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## Commission gets new members



Photo by Douglas Yu

Cindy Hickey and Rob King were sworn in last week as new members of Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

By Douglas Yu

In Somerville, disabled people have a long history of fighting for full accessibility to the facilities, non-discriminatory treatments in all walks of life and equality of human rights.

The Director of Council on Aging, Cindy Hickey, and the Director of Engineering of City of Somerville, Rob King, were sworn in to join the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at a public hearing on Tuesday. They joined an attempt to come up with fresh ideas to help fight discrimination against disabled people.

"A lot of projects that I touched on were brought up from disabled people's standpoints," King said. "I just want to get involved, so I can guide discussions and answer questions."

One of the things that the Commission is struggling with right now is getting the minimum requirement of five people to give a presentation, King said.

That number is closer to being reached, since a lifelong Somerville resident, Kathy Paige's Commission membership application was being reviewed. She had a sound reason for joining.

"My husband is an example," Paige said. "When he tried to walk across the street one day near Davis Square, all the cars stopped. But the bikes just zoomed through"

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## Somerville Squeezebox Slam 2013

By Jim Clark

The streets of Somerville rang out in harmonious fashion as The Nave Gallery and the Somerville Arts Council presented the 2nd Somerville Squeezebox Slam on Saturday, June 15.

It was a celebration of accordions, button boxes and other free standing reed instruments. Accordionists of all skill levels and musical genres strolled around the neighborhoods of Somerville, sharing their melodious sounds and then met at Seven Hills Park, Davis Square, for a concert of some of New England's finest squeezebox players.

The concert featured performances by a select group of highly accomplished musicians, including Sandy Theodorou, Ralph Tufo, Marié Abe Sextet, Cory Pesaturo, and Grand Fatilla.

The concert was hosted by Somerville's own incomparable Lady Kielbasia, a self described "Accordion-Playing Drag Lunch Lady."

If you weren't there for it, there is always next year. So dust off that old squeezebox and get ready to join in the fun next time around. You will be glad you did.



Photo by Bobbie Toner

The 2013 edition of the Somerville Squeezebox Slam is now in the history books. Turn to pages 12-13 for more photos of the grand event.

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# NEWTALK

Present Alderman for Ward 5, Courtney O’Keefe, is having a campaign rally/kickoff tonight, Wednesday, June 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (the time changed to earlier than the original schedule because of the Bruins Game) at the Olde Magoun’s Salon, right in Magoun Square next to CVS on Medford Street. Courtney has been working very hard since her appointment, meeting with many of the residents in Ward 5. For more information, and if you’d like to help Courtney, you can call 617-224-8328 or go to [www.courtneyokeefe.com](http://www.courtneyokeefe.com).

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We wish the best for our good friend Celia Taylor who is retiring from her job at the Healey School. Celia loves her job and we know she will miss everyone involved. Celia is the wife of retiring Alderman from Ward 3, Tom Taylor. For those that didn’t know, Celia served as an elected School Board member from Ward 1 for several years, early on. We wish both Celia and Tom a very happy and long retirement together. We knew Celia, going back to the 70’s, as an activist here in the city. Lots of people like her and Tom. Both of them have helped to move Somerville forward over the years, through a lot of adversity. Good luck to them. We know they are going to be around. They both love Somerville.

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Our condolences go out to the Ciampa family on the recent passing of Anne “Nina” Ciampa, who passed away recently. She was married to Dr. Frank Ciampa and is the mother of former State Representative and Alderman here in Somerville, Vinnie Ciampa. The Ciampa family has been a huge part of Somerville life in the recent past. Everyone knew the family, a well respected part of the community. The Ciampa’s are originally out of East Somerville. We, like a lot of others here in Somerville, send our sincere sympathy to the entire family on their loss of Anne.

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Happy Birthday to some of the Villens both here and spread across the land: Big Happy Birthday this past Sunday to Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz. She’s going to be having another good election year. She’s unopposed. Also, this past Sunday was Mike Hastings big day. Steven Mirabella,

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *Somerville begins data-driven street management*

Barry the Pig says:

Wow, evidence-based, rather than crystal ball-based decision making! What a novel concept! Way to go.

Anna says:

ADA? Really? After years of insisting on brick sidewalks and crosswalks, now they are looking at the ADA? How about the numerous sidewalks in the city that, due to tree roots, are at a 90 degree angle and have been for years. Dump the street festivals, etc., and fix what makes the day to day lives of Somerville residents better.

Islapiko says:

Street festivals notwithstanding, I couldn’t agree more about those fool brick crosswalks.

Marie says:

We clamor for diversity, just don’t bring any of those handicapped people around.

Somerbreeze says:

And how about keeping the DAMNED CYCLISTS OFF THE SIDEWALKS? They’re STILL at it, while City Hall pretends it doesn’t happen—Oh, I forget—it would be harassing cyclists if the ordinance was enforced... Now is it true that City Hall wants cyclists on the sidewalks, and pedestrians should use the bike lanes...?

amen says:

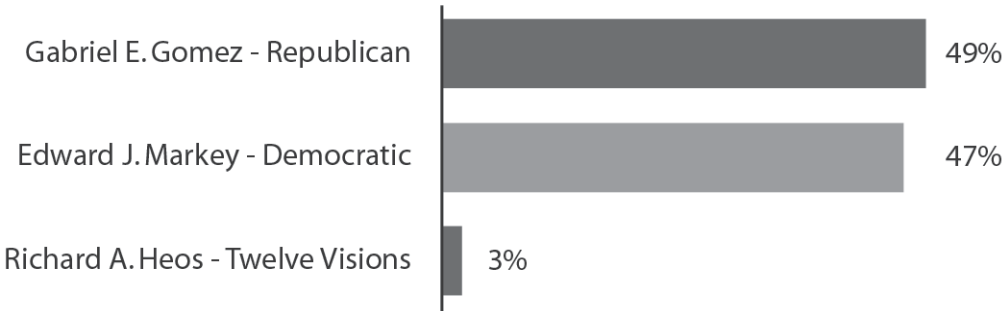
most prevalent in my experience, Highland Ave, Union, Davis. today I waited for 3 cyclists who were using the marked pedestrian crossings. their mantra is ‘we’re traffic’, they want to be considered the same as vehicles, unless they want to be pedestrians some-times. someone has to make some rules here.

*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 which U.S. Senate candidate you would like to see win the Special State Election on June 25. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Which US Senate candidate would you like to see win the Special State Election on June 25?



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# City urges move to ‘grandfather’ previous food truck vendors

By Jim Clark

At last week’s general meeting of The Board of Alderman, a proposal was made to have the City Solicitor draft language to amend Article XV of Chapter 8 of the city’s Code of Ordinances to grandfather vendors who operated as food truck vendors under hawker and peddler licenses prior to the effective date of the most recent changes of the ordinance.

The order, submitted by Alderman-at-Large Dennis M. Sullivan, effectively asked that the current ordinance be amended to allow those food truck vendors who had been operating under the older form of licensing be allowed to continue doing business without being required to adhere to certain aspects of the new ordinance that would substantially impair the manner in which those businesses operate.

Specifically, the newer ordinance details procedures pertaining to storage of trucks and the cleaning of equipment used in the food vending operations. It was pointed out at the meeting that those few vendors who have operated for years prior to the implementation of the current ordinance would be hard pressed to change the ways in which they conduct business now.

Speaking in favor of the order, Alderman-at-Large Sullivan said, “The new ordinance states that a food truck vendor has to have a commissary or restaurant kitchen to clean his tools, his apparatus. I remember the de-

bate distinctly. We didn’t want to hurt vendors that have been doing business for a long time. I was contacted recently by a neighbor, Dave Stewart from Moe’s B.B.Q Trolly’s, and the new requirements of the ordinance are overbearing for a local business owner.”

Sullivan further recalled the long talks that took place during the ordinance planning process about where vendors would store their vehicles, and that resident’s that were already operating would be allowed to do so easily. “I think that this case of having a commissary or kitchen to clean the supplies is too much for a local business owner,” said Sullivan. “Moe’s does a great job. He cleans his supplies at his house, he has a setup like that. I walk by his house on a daily basis with my dog and I don’t see a problem.”

The Alderman-at-Large expressed his wish that such local long-time establish businesses not be hurt by the new ordinance, especially those who are struggling to succeed in the current sluggish economy.

Alderman Robert C. Trane of Ward 7 concurred with Alderman Sullivan’s statements. “Moe’s been there for a long time. He’s basically part of the community. We drafted this ordinance in hopes of doing the right thing, but unfortunately we’ve hurt a local businessman. So what’s happening right now is he was told that if he continued operating he’d be fined \$100 a day. So for all intents and purposes he’s been shut



Long time vendors such as Moe’s B.B.Q. have been hit hard by certain provisions of the current ordinance, a situation that the Board of Alderman is eager to rectify.

down. He’s not making a million dollars out there. A \$100 a day, that’s his bottom-line. He’s out of business.”

Trane asked that the ordinance be held in abeyance until adjustments could be made to the ordinance, allowing Moe’s to resume operation as quickly as possible.

Alderman Maryann M. Heuston of Ward 2 spoke on the issue as well saying, “I remember long debates when we did this ordinance, and we knew that there were certain vendors that we

had to craft this ordinance for to make sure that we protected them, in a way, because these can become very onerous. They can favor people who are in big business and really not favor local business owners.”

Heuston urged the Board to pursue an immediate resolution to the issue so that vendors such as Moe’s could resume operation right away.

“Dave is an institution in this city,” according to Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. “Often-times these are the social conse-

quences of progress. Sometimes progress isn’t really progress. To have somebody that has been the fabric of my community as my constituent, I know how he does his work, I see his equipment when I go by Ten Hills. He does a wonderful job. He’s clean, he’s courteous, he’s part of this community.”

The request for an amendment to the ordinance was approved by the Board and the matter was referred to the Inspectional Services Division for further action.

## Joe’s Jazz and Blues Fest 2013



The brainchild of Mayor Joe Curtatone, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band, Joe’s Jazz and Blues Festival is back this year. Starting up this week, the festival makes its way through local music venues. Check out the four dates and clubs below. Then on June 22 join in at an all-day free

concert at Powderhouse Park from noon to 6 p.m. The Somerville High School Jazz Ensemble will kick off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going. From then on, there will be non-stop music - from jazz to delta blues - until 6 p.m. The lineup includes Darrell Nulish, the Brett Walberg Group, Matthew Smart

Band, JazzX with Matt Daniel, Roomful of Blues, John Aruda Trio, Geoff Bartley & Howie Tarnower, Willie Laws, Mike Dinallo Band Featuring Tim Gearan, and the Fringe. Get details and information about the week-long jazz and blues festival club lineup at [www.somervilleartsandcouncil.org](http://www.somervilleartsandcouncil.org).

