

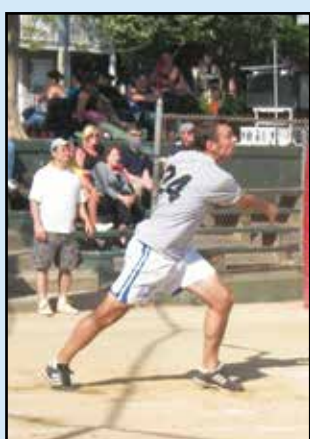


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# Planners hear from public on Union Square project

Washington St. plan links market rate and affordable housing



An architect's rendering shows the proposed mixed use development on Washington Street looking toward McGrath Highway.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's a unique opportunity to increase affordable housing options for Somerville families and bring added vitality to Union Square. Or it's a poorly designed, oversized building project that will hurt both property values and the quality of life for neighbors. It just depends whom you ask.

More than 100 residents crowded into the Visiting Nurses Association conference room last Thursday for the Planning Board's first public hearing on a proposed mixed-use property development at the Eastern edge of Union Square, a project that has generated strong opinions from both sides in the past.

Public statements at the meeting ran about two-to-one in favor of the plan, which includes both market rate and affordable housing on the site of the Cota Funeral Home at 197 Washington Street, and the former Boys and Girls Club at 181 Washington.

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# Jazzy, bluesy notes at Powderhouse Park

By Martynas Limantas

Presented by the Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Arts Council, a lineup of blues and jazz shows took place at various music venues around Somerville this past week.

The big event, Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest 2013, featuring an array of talent, local and national, capped off the festivities at Powderhouse Park on Saturday, June 22. It was an all-day, free concert with performances from Somerville High School Jazz Ensemble, Darrell Nulisch, The Brett Walberg Group, Geoff Bartley and Howie Tarnower, Willie Laws, and last but not least The Fringe.

"Somerville boasts one of the funkier and most robust arts' scene in the nation. We have more artists per capita of any city outside of New York City, and we are proud of our ability to showcase their work and talent through events like the Jazz and Blues Fest. Our locals musicians are some of the best in the region, and every year this festival continues to amaze and bring large crowds to Somerville for a week of great entertainment,"

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Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest 2013 enlivened venues across the city last week.

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# NEWTALK

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. 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 5:45 p.m. A rain date has been set for Friday, June 28. If the Fireworks are postponed on June 27, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers will perform that evening at 7 p.m. in the Eugene C. Brune Fieldhouse, 81 Highland Avenue.

Family Fun Day, also taking place at Trum Field, on Saturday, June 29, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. and will include free, family-friendly programming such as a community BBQ, children’s activities, face painting, volley ball, Curious Creatures exhibit, music, and more. A rain date has been set for Sunday, June 30.

Happy Birthday to the many Villens out there. First of all, everyone knows Kenny Longergan, who was a teacher here for 35 years, retired now but still has Somerville at heart always. Also, John O’Rourke, who works over in Everett.

This Saturday, the 29th, from 12 to 3 p.m. The Somerville Democrats will be at Powderhouse Park to celebrate the hard work done this year and to make plans for rest of this year. Food, fun and a special guest speaker.

Rob McWatters, who had his kickoff this past Monday night, literally filled the Precinct down at Union Square. Everyone was amazed at the numbers of attendees present. We heard from four different people who said it was way over a 100 up to 150. He is one of those guys who have done a lot for a lot of people and they showed their support for him. We heard a rumor that his campaign ran out of bumper stickers the first night. Anyone who

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *How to balance the budget*

A.Moore says:

Mystic Task force was a group of people who through lawsuits held the Assembly Square project in hostage for years causing a great deal of lost revenue to this city which probably will never be reclaimed. Personally I believe they should all have been held responsible for that lost revenue and we should have had a class action suit against them for it.

Alan Stiehl says:

It’s surprising to see these one-sided opinions about Mystic View Task Force surfacing after so many years. There were, indeed, lawsuits, and probably the largest public meetings that ever took place at City Hall. The few who supported the two mayors’ plans all had obvious financial benefits at stake. No one in Mystic View did, except the lead plaintiff, to whom the developers offered a \$2 million bribe. She declined it.

