc. d/b/a AMC Theatre Assembly Row 12, 395 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA for a New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages License and Entertainment License consisting of Twelve (12) screen Movie Theatres.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
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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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary


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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday June 19, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Legendary Burger Concepts, LLC d/b/a Burger Dive, 702 Assembly Square Drive, Somerville, MA for a New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and for service of alcohol on the outdoor patio.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 14-03

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

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An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, June 12, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 07/01/2013 through 06/30/2014, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

Prevailing Wages apply to this contract. Responsible Employer Ordinance (REO)

Please email Orazio DeLuca, odeluca@somervillema.gov, for bid packages

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 14-04

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

Fence Repairs and Installation

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The contract term shall be for a period of 2 years, from 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2015.

Prevailing Wage Rates Apply. 5% Bid Deposit Required.

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Date of Sale: July 12, 2013
Time: 12:00 P.M.
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1999	Volkswagon	Passat	Vin# WVVWMD63BXXE245164
1986	Nissan	Maxima	Vin# JN1HU11S3GT134459
1999	Toyota	Camry	Vin# 4T1BG22K9XU528259
1997	Honda	Civic	Vin# 2HGEJ6341VH123363

Date of Sale: July 5, 2013
Time: 12:00PM
Location: 160 McGrath Hwy, Somerville, MA 02143

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 14-05**

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

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 08/01/2013 through 07/31/2014, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

Contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, for questions and bid documents: odeluca@somervillema.gov

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Somerville begins data-driven street management

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the Office of Accessibility, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

"Making the city's streets safe and accessible to everyone is our top priority, and the cost savings we'll gain by applying the more effective approach of preventive maintenance will allow us to improve more roads, make more ADA improvements for our residents with disabilities, and address more community needs along our roadways," said Mayor Curtatone. "This plan allows us to shift from short-term, case-by-case repairs to a rational, data-driven approach that allows us to plan with a larger horizon and for broader community goals."

A PDF copy of the Somerville Streets Plan can be downloaded via the link provided in the online version of this article at www.thesomervillenews.com

Hair buddies shear their locks to support cancer research

When Kristi Savage first learned last fall that one of her best friends had cancer, multiple myeloma, her first reaction was to offer to shave her head in support. It was an offer the Somerville teacher didn't have to make good on until recently, when a stem cell transplant caused her friend to lose all her hair.

"Everyone who knows me knows I love my hair," said the Argenziano School physical education instructor, who now styles her hair with a towel. "Everyone knows how important it is for me to have every hair in place."

Ms. Savage, a Quincy resident who supports Relay for Life as a member of the Cagneys Crawlers team, decided to auction off the honor of shaving her head to the highest bidder as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

"I told all my students before the April school break what was happening in an effort to avoid having to answer too many questions about what had happened to my hair after the break," Ms. Savage said. "But I still had to tell the story 28 times."

"The students' response was overwhelming," Ms. Savage said. All of them offered condolences. Some made cards for her friend. One sixth grader, Sabhyata Sedhain, was so moved, she decided she needed to do something drastic in support as well.

"I couldn't bring myself to shave my head," Sabhyata said, looking apologetically at her gym teacher after class recently.



Kristi Savage, Argenziano phys ed teacher and Sabhyata Sedhain, Argenziano fifth grader, show off their new do's after cutting their hair to support cancer research.

Instead, the 11-year-old girl cut 14 inches of her luxurious black hair at a local salon and donated it to support me," Ms. Savage said. "I cannot even explain in words how touching that is. The response at the Argenziano to this whole thing has been really overwhelming in the best way possible. I always wanted to teach at a school that felt like a family with both staff and students and I am truly blessed to be able to do that."

"They made three wigs out of my hair," Sabhyata said proudly. She said her family is proud of her decision to donate her hair to such a worthy cause.

"I was absolutely floored when Linda (Manzelli, sixth grade teacher of English Language Arts) told

me that Sabhyata had cut her hair and donated it to support me," Ms. Savage said. "I cannot even explain in words how touching that is. The response at the Argenziano to this whole thing has been really overwhelming in the best way possible. I always wanted to teach at a school that felt like a family with both staff and students and I am truly blessed to be able to do that."