Date	Time	Location	Performance
June 19	7:00 PM	Arts at the Armory Cafe	JazzX with Matt Daniel
June 20	7:30 PM	Arts at the Armory	Roomful of Blues
June 20	9:30 PM	PJ Ryans	John Aruda Trio
June 21	10:00 PM	Johnny D’s	Matthew Smart Band
June 22	9:00 PM	Sally O’Brien’s	Mike Dinallo Band Featuring Tim Gearan
June 22	12:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	Somerville High School Jazz Ensemble
June 22	1:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	Darrell Nulish
June 22	2:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	The Brett Walberg Group
June 22	3:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	Geoff Bartley & Howie Tarnower
June 22	4:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	Willie Laws
June 22	5:00 PM	Powderhouse Park	The Fringe

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## An appetite for trouble

Police responded to a report of an alleged shoplifting incident last week at the Stop & Shop at 775 MsGrath Hwy. Upon arrival, officers were told by store employees that a man, identified as Sidney Robinson, 41, of Lynn, had been observed concealing two packages of scallops and a package of chicken wings on his person, concealed in his clothing. As Robinson reportedly attempted to leave the store without paying, three of the store employees confronted him and, after a brief struggle, escorted him back inside the store to the security office, whereupon they retrieved the stolen items. Police placed Robinson under arrest, charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

## Bad aim costs man a night in jail

A reported case of vandalism brought police to a College Ave. residence last Saturday, shortly after midnight. The reporting party told officers that while he was visiting a friend at 195 College Ave. residence, he was drawn outside after hearing the sound of glass shattering. He reportedly said that after looking around the area of his parked car he could see pieces of broken glass on the ground. While officers were taking the reporting party's statement, a man came out of the residence located at 185 College Ave. He reportedly told officers that he had attempted to toss a bottle of liquor to a friend on his porch, but he missed and the bottle scraped the passenger's side door of the reporting party's car before crashing to the ground. It was noted by the officers that the car's door had been damaged and showed signs of scratched paint. Officers further observed that the man, Denis Richard, 20, of Medford, appeared to be glassy eyed and intoxicated. Richard was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with destruction of property over \$250.

## Family squabble gets out of hand

A family disturbance report was investigated by police officers at 22 Quincy St. in the early hours of last Sunday. Officers arrived at the scene to find about 10 individuals gathered outside the residence arguing loudly, police said. The officers were told that one of the family members had fled the scene prior to their arrival, and that she might be carrying a knife. The woman, Stephanie Varela, 21, returned to the scene, but reportedly refused their request to allow a search of her handbag. Varela was then restrained by officers as a safety measure, while she reportedly swore at and threatened her parents. A friend of Varela's arrived and offered to take her home, police said, and Varela agreed and began to walk away. She turned back, though, and began yelling at her parents once again, according to reports. Police then arrested Varela on a charge of disorderly conduct.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Michael Harrison**, 36, of 17 Mason St., June 10, 11:16 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of assault to murder and mayhem.  
**David Palmater**, 60, of 22 Tennyson St., June 10, 6:55 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.  
**Edward Mahoney**, 50, of 29 Minnesota Ave., June 11, 11:05 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of armed robbery.  
**Sidney Robinson**, 41, of 75 Seymour Ave., Lynn, June 11, 11:24 a.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.  
**Jose Fuentes**, 28, of 20 Otis St., June 12, 12:33 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.  
**Jeanmarc Exilhome**, 28, of 7 Delmont St., Dorchester, June 12, 12:33 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, no inspection sticker, and marked lanes violation.  
**Maria Chaisson**, 41, of 10 B

Memorial Rd., June 12, 5:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on multiple warrant charges of larceny under \$250.  
**Reginaldo Dejesus**, 30, of 345 Summer St., East Boston, June 13, 6:16 a.m., arrested at 1137 Broadway on warrant unregistered motor vehicle and number plate violation.  
**Felix Candelario**, 26, of 25 River Rd., June 13, 6:18 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of trafficking in cocaine and trafficking in firearms.  
**Lawrence Sullivan**, 19, of 59 Lanark Rd., Brighton, June 14, 7:11 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of conspiracy, larceny from a building, and felony nighttime breaking and entering.  
**Ralph Romelus**, 26, of 10 Winter Hill Cir., June 14, 9:58 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.  
**Denis Richard**, 20, of 43 Latin Way-Wren Hall, Medford, June 15, 12:09 a.m., arrested at 185 College Ave. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.  
**Raymond Massey**, 49, of 382 McGrath Hwy., June 15, 12:53 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on multiple warrant charges of abuse prevention or-

der violation.  
**Victor Villanueva**, 40, of 11 Washington St., Roxbury, June 15, 9:26 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.  
**Stephanie Varela**, 21, of 22 Quincy St., June 16, 1:17 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of disorderly conduct.  
**Edward Sarmanian**, 38, of 952 Maun St., Melrose, June 17, 10:31 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of receiving a stolen credit card.  
**Michelle Silva**, 52, of 37 Merriam St., June 17, 4:55 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.  
**Incidents:**  
**Theft:**  
June 11, 8:30 a.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.  
June 11, 10:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Central St.  
June 11, 11:24 a.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.  
June 12, 9:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Skehan St.  
June 12, 11:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.  
June 12, 4:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.  
June 12, 9:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Oliver St.

June 14, 6:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.  
June 15, 8:04 a.m., police reported a theft at Morrison Ave.  
June 15, 1:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.  
June 16, 6:21 a.m., police reported a theft at 1293 Broadway.  
June 16, 2:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Clarendon Ave.  
June 17, 12:57 a.m., police reported a theft at Brook St.  
June 17, 8:24 a.m., police reported a theft at Craigie St.  
June 17, 6:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

**Breaking & Entering:**

June 11, 9:32 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Grant St.  
June 11, 11:45 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Houghton St.  
June 12, 8:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Hill Rd.  
June 12, 10:11 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Springfield St.  
June 13, 9:44 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Rossmore St.  
June 14, 6:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.  
June 15, 2:23 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at

Belmont Sq.  
June 15, 8:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Aberdeen Rd.  
June 16, 12:58 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Harold St.  
June 16, 3:11 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wyatt Cir.  
June 16, 3:29 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wyatt Cir.  
June 16, 9:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lexington Ave.  
June 16, 9:30 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Belmont Sq.

**Vehicle Theft:**

June 12, 11:40 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Albion St.  
June 12, 9:47 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.  
June 12, 7:39 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Joy St.

**Assault:**

June 17, 4:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Merriam St.

**Drug Violation:**

June 12, 12:33 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Cross St.  
June 12, 1:55 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 93 School St.



## 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

#### 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 HEUSTON, INCUMBENT  
NO CHALLENGER

#### WARD TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*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

*THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY IN WARD 3*

SUZANNE BREMER, CANDIDATE  
STEPHEN DELANI, CANDIDATE  
MATTHEW DESMOND, CANDIDATE  
ROBERT MCWATERS, 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, CURRENT 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  
JOSEPH CAPUANO, CANDIDATE

#### WARD SEVEN SCHOOL BOARD

*(Three pulled papers. One notified City Hall  
he wasn't running and another didn't certify)*  
CAROLINE NORMAND, CANDIDATE

# Residents urged to continue reporting aircraft noise pollution

The City of Somerville has announced that Boston Logan International Airport has implemented a new departure procedure for one of its runways that should decrease aircraft noise pollution over parts of the city, but urges residents to continue reporting aircraft noise to compel the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Massport's adoption of further alternative operations at Logan Airport that would provide relief to all of Somerville.

The new departure procedure for Runway 33 Left at Logan began on June 5 after the FAA determined it would not produce significant environmental impacts. With this new procedure, aircraft that previously flew directly over northeastern and middle Somerville during departures should now instead fly north of the Mystic River. The FAA will conduct another review of the new departure procedure in six months.

Although this change will benefit only residents of East and parts of Central Somerville, Logan Airport can still adopt more equitable runaway patterns that will further mitigate aircraft noise pollution over the city, which has tripled since the construction of Runway 14/32 at Logan Airport. The City of Somerville asks residents to continue reporting aircraft noise to 311 and to Massport to document how the changes are working and advocate for future changes.

"This is a small yet victorious step for the City of Somerville and surrounding communities. Any decrease in the frequency of or noise level of flights over our community is a welcome change, and we will continue to work with and lobby Massport and the FAA for additional mitigation for the entire city," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. "In the meantime, we need to make our case to Massport and the FAA to ensure that these changes happen, but we cannot



New departure procedures are expected to alleviate some of the noise pollution problems originating from Logan International Airport.

do it without our residents help. Residents should continue to report each incident to both 311 and Massport so the city can make a strong argument for changes at Logan Airport that will have a direct impact on our residents' health and quality of life and, as studies have shown, our children's ability to learn."

The first goal of the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) is to reduce the number of people exposed to aircraft noise in excess of 60 decibels. The most recent BLANS report released in December 2012 states that without any changes to Logan Airport operations, in 2015 Somerville residents would have been subjected to 34 incidents of aircraft noise pollution exceeding 60 decibels each day.

That same report identifies alternative Logan Airport operations that could reduce the number of daily 60-plus decibel incidents over Somerville by up to 69 percent and the minutes of 60-plus decibel aircraft noise pollution over the city by up to 76 percent.

Studies have shown that night-time aircraft noise pollution can increase a

person's blood pressure even if it does not wake them, increasing the risk of hypertension, and that residents in areas with more aircraft noise are up to 50 percent more likely to have a cardiovascular impairment.

Another study found that chronic exposure to aircraft noise pollution is associated with higher levels of poorer reading comprehension and sustained attention problems in children. Those problems do not fade over time and children do not adapt the noise, according to the study, but rather persist as long as the children are subjected to the noise pollution.