Mystic View won every lawsuit in court because the developers’ and city government’s actions were against the law. Without Mystic View, there would be no Orange Line station or Green Line extension. The site would have been paved over, leaving a few gigantic stores and warehouses, like a second, bigger Home Depot.

The long-term plan negotiated by Mystic View and the developers will bring many times the amount of jobs and revenue than the city would have received had Mystic View not blocked the illegal sweetheart deals and demanded sanity. See if you can find any elected state or local official who disputes any of this. The history of the conflict of the informed citizens against an incompetent administration backed by endless developer money and intimidation campaigns is fascinating. Bill Shelton wrote up “the back story” seven years ago, so it should be in the Somerville News archives.

The first developer walked away with at least \$30 million in profit by building nothing, funding their lawsuit with Home Depot’s money, electing their own mayor who rammed through illegal rezoning, and then flipping the property.

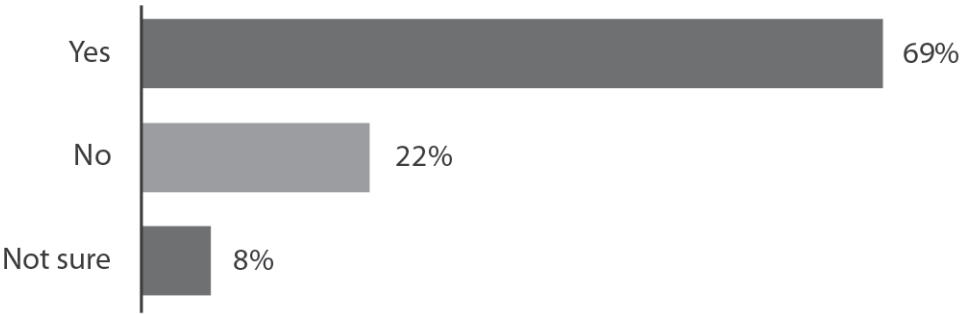
But the uninformed still repeat the ugly propaganda lies that the first developers spent hundreds of thousands to broadcast.

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

## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you would be going to the polls Tuesday to vote in the Special State Election for Senator in Congress. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Will you be going to the polls Tuesday to vote in the Special State Election for Senator in Congress?



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# BOA makes final budget cuts

By Mike Molloy

The Board of Aldermen made final budget cuts on Thursday evening. Mayor Curtatone opened the meeting speaking passionately on what he believes the FY14 budget will achieve. The BOA shares the Mayor's zeal for our thriving city, while asserting its duty to make cuts where necessary.

They acted on the ideology that little cuts here and there add up and ultimately make a substantial difference. Several departments saw cuts to new salaried positions by 1-3 months, which makes up for the lag time it takes to hire a candidate. Some of these positions saw more significant cuts than others, such as the new Preventative Maintenance Manager for Capitol Projects

being cut by six months, saving \$40,000. When making such decisions, Aldermen communicate with department heads in order to reach the most realistic, fiscally responsible conclusion.

Lengthy discussions surrounded several departments including SomerPromise, an initiative to support education and child development from birth to high school. Some Aldermen questioned whether new funds would lead to anywhere new, as they have yet to see palpable innovations in FY13. However, several aldermen defended the program, which is still in its infancy and needs support and faith in order to achieve its benevolent purpose. Maintaining their position that education is of the utmost value to the city of

Somerville, the BOA ultimately decided not to make any cuts to SomerPromise and expect to see significant strides next year and in years to come.

The BOA went on to cut approximately \$60,000 from the Communications Department budget after a bit of confusion surrounding the shuffling of positions within departments. Maryann Heuston, Ward 2 Alderman states, "We did not cut an actual position but we did cut the dollar equivalent of the position (approx. \$60,000), and that was taken from Telco Cable revolving fund. Technically, this fund supplements the Communications budget, but since it is a revolving fund we made a cut to its bottom line. We rejected the bottom line provided to us and request a revised one



The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen put its final touches to the FY14 budget last Thursday.

with the cut we recommended." Communications will have to function with less money than they requested.

On the other hand, some departments welcomed bud-

get cuts due to recent developments. With the help of the City Treasurer, the BOA was able to cut over \$400,000 from their original proposed budget.