Ms. Savage's auction raised \$2,267 for the American Cancer Society.

"I know I will make a difference in the fight to end cancer," Ms. Savage said.

Fireworks vendor community note



The City of Somerville would like to invite all interested vendors to participate in the Summertime in Somerville Fireworks Celebration on Thursday, June 27 (rain date is on Friday, June 28). The city is planning to have up to five (5) concession stands and vendors selling items such as balloons, toys (no toy guns permitted), food and beverage, etc. at the event. The city will choose the location of these stands and will judge proposals on the following criteria: all licenses held by the business must be current, type of food/

beverage/type of product or toy being sold, quality and price of product.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or cancel this process at any time. Selected vendors will be notified by Monday, June 24. Please send all proposals to the Communications Department, Attn: Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 by 12:30 p.m., Friday, June 21. Vendors with any questions or comments should contact Carlene Campbell-Hegarty at 617-625-6600 x2615.



Sally O'Brien's
335 Somerville Ave.
617-666-3589



Monday June 17

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

Tuesday June 18

Mary Casiello, Girls Nite Out, The Pickpockets
\$5 cover 8 p.m.

Wednesday June 19

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

Thursday June 20

Sean Fitzgerald Fundraiser with The Johnny-Come-Latelies
7:30 p.m.

Friday June 21

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
Brass Knuckles & Guests 9 p.m.

Saturday June 22

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.
Mike Dinallo Band featuring Tim Gearan \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday June 23

The Late Frank Drake Show with Frank Drake 5 p.m.



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday| June 12

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

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

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

Thursday|June 13

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

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

Friday| June 14

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

Central Library
Teen Game Day
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-
2936
2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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

Monday|June 17

**Bunker Hill Day – Libraries
Closed**

Tuesday|June 18

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College
Avenue

Wednesday|June 19

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way

West Branch Library
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Avenue

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ville Ave

MUSIC

Wednesday|June 12

Johnny D’s
Rosebudkaraoke
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
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Drunken Logic|Joseph Fox |Brian
Foye
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
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Laura Pitone Kick-off

5:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 13

Johnny D’s
Littlewolf|Travis Colby Trio
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
Mad Blackbirds|Spillway|We Can
All Be Sorry|Ian Hayes
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
Steak|Pepe Sylvia|Old English|War
Presidents|Gigantic Ant
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

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

Radio Bar
UP: Doom Lover|Three Day
Threshold|Vary Lumar, Secret
Lover \$7
Down: Unstraight|Deathwaltz76|-
Fur Purse \$5
379 Summer St

Friday|June 14

Johnny D’s
Joe DeRosa|Gnarlemagne
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Daniel Raubstien CD Release \$5
cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
The Light Machines|Massive
Prophet|Smoke & Daggers|Tales
of Olde
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
Bryan Pero &The Tired Horses
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

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

Radio Bar
UP: Private Party
Down: Team Shred Presents:
Umbilical Cord|Horse Mode|Brah-
manda \$8
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Hyper-Local Brewfest
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 15

Johnny D’s
Clock Strikes Ten|Bandit Kings
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentle-
men|6 p.m.

One Thin Dime|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

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

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:7 Below -
A Tribute to Phish|Mundo’s Crazy
Circus|Paperback|Jalopy
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Black Norse|It’s Not Night: It’s
Space|Dream Warrior|Queen
Elephantine
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
Ronan Quinn Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

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

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

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

Radio Bar
UP: Midriff Records Present|El-
dridgw Rodriguez|ZL|Mel Leder-
man|Sarah Borges
Down: The Young Leaves|The
New Warden|Trophy Lungs|Billy
Raygun|379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Hyper-Local Brewfest
3 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave
David Tanklefsky and friends
7 p.m.|Café
Hyper-Local Brewfest
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|June 16

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam featuring Hot
Sauce BPS
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet |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
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

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

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m., No Cover
Karaoke 7.30 p.m.
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Mass Appeal Boston - A Capella Concert
3 p.m.|Mezzanine
TurnON Discussion Group
7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 17