Residents should report aircraft noise to Massport online at [http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental\\_reporting/noise\\_abatement/noisecomplaints.aspx](http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental_reporting/noise_abatement/noisecomplaints.aspx) or by calling the Massport Noise Complaint Line at (617) 561-3333 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those same complaints should also be registered with the City of Somerville by calling 311 or online at <http://citizen.somervillema.intelligovsoftware.com/>.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I am writing in support of the Somerville Community Corporation/Cathartes proposal for redevelopment of 181 – 197 Washington Street. I recently moved to Somerville – on Rossmore Street, less than 200 feet from the site - and am attending graduate school at Tufts. I would love to stay here after I graduate in 2015, but I don't know if I'll be able to afford it, especially once the Green Line extension comes in, on what will probably be an entry level, non-profit income.

The SCC/Cathartes development would provide housing that would allow middle-income earners like teachers, construction workers, city workers, and nurses, families with

young children, and students like myself to continue living in Somerville. It is important to note that 70% of the "workforce housing" units will be reserved for people already living in Somerville. The development will be truly diverse in terms of income, with affordable housing for low and moderate income folks as well as market rate units.

The location of the development is ideal for attracting the growing number of us who are drawn to urban living for the ability to walk, bike, or take public transit almost anywhere we want to go. Having seen the proposed designs in public meetings, I am excited for, right next door to me, what promises to be aesthetically pleasing, environmentally

friendly, and community-oriented development, with some much-needed green space. Perhaps I could even live there myself!

What I love about Union Square – and Somerville in general – is that "everyone" lives here: people who grew up here, young families with children, middle aged and elderly adults, recent immigrants from other countries, students, young working people. Let's keep it that way. I urge all Somerville residents who are for an affordable Somerville to join SCC and show your support for 181-197 Washington Street at the planning board meeting Thursday the 20th.

Sincerely,  
Marga Hutcheson





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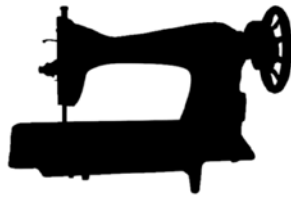
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# Giant puppets hit the streets of Somerville

By Martynas Limantas

Puppet Palooza, a series of puppet shows hitting local parks, streets, and courtyards this summer, kicked off the season with *A Giant Puppet Romp* on June 12 at East Somerville Public Library.

In a joint effort, the Somerville Arts Council and East Somerville Main Streets is presenting a series of puppetry shows to bring awareness of different art forms in hopes of engaging the community in an interactive, safe, and fun way for all.

"Bringing art into a neighborhood enriches lives on multiple levels and strengthens the cultural and economic development of the community," said Mrs. Balchunas of the benefits of the events. "It gives people the opportunity to gather, know their neighbors, and share in the experience."

"The Arts Council has wanted to do more events in East Somerville for quite some time," according to Balchunas. "Taking a page from our *Dancing in the Street Series*, we are looking to do events in non-traditional spaces."

Executive Director Greg Jenkins toured the area and keyed in on a few sites perfect for outdoor puppet shows. Thus, with the help of Puppet Show-

place Theater, Puppet Palooza was born.

With the evening commute down Broadway as a backdrop, a number of giant puppets were dancing in the street to a jig by an accordion. Ancient Egyptian gods of different shapes and colors greeted the passersby. Children were welcome to participate, with extra costumes available. Some puppets even ventured across the street with cars honking and passengers waving while the music kept playing. Many stopped in their tracks to acknowledge the commotion.

With the sun peeking through the clouds and a gentle breeze bending the trees, more and more participated in the dance. After a friendly greeting from the organizer, Heather Balchunas, the festivities continued. "There is only one rule, dance and have fun," said Balchunas, and the music carried on in that note. The crowd was cheering and hopping about with the statuesque giants waving their paws and hooves. All present were encouraged to take part in the fun.

The sound of the accordion and the giant bobbing heads, accompanied by laughter and cheers, attracted more to join in and have a go at the fun. The puppets shuffling this way and



Photos by Rada Limantas

Giant puppets were recently seen in the vicinity of East Somerville Public Library, all a part of the ongoing Puppet Palooza series.

that kept dancing, interacting with the crowd, and drawing the attention of onlookers, young and old. Every time the accordion stopped, the crowd cheered and once it picked up again cheered even louder and resumed the dance.

"Puppetry is unique in the

sense that it includes all the art forms: sculpture, music, movement/dance, acting, and visual art," elaborated Balchunas on the message to the community. "The community has asked us to do more programming in east Somerville and we look forward to doing so. The Somerville Arts

Council is always looking for new and dynamic programming to bring to Somerville. So, I am sure that there will be more puppets in the future."

The next show will take place June 25 at Glen Park, for more information go to <http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org>.



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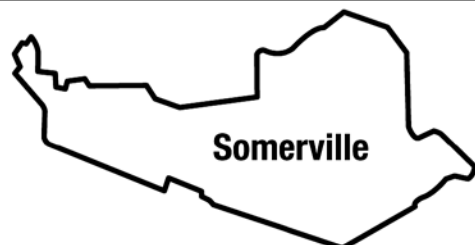
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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Time to fix up the sidewalks?

The View From Prospect Hill



A lot of talk is thrown around these days about what a desirable place to live Somerville is. To be sure, for the long time residents and newcomers alike the city has a lot to offer, whether one is raising a family here or otherwise.

And yet, even the best of communities can fall behind in sustaining and renovating its infrastructure and public facilities. Such is apparently the case with our

streets and sidewalks. Many are lamenting a seeming lack of care when it comes to maintaining the walkability and accessibility of these vital thoroughfares.

Somerville has a long history and has certainly been on the map almost as long as the nation itself has been in existence. Vestiges of the distant past lend a palpable historical heritage to our environment, as well as endowing it with a certain charm

and appeal for both locals and visitors.

But when it comes to making the city work well to accommodate the majority of its citizens it becomes an imperative that we do our best to keep up with the times as well as preserve what we have already made.

We urge city planners and leaders to make a clear and decisive effort at tending to the details of everyday life in our pleas-

ant corner of the world, where so many live, work and play.

The streets and sidewalks need to be maintained and brought up to date for the benefit of all, not forgetting the necessity of doing the best we can for those with special needs.

It's the least we can do for ourselves and for those on the outside looking in. Surely, we want to be the best that we can be.

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another well known Villen and a good electrician as well, also celebrates. Senator Sal DiDomenico is celebrating this week. A nice guy as well. We wish him a HB. Jack Nicas, who is a former Asst. Editor here at The News, and is now a reporter for the Wall Street Journal, is enjoying a birthday this week. We certainly hope he has a great day. A Happy Birthday goes also to Michelle Lima of the Ville, as well as Diann Siracusa, who is also from the Ville and works at Re-max. And finally - we kept this for last - we here at The News celebrate our own Ms. Cam Toner, who is celebrating her young birthday, we hear somewhere in the young years in the 80's. She's a true treasure here at The News.

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Mark your calendar. Candidate for Ward 3 Alderman, Robert "Rob" McWaters, is having his first fundraiser/campaign kickoff this coming Monday, June 24, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Precinct in Union Square. We hear that a lot of his friends from across the city and his family will be present, too. He is a great guy and has done more for the city than most, and he's the only

one of 4 candidates in Ward 3 that knows what's going on here in the city, since he works as Asst. Clerk of Committees for the Board of Alderman.

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Union Square Main Streets is looking to have a Volunteer Orientation class for anyone interested in getting involved in the work that the USMS does. They are hosting an orientation for prospective volunteers. Meet the committee chairs seeking your talents for initiatives to enliven Union Square. Learn the background of the organization and see if there's a match of your time and interests with current projects. Among the projects currently seeking volunteers: Planter Project, Fluff Festival, Farmers Market, and Business Ambassador Program. Orientation is Thursday, June 27, at 630 at Relish: Center for Urban Agriculture on Sanborn Court.

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A joint proposal for redevelopment of two parcels on Washington Street is coming before the Planning Board on Thursday, June 20 at 6 p.m. This proposal by the Somerville Community Corporation is very controversial in

the neighborhood. The meeting with the Planning Board is at the VNA on 259 Lowell Street, up in the 3rd floor Community Room. It is expected that the Board will make a definitive ruling at this meeting. A huge controversy has been brewing here in Somerville. There is lots of opposition for the plan, so this meeting will be jam-packed with pros and cons. The meeting is public and all are welcome to attend.

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Somerville Teachers are working without a contract now, and it appears that we might be seeing several picket lines shoot up across the many schools here in the Ville. We also know that several other city employees are also working without a contract but haven't heard about any possible strikes as of yet.

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The Somerville Kiwanis Club is proud to host Bike Safety Day, Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School Playground. There will be Free 12 point bike inspection, free helmets and reflectors, free gift bags for all children, bike registration by Somerville Po-

lice Face painting music and so much more. Registration is limited to the 1st 150 students Contact David Blumsack with questions (617) 776-7645.

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Tonight June 19, at 7 p.m. Author George Hassett discusses his new book "Gangsters of Boston" at the Book Shop in Ball Square, 694 Broadway.

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The City of Somerville's annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration and Family Fun Day are set to kick off the city's summer events schedule on Thursday, June 27 and Saturday, June 29, respectively. Drawing several thousand spectators each year, the Fireworks Celebration will include live entertainment by the Somerville Sunsetters, the Somerville Moonlighters, Bova Productions, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers and local disco-funk band Booty Vortex, culminating with a 30-minute fireworks display launched from Trum Field. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. For more information and street closures go to the city's web site [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov).



## COMMENTARY

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### Food stamps, minimum wage hike invest in our future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

In Somerville, and in Massachusetts, we believe in investing in our residents and our local economy. To see the stark contrast between this approach and the slash-and-burn approach elsewhere you need only compare

the proposed cuts to the federal nutrition assistance program to a bill on Beacon Hill that would raise the minimum wage. The former stunts a still fragile economic recovery and hurts families and children, while the latter puts money back into the economy by putting in the pockets of those who need a little more.

Many of you likely know the statistic that 63 percent of Somerville students qualify for and receive free or reduced lunch, and some of your families have directly benefited from this program that aims

to eliminate child hunger. But what you may not know is that if passed, a bill currently winding its way through congress would deny 200,000 children nationwide this critical nutritional support and would also end SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits for 2 million low-income U.S. residents. Somerville would not be spared.

This kind of shortsighted cutting will hurt both the nation and Somerville in the long run. Children from working class families are most at risk for obesity and hunger, and Somerville

has led the fight against both through our Shape Up Somerville program that offers healthy options at school and through our free summer breakfast and lunch program at multiple sites through the city. But if the proposed SNAP cuts pass, they would undermine our progress especially in eliminating the hunger that can impede our children's ability to reach their greatest potential and become successful members of the workforce, all at a time when Somerville is making its largest ever investment in our schools.