# Medford Street Bridge will be closed July 5-21

By Donald Norton

The Green Line Extension meeting regarding the closure of the Medford Street Bridge was held Tuesday night at the LaHacienda Restaurant. Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and Mayor Joe Curtatone invited all those concerned regarding the closing down of the Bridge.

A gathering of neighbors and businesses attended the meeting to listen to representatives of both MassDOT and the city explain the process of how the bridge will be closed down and what will take place there.

Work is scheduled to begin on the Medford Street Bridge on July 5, with an estimated completion date of July 21. One side of the sidewalk will remain available for pedestrian use. Detour signs will be up along McGrath Highway letting the public

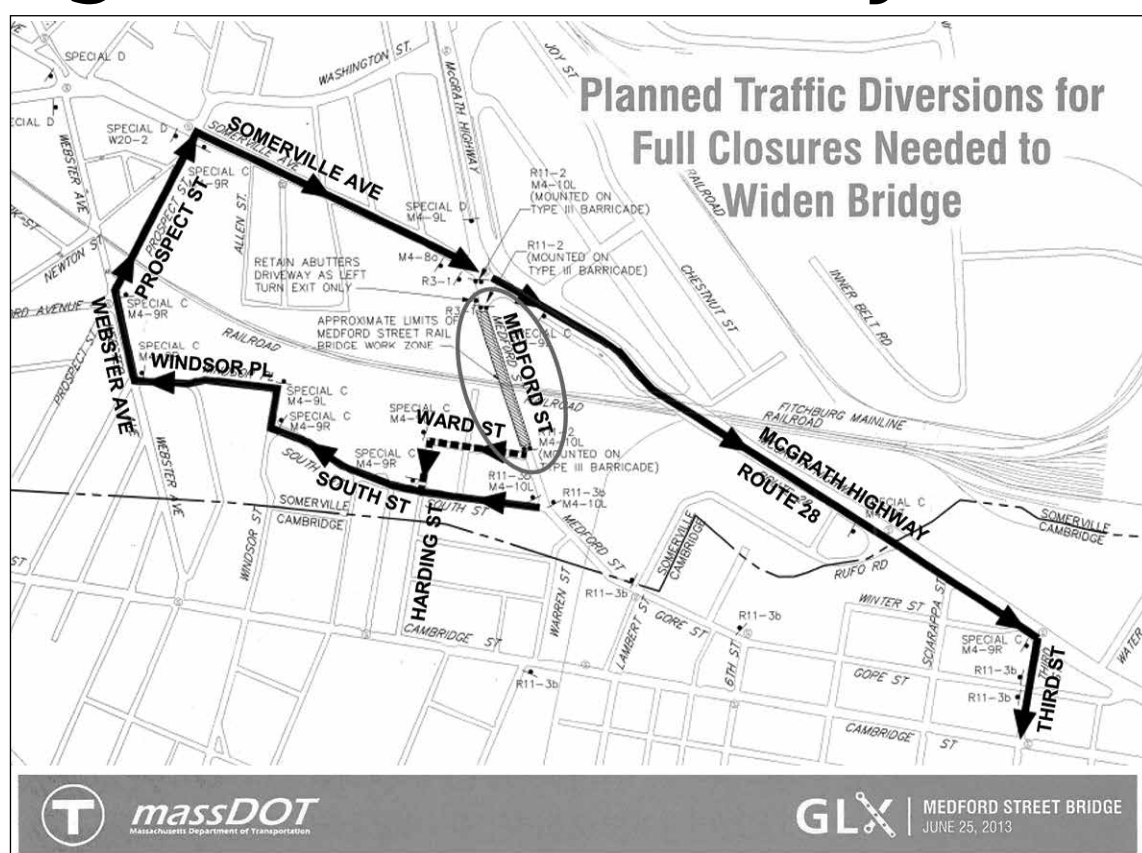
know that the road down under the bridge to Gore Street, East Cambridge would be closed.

The reason for the complete shutdown of the bridge for three weeks was that the initial proposal called for an anticipated closing for three months. It was generally agreed that there is less traffic at this time of the year.

Residents and business were given the website of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation which will have available what is going on with the work and the time involved. The web site is [www.greenlineextension.com](http://www.greenlineextension.com).