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike |7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
Set Dancing 8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
OC45|Dave Wells|Jamie Pay-

ette|Tommy Bee|Mckenny Band
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
The Oarsman with The Novel Ideas and Hayley Sabella
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 18

JohnnyD's
RosebudKaraoke
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Mary Casiello, Girls Nite Out, The Pickpockets \$5 cover |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic W/Hugh Mc-Gowan|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
Family Dinner|Something Complex|Sidestep Complex|Pt Burnem
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
UP: Wholly Karaoke with DJ Mag-

ic Gus 8:30 p.m-11:30p.m
Down: Keith Pierce presents: Box of Birds|Cris Warren|Nudes
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry Series
7 p.m.|Café
The Doubleclicks and Sarah Donner
7:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|June 19

Johnny D's
Eleanor & The Tasties|Davina Yannetty
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
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Drunken Logic|Numinous|The Shones
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

Radio Bar
Randall Shreve & The Sideways
21+, \$8, 9 p.m.
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Open Mic for Singers
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|June 12

Arts at the Armory
Places, Faces and Musicians of Mali (photo art exhibit)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

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

Thursday| June 13

Central Library
Friends of the Community Growing Center Annual Meeting
Lisa Brukilacchio|781-953-4826
6 p.m.-8:30 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

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

Arts at the Armory
Places, Faces and Musicians of Mali (photo art exhibit)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

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| June 14

Arts at the Armory
Places, Faces and Musicians of Mali (photo art exhibit)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

Saturday| June 15

Central Library
Bill Campbell presents A Parenting Story
2 p.m.- 3:30 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| June 16

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|June 17

Libraries closed- Bunker Hill Day
Arts at the Armory
Places, Faces and Musicians of Mali (photo art exhibit)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday| June 18

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

Arts at the Armory
Places, Faces and Musicians of Mali (photo art exhibit)
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|Gallery|191 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday| June 19

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

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Bring your squeezebox to Davis Square

By Cathleen Twardzik

The Second Somerville Squeezebox Slam, presented by The Nave Gallery and the Somerville Arts Council (SAC), will occur on June 15 from 1–6 p.m.

The event will feature “accordions, button boxes and other freestanding, reed instruments.”

Additionally, Redbones barbeque food and arts and crafts will be available for purchase.

Be sure to bring your own squeezebox for the “Accordion Stroll,” and participate in a walk through Somerville.

The day will begin at 1 p.m. with the “Accordion Stroll,” and it will finish with a concert, which will be given by accomplished accordionists. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in Davis Square in Seven Hills Park.

How was Squeezebox Slam born? “The idea came from Susan Berstler of the Nave Gallery. She was inspired by the “performance art” - for lack of a better term - action that took place in NYC. Around 2009, they placed a number of pianos throughout different areas of Manhattan, inviting anyone to play them, in essence creating spontaneous art. Berstler wanted to have a day where hundreds of accordionists came out and strolled throughout the city of Somerville. Creating a festive, if not surreal, experience for the locals,” said Michael McLaughlin, Curator of Squeezebox Slam and Accordionist.

Lady Kielbasia will be the concert’s host. She “is an Ac-

cordian-playing Drag Lunch Lady. She’s been voted Best Drag Queen with an Accordion in San Francisco, and she was named Provincetown’s Family Favorite. After a long and illustrious career in cabaret, burlesque, and shameless private party entertainment in San Francisco, Provincetown, LA, and New York City, she is now semi-retired with her kitty and garden in Somerville,” according to the SAC website.

The concert will showcase Grand Fatilla, the band in which Roberto Cassan is the accordionist. The additional acts will be Ralph Tufo, Sandy Theodorou, Cory Pesaturo and Marié Abe Sextet.

The initial Squeezebox Slam took place in Union Square in September 2011.

“This year, the move to Davis gives us the park, which I am very excited about. Less traffic noise and more space for people to convene,” said McLaughlin.