The U.S. House Agricultural Committee has advanced a Farm Bill that cuts approximately \$20 billion over 10 years from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as "food stamps." Almost 2 million low-income residents across the nation would lose SNAP eligibility. Some families would be bewilderingly punished for owning a modest car that they use to get to work. They should not have to choose between owning a car and receiving assistance to feed their families.

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### How to balance the budget



By William C. Shelton

We are enjoying an intermission in Congress's vicious deficit-reduction theater. For tactical reasons, the Republicans have decided not to conduct debt-ceiling or continuing reso-

lution dramas for a while. Democrats remain inertial, or absent from the conversation.

So it's probably a good time to discuss ways to balance the budget that are in plain sight, but aren't approved of by Congress's owners. Before doing so, it's also worth asking why the issue of deficit reduction dominates that of the widespread unemployment and falling incomes that are wrecking lives and savaging the workforce's youngest generation.

**Austere fiscal policy doesn't work**

We have ample evidence now that the austerity economics that so-called conservatives advocate result in economic slow down, greater public debt, and widespread suffering.

Britain's Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, was forced to report that his government has failed miserably to meet the economic goals that it set in 2010 when it slashed government programs by as much as 30%. At that time, he

had said that this policy would cut the budget deficit to zero within four years, reduce public debt, and generate economic growth—exactly what Congressional Republicans promise us.

Instead, the British deficit remains high and the economy has gone through a double-dip recession, the second dip precipitated by fiscal austerity measures. We have seen the same in those national economies that were forced to embrace the austerity approach.

If all the pain and suffering

caused by austerity had transformed their economies as promised, there might be some justification. There is none.

Six times, our nation has gone deeply into debt. The first five times were to finance wars. Americans paid down those debts with increased taxes, but did so over decades rather than years, so as not to stifle economic growth.

Tea Partiers like to point to the 1950s as the "good old days." But for most of the 1950s, the top marginal tax rate was 91%. The lowest

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### Proposed Washington Street development falls short of community vision

The recent editorial written by Danny LeBlanc regarding the Somerville Community Corporation's proposed development at 181 Washington Street describes the project as embodying a shared community vision. Developed alongside Cathartes Private Investments who are

proposing a building to replace the adjacent historic Cota Funeral Home at 197 Washington Street, they promise a "thriving neighborhood at the gateway of Union Square" that is a "mixed-income, mixed-use site with community amenities such as public green space and ground

floor retail."

Many neighbors living around the project site share this vision and the goal outlined in 'Somervision,' Somerville's comprehensive plan created by a broad coalition of residents: to "... facilitate thoughtfully-designed, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use de-

velopment and reuse opportunities ... that are sensitive to neighborhood context, and serve existing and future residents and businesses." Despite this clear vision for the site, the actual buildings that are being proposed fall short of these goals, creating buildings which negatively impact the sur-

rounding neighborhood and fail to create the type of high quality housing intended by the Union Square Zoning Ordinance and the Somervision Plan.

While often described as a joint development, the reality is that two separate buildings are proposed

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

### The Class of 1960



*This article first appeared in the June 2, 2010 edition of The Somerville News.*

June has arrived, and the Class of 2010 prepares for their graduation and Class Day exercises.

A very nice tradition that has been upheld over the years is to invite the class from 50 years ago to the current year's Class Day exercises. This year it's the Class of 1960.

So, a lot of reminiscing has been happening with all the classmates of 1960 as they also prepare for their 50th Reunion on Oct. 1.

Somehow, even after all these years, a lot of the classmates have stayed in touch, and many more have remained very close friends. For the past year, some have joined Facebook and used it to socialize and reconnect with each other.

There have also been "mini" reunions. A few actually meet for lunch once a month at Pignone's Café in Stoneham. The Class of 1959 started these gatherings last year

as they prepared for their 50th. Dave Pignone, owner of Pignone's Café, and an SHS 1959 graduate, welcomes the Class of 1960, too.

Many of them are retired now, but there have been many graduates with interesting professions, careers, and lives.

Ray Spinoso, a West Point graduate, enjoyed a military career. He is now enjoying his retirement.

Two other grads became psychologists, Susan Kaup and Joan Dias. Robert Mac-Millan became a physician. Nancy Swett, former editor of our *Radiator*, has pub-

lished papers and a book in her profession.

Richard Hart and his wife raised 10 children, some theirs, some adopted, some foster children. Ann Weld-Harrington is an ordained Anglican priest. Joe Bradley and Anthony Spero pursued a religious career later in life and both are ministers now.

The diversity could go on and on, but the common factor among them has always been "We are all classmates of Somerville High School's Class of 1960."

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of June 10-14. There were no important roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



**Rep. Denise Provost**

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



**Rep. Carl Sciortino**

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



**Rep. Timothy Toomey**

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



**Sen. Sal DiDomenico**

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

1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of 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.

## UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (H 28)

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill updating many laws, known collectively as the Uniform Commercial Code, that govern commercial transactions in the Bay State. The code is routinely adopted by most states and is aimed at enabling firms doing business in multiple states to conform their practices to one set of uniform laws. That makes it easier and more appealing to businesses that otherwise would have to deal with a patchwork of different laws in each state. The last time the code was updated was 2001.

Supporters said that without updating the code, the state would become "business unfriendly" by having different commercial laws than most other states. They argued the result would put the state and businesses, both large and small, at risk of losing revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**TAX BREAKS** - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation providing reimbursement to state workers or retirees who are same-sex married couples that under the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) are ineligible for federal health insurance tax benefits enjoyed by opposite-sex married couples (H 2672). Other bills on the agenda included providing a tax credit for businesses that hire mentally ill or disabled people (S 1335) or veterans (S 1336); exempting all active-duty military personnel from paying the state income tax (H 2528); providing an income tax exemption of up to \$15,000 for military personnel stationed outside the United States (S1326); and providing up to a \$500 tax credit for persons over 55 who buy hearing aids (H 2736).

**HIKE MINIMUM WAGE (S 878)** - The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development held a jam-packed hearing on several bills including one that would raise the minimum hourly wage from \$8 to \$11 over three years. The wage would rise to \$9 the first year, \$10 the second year and \$11 in year three. The measure also provides that once the wage reaches \$11, it would be automatically raised annually to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index. The most recent hike in the minimum wage was approved by the Legislature in July

2006, when it raised it from \$6.75 to the current \$8. Last year a similar bill raising the wage to \$11 was shipped off to a study committee where it died.

Supporters testified that the hike would give Massachusetts workers the highest minimum wage in the nation and help thousands of low-wage earners. Opponents argued that the hike would result in higher prices that would be passed along to the consumer. They noted this would hurt many small businesses and efforts to stimulate job growth.

**BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (H 2087)** - The Public Health Committee heard testimony on a bill banning the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam ones that supermarkets, and fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks. Supporters testified that this material is not biodegradable and is bad for the environment. They also noted the hazardous chemical styrene leaches out of the mug and into the drink. Opponents said the ban goes too far. They argued that leaching is at very low levels that do not have any impact on our health.

Other bills on the committee's agenda include expanding to all restaurants the current law that requires restaurants with more than 25 seats to have on the premises a device to remove food lodged in persons' throats or an on-duty employee trained in a manual removal method (H 1890); prohibiting the use of latex gloves and products by all food handlers (S 1132); banning the use of artificial trans fats, also known as partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, in all restaurants (H 2007); requiring restaurants that offer a children's menu to provide at least one diaper-changing area on the premises (S 1043); banning sales of high-caffeine energy drinks to anyone under 18 (H 2040); and prohibiting state and local departments of public health from regulating the serving of food brought to potluck dinners sponsored by a group of individuals or nonprofit organization (H 1997). Supporters say some local boards of health have gone too far by attempting to regulate this time-honored harmless tradition. Opponents say there is real danger of diners getting an illness and noted people have been sick and even died from the food at these events.

**REGULATE MICROWAVE OVENS (S 113)** - The list of bills on the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure's hearing agenda included a measure establishing regulations on microwave ovens including prohibiting any oven from being large enough fit a small child or animal; requiring ovens to be equipped with a motion sensor designed to detect a living person or animal and immediately turn off the cooking mechanism and mandating that each microwave be registered and equipped with a locking device.

Other provisions allow only one microwave oven per residence; prohibit any residence with a regular oven from also having a microwave; and ban anyone under the age of 18 from operating a microwave oven.

Other bills on the agenda prohibit any florist business from listing a local telephone number in a phone directory if calls are routinely forwarded to a non-local number and the listing does not give the true physical address of the business (H 226); require travel agents to provide customers with information on the potential health and



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safety risks of any overseas travel (H 205); and license and regulate talent casting agents working in the state’s entertainment industry (H 197).

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“He told me he’s trading in his Mustang for a 15-seat passenger van and he has to go to Laconia today to pick it up. It’s for all the grandkids.” – *Sen. Bob Hedlund (R-Weymouth) on a recent conversation with former Gov. Mitt Romney.*

“Love you guys.” – *Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry (D-Boston) in her farewell speech to the House. She was elected to the Senate in a special election.*

“Another Dorchester girl.” – *Senate President Therese Murray, who grew up in Dorchester, introducing new-*

*ly-elected Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry (D-Boston).*

**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 10-14, the House met for a total of five hours and 5 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 52 minutes.

Mon. June 10	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Tues. June 11	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 12	House 11:07 a.m. to 3:58 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 13	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 2:44 p.m.
Fri. June 14	No House session No Senate session

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

# Commission gets new members CONT. FROM PG 1

the road and hit him. It was terrible.”

Complaints about the bikes and even skaters causing dangers to people with disabilities have been going on for years, according to Denise Provost, the Representative of the 27th Middlesex District in Massachusetts.

“Some bills I filed are to make the roads safer for pedestrians, for people who use walkers, wheelchairs,” Provost said. “I’ve heard a lot over the years, complaints about the crosswalks in Davis Square, how they are unsafe, particularly for people who are frail or unsteady.”

Provost mentioned that some Boston suburbs, such as Medford and Braintree had already passed bills to reduce the speed limit for all vehicles, including bicycles. “These enforcements are very necessary. They make people feel at least objectively safer,” Provost said. “A neighbor of mine had his foot broken by a

bicycle. It was awful.”

There were five to six thousand bills relevant to disabled people that were filed between the two branches of state legislature, but they might not be filed in the same committee, according to Provost.

“There is a Committee of Mental Health,” Provost said. “Sometimes, the bills are sent to the Committee of Public Health. No one’s testimony is more preferred than others. And House clerks will decide which bills can be passed.”

Provost said it was unnecessary for disabled people in Somerville to file bills at the state house. Instead, they can send emails to the Commission of People with Disabilities.

Sixty-five-year-old Marie McBride moved to Somerville in 1978. She has been doing community work as a disability consultant for 20 years. Hidden disabilities and mental health were

her biggest concerns.

“There are no people for disabled people to fall back on and ask for help,” McBride said. “Mental health disability is pretty bad in Somerville. We need to care more about brain injuries and teenage suicides. Kids do damaging things to themselves.”

McBride thought it was “a shame and tragedy” for government officials to take away the Welfare Office at Davis Square and the Social Security Office.

“We need places that people can go into and ask for help,” McBride said.

Out of all the unfair situations that may happen to the disabled community at Somerville, Provost selected bills for the three that she thought were the most important.

House 144 is the title of a bill affirming the inclusion of the individuals with disabilities within civil rights protections and non-discrimination

provisions in Massachusetts, according to Provost.

“Many people today still call disabled people handicapped,” Provost said. “So this bill makes an effort of going through all of the general laws, making the language consistent.”

House 1806 concerns the rights of persons receiving services from programs of facilities and the Department of Mental health, including right to fresh air in the outdoors, Provost said.

House 2057 addresses accessibility to medical equipment, Provost said. “As I listen to those testimonies, I found that people with a variety of disabilities were told ‘I’m sorry, we can’t find a wheelchair for you.’ They always receive minimal care or denial of care.”

The Coordinator and Director of the Somerville Office of Disabilities, Betsy Aolen, said the Commission was still accumulating the funds to make some of

the facilities in Somerville more convenient for disabled people.

“We have a consultant for designing the city right now. There is also Somerville by Design. They are doing assessments of our buildings, parks and playgrounds,” Aolen said. Making buildings more accessible to disabled people “is definitely something that is recognized as priority.”

The Commission for Persons with Disabilities was established by Municipal Ordinance in 1992. Its stated goals are “to ensure that all persons living, working and visiting the City of Somerville have full and equal access to all programs and services within the city and to enable individuals with disabilities to achieve their full potentials.”

“Hopefully, there will be more people to join the Commission to bring the changes,” King said, “So the city can be more convenient for the disabled people.”

# Food stamps, minimum wage hike invest in our future CONT. FROM PG 9

SNAP benefits are not a financial windfall. The average monthly benefit in fiscal year 2012 came to \$133.31 per person – less than \$5 a day. Yet this modest spending is critical at keeping those families teetering on the edge from falling into poverty and hunger.

At the same time, SNAP benefits help everyone by stimulating the economy. Moody’s Analytics found that each dollar spent on SNAP generates \$1.72 in economic activity. Taxpayer money spent on SNAP directly feeds back into the economy in the form of increased government revenue. Any economic stimulus aims to stimulate the demand that create jobs, and that demand is created when we put money in the hands of people who will spend it.

Some may point to the recent

state auditor’s report about SNAP benefits incorrectly going to ineligible recipients, and while there is no level of acceptable fraud and we should demand better standards and management, the amount of money and number of people who received it represent less than two-tenths of 1 percent of the total budget and total recipients. Nationally, meanwhile, SNAP fraud ranges from 3 to 5 percent. It still represents over \$2 million dollars in misappropriated funds, taking money off the table for deserving recipients who need this assistance and who put it back into the economy, but we should not punish the many for the abuse of the few.

The same way SNAP benefits stimulate demand and boost the economy, raising the state minimum wage would put more

money in the pockets of both working class and middle class families and ease their reliance on SNAP and other government programs. Full-time minimum wage workers in Massachusetts earn \$8 per hour, which comes to just over \$16,000 a year in one of the most expensive states to live in the nation.

Meanwhile, the minimum wage has not kept up with inflation. The real value of the minimum wage in Massachusetts today is 24 percent below its 1968 level, when it represented \$10.58 per hour in today’s dollars, according to Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center.

Then there’s the growing income gap while the income of the top 1 percent of households has risen 281 percent since 1979, the middle fifth has risen only 25 percent and the bottom

fifth has risen 16 percent, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The bill currently before the Massachusetts Senate would phase in an increase in the minimum wage over three years to \$11 per hour, and then index it to inflation, ensuring that what people earn actually matches what it costs to live here.

Some point to the fact that many working minimum wage jobs live with people collecting salaries of their own, whether spouses, parents or others. That’s not an argument against raising the minimum wage; instead, it shows how raising it can also directly support middle class families, in addition to indirectly helping the middle class by creating upward wage pressure. A family of four with two adults, one child in school and

another child in preschool needs \$81,576 to live in Somerville according to a study by the Crittenton Women’s Union. Putting a little more in the paycheck of a household’s secondary earner makes it easier to put food on the table or buy that new pair of badly needed children’s sneakers.

Others argue that raising the minimum wage leads to less employment, but after countless studies, the weight of the evidence points to little or no change in employment levels in response to modest increases in the minimum wage.

SNAP and minimum wage represent investments in the people who live in our community. By investing now instead of cutting back, we’ll see the future dividends in the form of better outcomes for our children and a healthier, robust economy.



# Somerville Squeezebox Slam 2013









SPORTS

Alibrandis again taking league by storm

By Mike Stoller

Leading the Ted Williams Division by two-and-a-half games in the Yawkey Baseball League, the Somerville Alibrandis team is playing in a way that ol' Teddy Ballgame would himself admire.

Not that this is anything new for Alibrandis, a dynasty, which has won three straight league championships and 13 of the last 20 since the team has been sponsored by Alibrandi's Barber Shop, headed by Tony Alibrandi, in 1994.

"It's another great start," Alibrandis assistant coach Cam Lynch said, after Alibrandis defeated division foe Medford, 3-2, in eight innings, Sunday night at Medford's Playstead Park, improving its record to 9-1. "We're the best team in the league, and we bring the best guys in every season."

After several rainouts, Alibrandis and the Maddogs of Med-

ford (2-6-1) played their version of Sunday Night Baseball, and it was an extra-inning doozy.

Alibrandis struck first in the first inning on a two-out homer by Ted Dziuba, who pulled the ball over the right field fence for a 1-0 lead.

Dziuba also drew three walks on the night and scored three runs, including the game-winner, when third baseman Mark DesRoches took a pass with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the eighth.

With Dziuba on first to start the eighth, Bob Barrett reached on an error, and Justin Crisafulli walked to load the bases for DesRoches.

Alibrandis held onto the one-run lead as closer Brian Tanguy picked up his fifth save of the campaign in the bottom half.

Tanguy was one of four hurlers for Alibrandis. Sean Sullivan started and pitched four efficient innings. Jon Morse took over in the fifth. In the sixth, Morse



Photo by Harry Kane

The Alibrandis continue to dominate in the Yawkee Baseball League.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Where do Chinese Gooseberries come from?

2. What color is a purple finch?

3. In 17th Century England, who were the only people entitled to be called Mr. & Mrs.?

4. Why is plum pudding called a pudding not a cake?

5. What was the name Of Dale Evans' horse?

6. By taking the first letter of each month from July to November what name does it spell out?

7. Weight is a force – how is it measured?

8. Where did the term "Mad Hatter" come from?

9. Who said "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration" - ?

10. How did the pound cake get its name?

11. What was the name of the hero cop in *Dragnet*?

12. What age to you have to be to become a Senator?

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gave way to newcomer Andrew Aizenstad, who got the win, tossing two strong innings in his debut with the team.

The quartet was locked in a pitcher's duel with Medford's Jon Klein, who allowed only six hits on the night.

Crisafulli put Alibrandis ahead, 2-1, in the fourth with a sacrifice fly, scoring Dziuba. Mike Cunningham punched a key single, getting Dziuba to third.

The Maddogs had tied the game at 1-1 in bottom of the third, as Jed Drake stole a couple of bases and scored on an error. They evened it again in the fourth when Jay Sablone singled in Buddy Hanley, who had doubled.

Alibrandis was missing a few of its starters, including stand-out second baseman Steve Rogers, because of personal commitments. Barrett, who usually plays left field, filled in for Rogers, who was attending his graduation at Trinity College.

Alibrandis also got some terrific defense from Dziuba, Cunningham, Mark Odessa, and Charlie Lapaglia.

"It was a good game," Lynch said. "Every game that's close is good. It's hard to get the offense going with all the rain postponing the games. We battled even though a few of our starting nine were missing."

Alibrandis was scheduled to host West Roxbury at Trum Field on Monday, before visiting South Boston and Brighton on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

The Yawkey League All-Stars will take on the United States Military All-Stars on Friday at Morelli Field in Melrose.

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# Somerville Olympics of a Special Kind

The Somerville Olympics of a Special Kind event took place at Trum Field on Wednesday, June 12. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of MIT Police Officer Sean Collier. Family members were present to open the games.

Honor Guards from the Somerville Police, Somerville Fire Dept., and Middlesex Sheriff's Office escorted the athletes through the opening ceremonies. The event is by Somerville School Department, Walnut Street Center, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions.



## Take the walking school bus with your kids

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone led two walking school buses last week to the Capuano School and Kennedy School and invites parents to join in this enjoyable way to get kids active in the morning and ready for school, and for parents to spend more quality time with their children.

Walking school buses are part of Somerville's Safe Routes to School, the city's effort as part of a national initiative to get kids walking and riding to school. The program began in October 2012 at the Kennedy School, which has three safe routes to school on Monday and three different routes on Friday. Walking school buses are also held periodically at other schools.

Families who live farther away from school can also take part in healthy exercise each morning by parking at least two blocks away from school and walking the rest of the way.

Safe Routes to School is part of a larger Shape Up Somerville push to get children more physically active during the school day. Research shows that children who are more physically active on school days have fewer

behavioral problems and improved academic performance.

"This is a great way to start the day for both children and their parents, who not only enjoy healthy activity first thing in the morning, but get to spend some additional social time with other parents and children," Mayor Curtatone said. "We have to get our children active every day and make it habitual, part of their daily normal routine. 'Eat Smart, Play Hard, Move More' is our mantra, and we've found that overwhelmingly even our youngest students are embracing that lifestyle and also helping their parents to understand the benefits of being active every day."