“The most exciting thing for me is that the Massachusetts Accordion Association (MAAA) and the Accordion Connection are joining us. Bringing in the MAAA brings in a large number of accordion fans and players. In many ways, this festival is for them. On a personal level, having the Accordion Connection come is like bringing in family. They have been my supplier and technicians of my own instruments since the ‘90s, and this is my small way of sharing something with them and the public, and saying ‘thank you,’” he said.

At Squeezebox Slam, individuals will have the chance to swap techniques, repertoire and ideas, as well being offered an opportunity to receive care and repair tips and to learn more about the makings of the instrument.

Diversity is at the heart of the selection of the bands that will participate in the event. “We

have two women performers this time around. Diversity is the key to a successful, interesting concert, and since Somerville is a very diverse community, we try to mirror that,” said McLaughlin.

Other music festivals that will completely feature accordions will grace western Massachusetts at the Northeast Squeeze-in. The Mass Accordion Teachers Association has such an event in April, and the MAAA has meetings and gatherings.

“I think that this is merely just a different approach. It’s outdoors, we’re taking the “world music” angle, as well, and it’s in Somerville. So, it has a little more quirkiness to it.”

At the age of eight, Roberto Cassan, Accordionist, began his accordion-playing journey. Prior to that instrument, he learned guitar with a six-string, which his parents gave to him, and he participated in several lessons. However, guitar did not quite light a spark for him. After that, Cassan’s parents presented him with a red accordion. Then he took some lessons, and he has been playing for 42 years to date.

“As far as ‘the best part’ of being a performer, in my opinion, is when you manage to capture the full attention of the public and create a channel where emotions can travel back and forth from the performer to the audience. The reality of this fantastic instrument: it is deeply connected to the popular and folk tradition of almost every culture in this planet, but it is also present in more sophisticated musical styles,” said Cassan.

Ralph Tufo, Accordionist’s grandfather, who also played the accordion, served as an inspiration to his grandson. Tufo began piano accordion lessons at the age of five, and he has played on a professional level since age



Lady Kielbasia will be hosting this year’s Squeezebox Slam concert.

25. For the past 58 years, he has played the piano accordion. In addition, he is a self-taught Cajun accordion player, as well as concertina player.

“The best part of my being a performer is to watch people in the audience enjoying themselves listening or dancing to my music. Once, when I played at the Museum of Fine Arts courtyard, over 300 people spontaneously stood up, clapped, and sang along to the chorus of one of my songs. It was very inspirational,” said Tufo.

Sandy Theodorou, Accordionist, who set aside her accordion “for decades,” decided to revisit her squeezebox ability and started to play the accordion again approximately eight years ago. At that time, Greek music

called to her. Her parents grew up in Greek villages.

“I love the way Greek music and dance express and encompass the life-embracing, passionate attitude of a people who have endured and celebrated an incredibly rich history,” said Theodorou. “I play regularly with wonderful Greek bands: Meraki, traditional Greek music, and Rebetoparea, Greek urban blues. This event has given me a chance to play with more incredible, local musicians: the legendary Mal Barsamian, on oud and guitar, and Phil Papadopoulos on bouzouki. Papadopoulos is of the band Ta Dilina. Playing the music I love so deeply in this company, in the context of a gathering of accordion lovers, is just a thrill,” she said.



Grand Fatilla, featuring Roberto Cassan, will be performing at the concert.

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Answers

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2. The Penalty Box	
3. Tights	
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5. Bagel	8. A person who reads in bed
6. Lord Stanley, Governor-General of Canada in 1892, thought it would be a good idea to have a challenge cup awarded to the leading hockey team in Canada, to be handed down year to year. He pur-	9. Mozart
	10. God Bless America
	11. A nosy person
	12. Snowy Range