Shape Up Somerville is working with other schools to develop more comprehensive daily active programs in the classroom and throughout the school day. At the Arthur D. Healey School classroom, students participate in Cool Moves, a program where teachers and/or students lead different movements in a classroom setting for three to five minutes each day. At Winter Hill Community School, students in one classroom partici-



The Walking School Bus is a fun way to spend some quality time with your kids while getting in shape at the same time.

pate in yoga sessions.

"We're excited about programs in the works to get kids moving every day both inside and outside of the classroom," Shape Up Somerville Director David Hudson said. "Making the healthy choice the easy choice means putting those healthy, active options at every child's fin-

gertips so they become the rule rather than the exception. That goes beyond fresh food options in cafeteria; it has to include physical activity that integrates into the school day."


The new Somerville Safe Routes to School Facebook page shares updates on routes, special route activities, Shape Up tips

and volunteer opportunities and provides a forum for community input. Visit it at [www.facebook.com/SomervilleSRTS](http://www.facebook.com/SomervilleSRTS). For more details about walking school buses and other programs to get students active during the day, please also contact Shape Up Somerville Director David Hudson at [dhudson@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhudson@somervillema.gov).



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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 14-06CD**

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

**Waste Transfer Station Demolition**

Nature and scope of work: **provide all labor, materials and equipment to demolish the existing buildings of the Waste Transfer Station: include the abatement of all hazardous materials, as required; complete demolition of all structures; appropriate removal of all debris and materials on the premises; restoration of the concrete and asphalt pad; and installation of fencing where needed to secure the site.**

Plans and specifications will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 from **Wednesday, June 19, 2013** upon deposit of a **refundable fee** of \$ 50.00 for each set, in the form of a check made payable to the City of Somerville. Any person requesting more than two sets will be required to pay a refundable fee in the form of a separate check for each additional set in the amount of \$ 50.00 per set.


**Sealed Bids** will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until **Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the City of Somerville or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.
- Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this procurement.
- The Responsible Employer Ordinance will apply to this procurement

**A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference for all bidders will be held as follows: Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143**

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**


There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on **Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 6:30 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman John M. Connolly, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, for public input related to the Cambridge Health Alliance's recent proposal to reduce funding for services to Somerville's youth community.

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

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**Invitation to Bid**

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from contractors for the Clarendon Hill Apartments (200-1) Exterior Masonry Painting Project

The project consist of: Painting of all exposed foundation, masonry windows sills, masonry bands, masonry units around exterior doors, entry canopy ceilings and exterior stair risers at (6) six of our low rise brick multi family buildings at our Clarendon Hill Site.

The work is estimated to cost \$35,000

Bid are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §5 §26 to 27H inclusive. Contractors must have EPA, LEAD-safe Certification.

Sealed bids must be received before **2:00 P.M., July 9, 2013** and publicly opened forthwith.

Sealed bids may be hand delivered or mailed to the Somerville Housing Authority located at #30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145, and should be received no later than the time specified above.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is no less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

The project site will be available for inspection between **9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on June 26th**. It is strongly recommended that perspective bidders attend

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

Somerville Housing Authority  
30 Memorial Road  
Somerville, MA 02145

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to **Gabriel Ciccariello** at **617-625-1152 ext. 330**.

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

**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0004EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF  
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

**Estate of:**  
Gerald F. Sullivan

**Also known as:** Gerald Francis Sullivan

**Date of Death:** 10/28/2011

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Eamon Sullivan of Somerville MA**

Requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting, compel or approve a distribution, adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 07/18/2013.**

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

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

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

**Date: June 13, 2013**

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1993	Nissan	Maxima	Vin# JN1EJ01F8PT414290
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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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA. 02141  
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**MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P2858EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**  
**Rafael Rosado**

**Date of Death:** 12/22/2012

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Damari Rosado of Brockton MA**

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

And also requesting that:

**Damari Rosado of Brockton MA**

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

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 07/10/2013**

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

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

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

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

**Date: June 12, 2013**

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1995	Mitsubishi	Galant	Vin# 4A3AJ56G3SE058609
2003	Saturn	L 300	Vin# 1G8JW54R73Y515120
1996	Chevy	S10	Vin # IGCCS14X7T8218477

Date of Sale: July 12, 2013  
Time: 12:00 P.M.  
Location: 160 Mc Grath Highway, Somerville, MA. 02143

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 10 Case No. 441808 To: Laura J. Rego and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: Deutsche Bank National Company, as Trustee Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT1 claiming to be the holder of Mortgage covering real property in Somerville, numbered 10 Lee Street, Unit 1 The 10 Lee Street Condominium given by Laura J. Rego to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated April 6, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (South District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44954, Page 391; and now held by Plaintiff by assignment. has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before July 22, 2013 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act. Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on 6/6/2013 Attest: DEBORAH J. PATTERSON, Recorder 1045258 06/19/2013

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# How to balance the budget

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was 84% in 1950, more than twice what it is today. Our current huge deficits were created by *lowering* tax rates while borrowing to pay for two unfunded wars and the Medicare drug benefit.

The pernicious ballooning of national debt, economic malaise, and growing inequality was not the outcome Bush's tax cuts alone. Their causes go back to the Reagan years, when tax reductions on the wealthy accompanied disinvestment from infrastructure, research, and education. The consequences of such disinvestments are long-term, and we are living with them.

So given where we are today, how might we move toward a balanced budget?

## Lowering Expenses

**Stop privatizing government work** Frightened of political blowback from expanding government headcounts, and embracing an ethic of private-sector sanctity, recent federal administrations have privatized more and more government functions. The Project on Government Oversight reports that private contractors receive nearly

double what a federal employee would receive for the same work.

**Reform imprisonment policy.** About 5 percent of the world's people live in the U.S., but 25 percent of its prisoners are locked up here. With a population of 320 million, we incarcerate more people than does the authoritarian state of China that has a population of 1.4 billion. This misguided response to nonviolent crime costs us \$68 billion per year. But it doesn't reduce crime. In fact, it seems to have the opposite effect.

**End the war on drugs.** It's mostly fools and lunatics who fail to learn from experience. But since Nixon declared "War on Drugs," we spend ever more, while illicit drugs' availability increases, and violent crime proliferates. In a 2008 study, Harvard economist Jeffery Miron estimated that ending the war on drugs would save taxpayers \$41.3 billion per year. On the other hand, taxing drugs would provide ample revenues that could pay for drug education and rehabilitation, which produce outcomes far superior to prohibition, prosecution, and imprisonment.

**Bring sanity to the healthcare system.** The U.S. spends 16% of

its GDP on healthcare, far more than any other nation. Yet we enjoy worse outcomes than countries with single-payer systems that cost much less. If single-payer is against your religion, then support the "public option." That is, allow anyone to buy Medicare coverage. Even Republican voters approved of this by a small majority. But the big-pharma bullies didn't. At least allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices with big pharma. The other developed countries do this, and doing it would bring down prices for everyone.

**Spend what we need for defense,** not what the "military industrial complex" wants. Dwight Eisenhower, who coined that term, also admonished that, "Separate ground, sea, and air warfare is gone forever." But in the 66 years since, the various Services have protected their fiefdoms and the gross overhead costs that they impose. The current fiscal crisis offers a rare opportunity to align defense spending with modern military technology and command structures, producing greater capability. Meanwhile, we're still buying cold-war hardware that we don't need and can't use. Nor do we

need boondoggles like the F-35 jet, which the New York times says, "would cost taxpayers \$396 billion....That would be... two-thirds of the \$589 billion the United States has spent on the war in Afghanistan."

## Raising Revenues

The inequitable tax system of the last 30 years is one of several essential reasons for the hollowing out of the middle class. So a no-brainer should be a tax scheme in which billionaire hedge-fund managers do not pay a lower rate than their secretaries pay. In addition...

**Close down offshore tax havens.** The Treasury Department estimates that we lose about \$100 billion per year to tax haven abuses.

**Impose an excess profits tax on defense contractors** during times of war. Since 2002, the five largest defense industry players' profits have increased by 450%. In World Wars 1 and II and the Korean War, the U.S. imposed what Franklin Roosevelt termed a "steeply graduated excess-profits tax." He said at the time that a few should not gain from the sacrifices of many.

**Impose a financial speculation tax.** Risky Wall-Street gambles

produced the financial meltdown that ushered in the ongoing economic malaise. Tax every financial trade at one-quarter of one percent. Even a small tax would incrementally reduce the incentive for risky trades, while generating revenue.

**Replace the payroll tax with a carbon tax.** The "marginal propensity to consume" means that the lower a family's income, the more of that income will flow back into the economy as purchases of goods and services. Accordingly, in today's economy, a regressive tax on wages is probably the least sensible of our many taxes. On the other hand, a carbon tax would be equitable, immediately produce \$100 billion per year, finance the Trust Fund, and make a huge contribution to averting climate change and its economic and environmental tolls.

Unless one is incapable of distinguishing fact from ideology, the potential efficacy of all of the foregoing is well supported by evidence. But as Benjamin Disraeli observed over a century ago, "Courage is the rarest of all qualities to be found in public life."

Especially when it's up for sale.

# Proposed Washington Street development falls short of community vision

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— one containing exclusively subsidized rental housing and the other containing market rate rental housing. The only "mixed-income" component of the project is a shared parking lot which occupies the remainder of the site — there is nothing which encourages any interaction between those living on their respective side.

In a city where the preservation and creation of green space are consistently identified as a core community value, this project proposes to replace the grand front lawn of the historic Cota funeral home with a building and parking lot that have no "public green space" outside of plantings in the entrance plazas and the required buffer between adjacent buildings. The only usable outdoor space for residents is a small sunken area at the SCC building entrance. Providing attractive usable common space could help integrate the two sides and also help integrate these buildings into the surrounding community. Unfortunately there is no room to create this type of community amenity as long as the developers continue to insist on building the number of housing units

currently proposed.

Pedestrian oriented retail space has been described as the primary public benefit this project will provide, yet few would describe the proposed 7' wide sidewalks between a five story building and a busy road as pedestrian friendly. Either the buildings need to set back or the developers need to collaborate with the City to narrow Washington Street as part of this project to create a walkable, comfortable street for all users.

Neighboring residents care deeply about the quality of these buildings and have tried to provide input on how the buildings can best fit into the neighborhood context. Many attended a 4 hour "design workshop" hosted by the developers on a Saturday in February, but the SCC discouraged any discussion of the actual buildings being proposed. A later presentation of the current design raised concerns that the proposed five story buildings were out of scale with surrounding buildings, impacting views and the character of the neighborhood, and preventing the creation of any type of community space on the site. Many were also concerned about in-

creasing traffic through the quiet residential streets of Prospect Hill by requiring those living in the SCC building to travel up and around Union Square and the hill to access a poorly considered parking entrance on one-way Boston Street.

While the SCC considers these negative impacts justified by the "community good" their development will provide, many actual members of the community being affected disagree. Creating a project that embodies a shared vision means listening to the concerns of community members and integrating them in a building design that serves both existing and future residents.

On Thursday June 20th the Somerville Planning Board will consider whether the buildings that have been proposed not only meet the minimums and maximums allowed by zoning but satisfy the vision and ideals embodied in Somervision and the Union Square Zoning Ordinance. Considering its many shortcomings, the Planning Board should reject this project as proposed and request revisions that address the many concerns that have been raised. Those who support the idea of

this project should look closely at the plans being proposed and advocate for a project that addresses community concerns and provides the best possible home for the new residents who will live there.

Creating four story buildings instead of five story buildings could address many of the concerns with the project by reducing the building height and mass. Reduced density also means fewer cars to park, freeing up space to provide the amenities that have been promised and the type of public spaces that are desired.

The arrival of the green line does not mean that the improvement of this area is inevitable — there are many neighborhoods around T stops that few feel comfortable in. Articulating ideas for this place is not enough — the ideas need to be backed by a building proposal that actually

embodies the community's vision and reflects the interesting and unique character we all love about Union Square. A smaller project would be a better project, maintaining the neighborhood character which is the reason many have chosen to live here. This will also allow the flexibility to create spaces that make these new homes a part of Mayor Curtatone's vision to create a city that is an *exceptional* place to live, work, play and raise a family. Somerville has come too far to accept developments that don't meet the aspirations of our Somervision plan. New development should create places that will be treasured by generations to come. For the future of this corner of Somerville, hopefully we can do better.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|June 19

East Branch Library

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

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 Somerville Ave

Thursday|June 20

Central Library

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

Central Library

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

Friday|June 21

Central Library

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

Central Library

Teen Day Movie  
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936  
3 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran’s Memorial Rink

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

Monday|June 24

Central Library

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

Wednesday|June 26

Veteran’s Memorial Rink

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

MUSIC

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

Bandwagon Inferno|Numinous|Red Brick City|Melissa Darling  
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

Thursday|June 20

Johnny D’s

Bill Blumenreich & Boston Pride Pres.|Hal Sparks  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Sean Fitzgerald Fundraiser with The Johnny-Come-Latelies |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

PA’S Lounge

Traces of Empire|Vultures|Trash-

hawks|Neighborhood Shit

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

The Vital Might|Hadrians Heroes|Chariot Brigade|The Okay Win  
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: The second annual Walter-Aid Benefit Concert. The lineup: Bent Knee|Symmetry|-Licious|Ben Hehn& Matt Plumb\*(acoustic opener, and maybe with some special guests! Emceed by Nash DeVille of the Boston League of Women Wrestlers (BLOWV) \$10  
Down: The Legendary Rockin Prophets|Hope Anchor|Lady Pilot  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Roomful of Blues  
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Castle of Comedy  
8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|June 21

Johnny D’s

Tracy Bonham & Kevin Salem 7:30 p.m.|Matthew Smart Band|Hot Sauce BPS|9 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.  
Brass Knuckles & guests |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

TBA  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

HearNow Live presents:Surprise Party|-Subpar Co-Star|Coo & Howl|Shoney Lamar|E.P.S.  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge

Animals & Shapes|Nerve 8|Past & Future Monsters|Photovore  
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

Greast Whiskey Rebellion  
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: Summer Solstice Dance Party:Eddie Japan|Spin-Off(cd release)|John Powhida International Airport|Gene Dante and the Future StarletsDown: Van Walton|Positive Negative Man|Blarin \$7  
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre  
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 22

Johnny D’s

Booty Vortex  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.

Mike Dinallo Band featuring Tim Gearan \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Cherry Bomb  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

Proving Ground Music Presents|Schnock-ered III CD Release Party /15 year anniversary|With Special Guest Red Chord|\$10 Cover Includes A Free CD  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke  
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge

Bob Pepek|Ben Bullock & the Special Guests|Andrew Geano|Adam Block  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe’s

Coolidge Road  
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: Nick the Sound Guy Presents  
Down: Otp|The Caught Flies|The Spastiks|Old Hat \$5  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Greg Klyma and Mark Whitaker 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave  
Joe’s Jazz and Blues Festival  
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Powder House Park

Sunday|June 23

Johnny D’s

Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS Chic Gamine|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

The Late Frank Drake Show with Frank Drake live |5 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  
Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7.30 p.m.  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Celia Slattery Student Showcase 3 p.m.|Café  
Luminarium’s Gala & Showcase: Celebrating Year 3!  
5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 24

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|Burning Streets|Mark Lund|The Old Edison|Matt Charette  
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

Tuesday|June 25

JohnnyD’s

Wedding Band Showcase  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Joy Ike & Kristen Ford with guests |8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA’S Lounge

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

Precinct Bar

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 Magic Gus 8:30 p.m-11:30p.m  
Down:Paradox (Hard punk on tour from Georgia. Members of Disable), Cleansing Wave, Negligence, White Line Fever \$6  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Make Out! Crafters’ Meet-Up  
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|June 26

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

Boston Hassle Presents||The Shones|Eidolons|Save Me John Stock-ton|Saralee  
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

Private Party  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|June 19

Central Library

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

James Fox

7 p.m.- 9 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

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

Thursday|June 20

Central Library

GOP Meeting  
Brian McCarthy|617-718-1828  
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

## 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:**

**MusicalConversation with Alan** is at Holland Street June 20. Come for lunch and stay for a great program.

**FITNESS CORNER - NEW CLASSES.**

**Blood Pressure check** at Holland Street June 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**Somerville Fireworks Display** - Get front row seats for an evening of great entertainment capped off by a stunning fireworks display on Thursday, June 27 at Trum field. Call to reserve your seat and boxed supper.

**Next Book Club** is July 12. The book is the "The Lemon Tree Heart." Copies available to borrow from our center.

**Indoor Garden Club** meets next July 8 at Holland Street Center at 9:00 a.m. New members welcome.

**Veteran's Group** is a monthly group get-together of Veteran's from all service branches. This is open to new members. This month the group is meeting on June 24 at Holland Street Center at 9:30 a.m.

**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.

**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.

**Farmer's Market** is back at Holland Street Center on June 27. 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**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. 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.

**Men's Club meeting** July 10 - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome.

**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:**

**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.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

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

**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.

**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 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.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**June 20**

**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Blood Pressure Check|10 a.m.

MusicalConversation with Alan|12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**June 21**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**June 24**

**Holiday Inn Dance**

**Holland Street Center**

Veteran's Group - new members welcome|9:30 a.m.

English Conversation|11 a.m.

LGBT Dinner and a Movie|5:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**June 25**

**Holland Street Center**

Holland Street closed during the day for Elections

LBT Fit-4-Life|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 26**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

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

**Check out our Facebook site** for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at [www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA](http://www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA).

## Cultural Days 'Trip to India'



The COA recently celebrated the country of India with an amazing meal from Masala of Somerville and with a dance performance by Jayshree Rajamani. Pictured here, Aliko DuComb, Jayshree Rajamani and Peter Aleski.

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## The Class of 1960 CONT. FROM PG 9

1960 graduate Diane (DiNitto) Suffredini's own words:

"It doesn't matter where we've been, what we've done, we just enjoy each other at the reunions. We reminisce about our days in high school, the teachers, our mutual friends, the basketball teams."

Yeah, those were fun. We had great teams 1958-1960. Going to the Homestead Restaurant in Cambridge after the Friday night games.

Walking home from the then Boston Garden to the high school after the Tech Tourney games. Dances, and then the Proms.

Walking up the front stairs of the "old" gym with lower class-

men and friends cheering us on, and then enjoying the night of dancing, and going later to a restaurant for a late evening. The memories are very clear and have not been diluted with the passage of all these years.

So, when we meet again on June 9 at Pignone's Café, some of us will remember what some of us have forgotten, and some of us will want to forget what some of us remembered, all in good fun.

We look forward to the BIG reunion on October 1 when many of us will return as we have done every five years since graduation.

A surprising number come from out-of-state and many will be first-time attendees at

this reunion.

Don't know what took them so long but we can't wait to see them. We will also remember and honor the memory of our classmates who are no longer with us. They will always be a part of our memories from the days at Somerville High. So congratulations to the Class of 2010 and we hope your memories some day will be as dear as ours have been."

I would like to thank Diane for sharing her memories with all of us. Congratulations to the class of 1960, who have proved over the years that once a Highlander, always a Highlander.

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# 'Man of Steel' triumphs

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

*Man of Steel* is touched by producer Christopher Nolan's sense of restraint and its director Zach Snyder's bold vision. Since the involvement of both Nolan and Snyder is simultaneous, the overall production structure of *Man of Steel* is balanced. What follows is a spoiler-free review.

Nolan, the mastermind of the *Dark Knight* trilogy, knows how to use foreboding and rewards, for the waiting, to build a franchise. The waiting is the focus of this dissection because as much as Superman has gone in front of the small screen and Bryan Singer's noble effort with *Superman Returns*, the landmark performance of Christopher Reeve and the birth and culture of the Internet has showed the highest resilience since every movie site is tired of Hollywood hijinks and fiendishly loyal to America's number one super-hero.

Even if the premise and pitch doesn't make it to the cinema, previous forays into Superman's territory whether it was Tim Burton's or McG's ill-fat-

ed pre-production have had a taste of anticipation as early as the nineties drew its close. One producer wanted polar bears and a giant mechanical spider, which are both present here as an inside joke.

Whether any of the gossip regarding the *Man of Steel* is accurate remains to be seen in this version's DVD special features. Alas, everybody can reap an amazing experience by witnessing the movie on a big screen. And at the same time as a sequel is being filmed, the nature of the franchise can allow for a resurrection of the Superman versus Batman idea that hints at the Justice League DC team-up, with a Wonder Woman series in tow.