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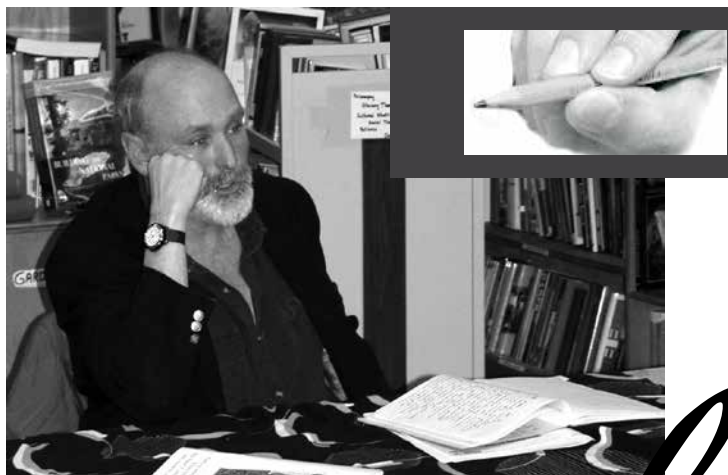
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	4:00pm	Somerville Arts Festival
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
7:30am	Life Matters	Friday, June 14		6:00pm	Basic Buddha
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Energy Theater
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	6:30am	The Struggle	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
11:00am	Abugida TV	7:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:00pm	Copy Cat Festival
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Couch's Corner
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Energy Theater	Sunday, June 16	
2:00pm	Culture Club	11:00am	Mass Factor	12:00am	Free Speech TV
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	11:30am	Dukes of Sports	6:00am	Program Celebrai
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	Noon	Somerville's Most Interesting Places	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
3:30pm	Inside Talk	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	1:30pm	Tonight's Special	10:00am	International Church of God
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking		Basic Buddha
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:00am	Atheist Viewpoint
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	Play by Play
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Physician Focus
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	5:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Inside Talk
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11:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Healthy Hypnosis
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:30am	Physician Focus
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2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00am	Road to Recovery
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Show	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	10:00am	Somerville Biking News (timeslot)
5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		9:00am:	SomerStreets - Carnival	Wednesday, June 12		9:30pm:	Somerville School Day Games
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9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:30pm:	Veterans in the "Ville	12:00pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Sunday, June 16	
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.10.13	1:00pm:	B2Green	1:30pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City -: Transitions
3:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	1:30pm:	FY2014 Board of Aldermen	3:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	12:30am:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley
6:30pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq. – 5.21.13		Budget Hearing 6.11.13	4:30pm:	World Language Awards Night	12:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
8:00pm:	FY2014 Board of Aldermen Budget Hearing 6.11.13	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	1:30pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium
Thursday, June 13		7:30pm:	Veterans in the "Ville	8:00pm:	SHS Boys' Volleyball vs Chelmsford	3:30pm:	Somerville School Day Games
12:00am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq. – 5.21.13	8:00pm:	B2Green	9:00pm:	Healey School Spring Concert	4:30pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
1:30am:	FY2014 Board of Aldermen Budget Hearing 6.11.13	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.13.13	9:30pm:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly	5:00pm:	kid stuff- Summer Events
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12:00pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	7:30pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq. – 5.21.13	12:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert	12:00pm:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
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2:15pm:	Talking Business	Tuesday, June 18		3:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly	3:30pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly
3:00pm:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnvial	6:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	4:30pm:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly
7:00pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	12:30am:	Congressional Update	7:30pm:	SHS Class Day 2013	6:00pm:	SHS Class Day 2013
7:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	1:00am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq. – 5.21.13	10:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	8:30pm:	SHS Softball vs St Clement
8:30pm:	Congressional Update	2:30am:	African American History at Somerville Museum	10:30pm:	World Language Awards Night	10:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Nutrition
9:00pm:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	Friday, June 14		Saturday, June 15		Tuesday, June 18	
Saturday, June 15		12:00am:	2013 SHS Graduation	12:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards	12:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
12:00am:	Som Dog Spring Fling	9:00am:	Healey School Spring Concert	9:00am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	2:30am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
12:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	2:00pm:	World Language Awards Night	9:00am:	Healey School Spring Concert
2:15am:	Talking Business	3:00pm:	SHS Softball vs Medford	3:00pm:	SHS Lady Highlander Basketball Highlights	9:30am:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly
3:00am:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	4:30pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley	6:00pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	10:00am:	ESCS @ Cummings Memorial Day Assembly
9:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	7:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	7:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	12:00pm:	Superintendent Awards 3rd Q 2013
12:00pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	9:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley		SHS Class Day 2013	2:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
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3:00pm:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	9:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013	12:00pm:	2013 SHS Graduation	7:00pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
7:00pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	2:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	2:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley	7:30pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
7:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	4:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	4:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley	8:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
8:30pm:	Congressional Update	6:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	6:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City 5.16.13
9:00pm:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	7:30pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	Wednesday, June 19		10:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
Sunday, June 16		EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		12:00am:	World Language Awards Night	Wednesday, June 19	
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Ariel Freiberg: An interesting mix of found objects, eroticism and militarism