The cult of the Hollywood-hive has its own transcending machinations. The movement of this side of American pop culture knows when to kill a movie and when to resurrect and channel what works.

Thus, in the performance department, the actors and actresses triumph. Unknown Henry Cavill summons Reeve, Amy Adams is on par with



The 'Man of Steel' flies daily at The Somerville Theatre.

Margot Kidder and perhaps even better, but the awards go to veteran actors portraying the quartet of Kal-el's parents, from Krypton and Earth and last but not least Lawrence Fishburne as Perry White. Nolan and Snyder pay dues towards a small show like *Smallville*, whose legacy shares a big heart with *Man of Steel*. Watch out for the old Emil Hamilton and Amy Adams herself, who had a bit part

on Tom Welling's career as the iconic hero. *Smallville*, as opposed to this new effort, wasn't consistent in quality but it lasted a full 10 seasons and has fans all across the globe.

Ultimately, this is an action movie's love song to the heritage of 40s and 50s sci-fi. More substantial than even the recent *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* offerings. Trust this, the fight scenes are out of this world and revolu-

tionary. The kryptonian science is immeasurable, from the insectoid-like war machine to the spoiler about where little Kryptonian boys and girls come from. Something strange and beautiful is active here and it's another homerun for director Zach Snyder as he adds layers and layers to the movement of theatrical 3D and cinematic god-battle. *Man of Steel* is playing at the Somerville Theatre.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I think it is vitally important to keep people who were born and raised in Somerville as members of this community. Somerville has become a very desirable place to live and will become more so with the addition of the Green Line and the new housing and waterfront park at Assembly Row. As our wonderful community attracts new residents, property values and rents are increasing. And this is making it harder for native Somervillians to continue to live in the city. The number of students in Somerville schools is decreasing in spite of the fact that the quality of the schools has improved. This is

a direct result of residents moving further and further away to afford a place to live.

I think it is important to keep families here who have lived here for generations. They know the history of the city and can make important contributions to its civic life based on their knowledge of the past. I welcome newcomers; I am one myself. But I hate to see natives driven out by the high cost of housing. Seventy percent of the units at the 181/187 Washington St. development are set aside for Somerville residents.

We need the housing that encompasses the former Boys and Girls Club and the Cota

Funeral Home. This development is targeted toward working people with family incomes substantially above the poverty line. It is not targeted to very low-income people. Those who work for the city: in the school system, public works department and the library have incomes that make them eligible for these units. People who work for non-profits and in the service industry may also be eligible. Please help keep our residents in the city and support the 181/197 Washington St. development. Our children and our neighbor's children will thank you for it.

Louise Marks

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From on page 14

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Answers

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| 1. New Zealand  | 7. Measured in Newtons   |
| 2. Crimson  | 8. In earlier times, mercury was used to cure the felt for hats – it was known to cause hallucinations and behavior problems |
| 3. Physicians, lawyers and successful merchants   | 9. Thomas Edison   |
| 4. Although it contains flour, it doesn't contain leavening and doesn't qualify as cake. Also, it is steamed, not baked | 10. A pound of butter, eggs, flour and sugar was used  |
| 5. Buttermilk   | 11. Sgt. Joe Friday  |
| 6. J-A-S-O-N  | 12. 30 years of age  |

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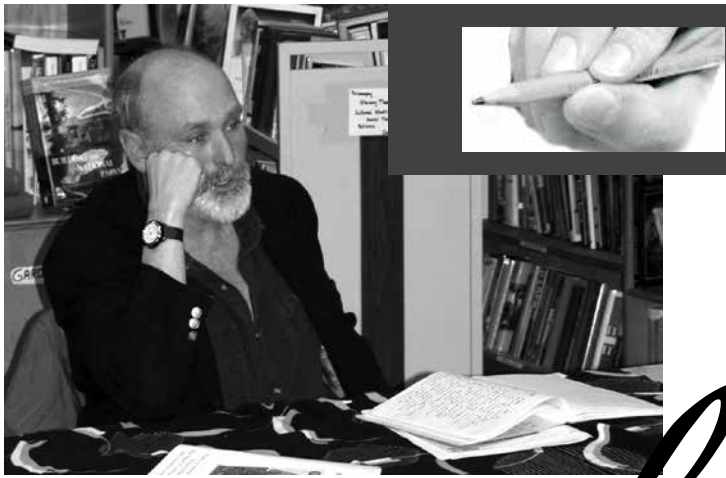
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<b>Wednesday, June 19</b>		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Ablevision
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	4:00pm	Somerville Arts Festival
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
7:30am	Life Matters	<b>Friday, June 21</b>		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	<b>Sunday, June 23</b>	
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	10:30am	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
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters
10:30pm	The Literary Scene	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
11:00pm	Python Force	7:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
<b>Thursday, June 20</b>		7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	7:00pm	African Television Network
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Boss Lady News	8:00pm	Telemagazine
7:30am	Ablevision	10:30pm	Creepy Castle	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Saturday, June 22</b>		9:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Basic Buddha	6:00am	Arabic Hour	<b>Monday, June 24</b>	
10:30am	Culture Club	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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)
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<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		7:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	2:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions
<b>Wednesday, June 19</b>		9:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		12:30pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting
9:00am:	SomerStreets – Carnival	10:00pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	<b>Wednesday, June 19</b>		2:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
12:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	<b>Sunday, June 23</b>		9:00am:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	3:00pm:	Middle School Intramural Basketball Finals
1:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival	9:30am:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	6:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS
1:30pm:	FY2014 Board of Aldermen	12:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting	7:35pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation
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8:30pm:	B2Green	9:00am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	6:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Cambridge	<b>Sunday, June 23</b>	
9:00pm:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:30pm:	SHS Spring Concert	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions
<b>Thursday, June 20</b>		12:30pm:	Congressional Update	9:30pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	12:30am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
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9:00pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	10:00pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School	1:30am:	SCAP Annual Meeting
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<b>Friday, June 21</b>		7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	11:00pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	12:00pm:	Superintendent Awards 3rd Qtr 2013
12:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	<b>Tuesday, June 25</b>		<b>Friday, June 21</b>		2:30pm:	Somerville School Day Games
12:30am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq. – 5.21.13	12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnvial	12:00am:	Somerville School Day Games	3:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School
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12:00am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	8:00pm:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	7:30pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS	12:00pm:	SHS Softball vs St Clement
2:00am:	Voices of Somerville	8:30pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	9:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy	2:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
2:30am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	9:00pm:	BOA Agenda for 6.26.13 Meeting		Elementary School	3:30pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation
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				9:00am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	1:00am:	Superintendent Awards 3rd Q 2013



## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Ibbetson Street 33 – 15th Anniversary Reading:

June 26 6:30PM – The Book Shop at Ball Square

I was speaking with Gil Barbosa the owner of The Book Shop at Ball Square, and we decided his shop would be a great place for the Ibbetson Street 33 reading, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

All past and present readers are welcome to come and read from their work. This is our 15th Anniversary, and we have such great poets as Jean Valentine, Cornelius Eady, Kathleen Spivack, Brendan Galvin, Marge Piercy, as well as many others in this issue.

The front and back cover art was contributed by Richard Wilhelm, a Ball Square resident. Also this bookstore is a great independent and I hope you will buy books and keep this joint running. Gil tells me he signed a new four year lease.

Here is the bookshop's website: <http://www.bookshopsomerville.com>.

Open Mic as well, after contributors. Free. 6:30 p.m.

Ibbetson Street is now affiliated with Endicott College in Beverly, MA, and work was selected



The original home of the Ibbetson Street Press at 33 Ibbetson Street in Somerville, MA. Far back left--the late Jack Powers founder of the Stone Soup Poets.

from it for a Pushcart Prize (2014), Afaa Michael Weaver's poem *Blues in Five/Four/The Violence in Chicago*.

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# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Poet Paul Pines, a poetry world acquaintance of mine sent me his latest poetry collection, and granted me permission to reprint a poem. Here is his statement that he sent the *LYRICAL*:

**A word about New Orleans Variations & Paros Ouroboros embodied in *Whistler's Blue*:**

My love of New Orleans goes back to my first sight of it as a twenty-three year old galley man of a freighter on a voyage Gulfwise. Then there were no doors on the bars on Magazine Street that didn't swing, and buskers danced or sang on every corner. I first felt the mystery of Paris shortly thereafter when my sense of time and space collapsed while crossing the Pont L'Archeveche. These two cities are forever twined in my mind by an underlying sense of color and tone that I tried to capture in the poem *Whistler's Blue/A Nocturne*, after a painting by the artist who was no stranger to both places, or this field and tone which is captured in his use of the color blue.



#### WHISTLER'S BLUE / A NOCTURNE

If a man appears alone  
on a bridge

on a snowy evening  
walking toward

a series of lights  
in a row of windows

he doesn't necessarily  
have a future

or a past he is simply  
a point on a grid

part of a composition  
that tells us

what it is  
while implying it is

more than it says  
we follow him

into the night  
because of the blue

we want to know  
from whence

he's come and where  
he's going

because the blue  
envelops

everything but is  
thin as air

because it's everywhere  
like the nerves

of an acrobat  
in pain

and we can hear it  
asking us

to shed our skins  
and follow

– Paul Pines, <http://www.paulpines.com/>

To have your work considered for the *Lyrical* send it to:  
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## Full Circle graduates ready for next journey



A graduating class of nine Full Circle High School students took the first step toward their next journey last week at the 2013 Full Circle Graduation Ceremony held at the Dante Club. Congratulations to the 2013 Full Circle Graduates: Delmy Chacon, Katelyn Egan, Nathalie Eloi, Melinda Haley, Katelyn Kenneally, Bridget Millikin, Conor Scarry, Micalo Simon, and Mark Vasconcelos. Best of luck on your future endeavors.

## Bazaar Bizarre's 'Union Made'

This handmade craft fair sweeps into Union Square with live music, local vendors and flag making for kids this Sunday June 23 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Union Square Plaza. Over 50 local vendors will set up on the plaza in Union Square, Somerville to sell their handmade goods. This year you'll find a wide range of vendors who will bring a ton of different styles, artistic techniques, and wares made from all kinds of materials. Many of the vendors are new to the biz, but you'll also



see your favorites from handmade events past. Shop and enjoy live acoustic music. For more

info and to stay up-to-date on what you can expect, check out [www.bazaarbizarre.org/boston](http://www.bazaarbizarre.org/boston).



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