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

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Connor Adams, a creative writing student of mine at Endicott College in Beverly, MA sent me a poem of his that is perfect for Father's Day.



Father's Day

Been gone three months
Middle of my sophomore year
Everything I own in the trunk of the car
He comes out grabs the smallest bag

I look at him and laugh
What, getting too old to grab the heavy bags?
He chuckles
No you're getting too old to make me carry them.

Come here pops
It's good to see you son
You're getting too damn big.
Not my fault I got the tall gene that skipped you.
Just shut up and give me a hug.

A few days later he comes up to me
When did you write this?
Hmm oh that it was for American history.
Chess and the cold war it was interesting.
It was fun to write about.
Want to play?
You sure you can still take me?
Ha yeah we'll see how smug you are in a few minutes.
White or Black?
White always you know that Dad.
Not sure why I even ask anymore.
Knight to c3
Pawn to c6
Pawn to e4
This seems familiar...
It's Fischer's favorite opening.
Since when do you know Fischer?
Since I wrote a 13 page paper on him.
I'm impressed.
Don't be yet. It's only the second move.
Well then let us continue

Back and forth
Piece by piece
The game went on
It was the first time
I ever almost won
He got me in the end though

— Connor Adams



Blazoning Arms by Ariel Freiberg

Ariel Freiberg is an artist I see in passing at the Bloc 11 Cafe on any given morning from my table outpost. About a year ago I interviewed this 30 something woman in the said cafe. She contacted me recently about another interview and we decided to meet at another of my favorite haunts in Union Square, the Sherman Cafe.

Since the last time we chatted Freiberg, a colleague of mine at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, landed a p/t teaching gig at Smith College. She told me: "I taught Drawing I to freshman students. I loved the level of discussion, and the focus the students brought to the plate." Freiberg told me she tries to instill the visual experience of seeing... seeing light, color and texture.

Freiberg, who has a decidedly literary bent, recently had a show with the celebrated local author Steve Almond. The title of the event was "Art of the Erotic." Although not exclusively erotic, Almond touched on themes like: putting the body before the heart, and Freiberg complimented this erotic theme with her work. One of her paintings depicted a woman holding a book, wearing a corset and skirt, bearing a child's face and a well-developed woman's body.

Freiberg revealed that she uses seemingly banal objects like gardening tools and shoes, to explore sexual or erotic themes. Freiberg explained: "The

gardening tool cultivates the earth. With the shoe-well, it connects to the earth. The shoe in essence acts as a conduit to the fertile earth. At the same time its architecture restrains the foot from actually touching or having consummation with the earth."

Freiberg also has an interest in Heraldry. This is a visual way of describing a unit in the military. An example would be a coat of arms, and things of that ilk. Freiberg uses this conceit to explore the connection between the power of sexuality and the power of militarism.

Freiberg has had a number of exhibits recently. One was at the Oresman Gallery at Smith College, and she will be curating an event of art and poetry at the New Art Center in Newton in the fall of 2013. She is also scheduled to have an exhibit of her work at Boston University's Sherman Gallery in 2014. She has a solo show "Blazoning Arms" at Miller Yezerski Gallery in Boston's South End through July 9, 2013.

Freiberg left the Sherman Cafe with a smile and a slightly far away look, obviously pondering another new idea in the PARIS OF NEW ENGLAND.

Freiberg told me if you would like to commission work from her she can be reached at ariel@ariel-freiberg.com.

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