Residents were concerned about how they would be able to get out and back to their homes, and a suggestion that during this time Harding St., Ward St. and Horace St. be made two-ways for the residents and people that work in the area.

One person raised a good



question regarding what Police and Fire vehicles would do to get to their streets while the bridge is being worked on and closed.

The MassDOT representatives mentioned that neither the Somerville Police nor the Somerville Fire Departments

seemed concerned, but to get to some of these homes would mean going around to Cambridge St. or Gore St.

# Jazzy, bluesy notes at Powderhouse Park

said Mayor Curtatone in a statement, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band.

"We have a nice lineup, a mix of blues and jazz, so stick around," said Gregory Jen-

kins, Executive Director of the Somerville Arts Council to the applause of the assembling crowd. After a short greeting, the first act took the stage.

With the sun beaming down and the crowd lounging on the

grass, jazzy and bluesy notes permeated the surroundings. Here and there, heads were bobbing to the rhythm of bass and drums. Mellowed by the balmy atmosphere everyone present was enjoying the show.

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With the guitar, saxophone, piano, harmonica solos infusing the hazy June air more blankets and folding chairs gathered round the stage. Families and friends, and anyone else who stumbled upon the sounding notes, were drawn to the easy listening tunes.

The event showcased many talented musicians for many to come out and spend a day outdoors with family and friends. It's a way for the community to gather and listen to good music. There are plans for the event to continue next year.



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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Just looking for a sign

Police responded to a report of an assault with a handgun last Friday afternoon at a Highland Ave. location.

The reporting party told police that while he was in a beauty shop his wife called and told him that a man, later identified as Benjamin Francois, 46, of Medford, was asking for a sign.

As the reporting party left the beauty shop and headed for his barbershop nearby, he reportedly met up with Francois, who said to him, "I want my sign."

The reporting party told po-

lice that he replied to Francois, "Pay me \$200 and I'll give you the sign. It's my name, my sign. I paid for the sign."

The reporting party further told police that Francois grabbed him by the shirt and punched him, then pushed him away and said, "I'll kill you. I'm going to get my gun," according to the reporting party's account.

Francois then allegedly began searching his vehicle, apparently looking for a gun.

The reporting party then called 911 and Francois drove away from the scene, police said.

When asked if he had actually

seen a gun, the reporting party told police that he had not, but that he believed Francois did have a gun and his and his wife's lives were in danger.

A search of the immediate area yielded no results, but a Medford address for Francois was eventually obtained and Medford police were asked to look for the suspect and arrest him if found, according to reports.

Francois was found at the residence in Medford and he was placed into custody and transported to Somerville for booking on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Suspect wanted for bank robbery



Somerville Police are seeking to identify the suspect in photo depicted here. The suspect entered the Sovereign Bank at 403 Highland Avenue at approximately 1:10 p.m. on Monday, passed a note, and threatened the teller while demanding cash. No weapon was shown. The suspect fled on foot east on Highland Avenue. The suspect is described as a black male, 25-30 years of age, approximately 6'0 tall, medium build with a thin mustache, and wearing a black shirt and black baseball hat with white lettering depicting the word "SOX" in white lettering. Anyone with information is urged to contact Somerville Police at 617 625-1212.

## Unwelcome customer removed

A report of a man threatening people at the Rite-Aid on Broadway last Sunday brought police to the scene to investigate.

Upon arrival, officers reportedly observed the man in question, Christopher Hicks, 24,

leaving the store, followed by the store manager.

The manager told police that Hicks was not welcome in the store because he had harassed customers and was observed shoplifting.

The officers at the scene had

prior knowledge that Hicks had been involved in previous incidents at the store and was trespassed from there last year, according to police records.

Hicks was immediately placed under arrest and charged once again with trespassing.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Edwin Martinez**, 32, of 32 Lexington St., East Boston, June 17, 1:53 a.m., arrested at 282 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, number plate violation, and not in possession of registration.

**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.

**Luis Gonzalez**, 38, June 18, 9:21 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a warrant charge of open and gross lewdness.

**Odete Souza**, 39, of 30 Cambridge Park Dr., Cambridge, June 19, 7:22 p.m., arrested at Morgan St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Joseph Watler**, 32, June 20, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Magnus Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Benjamin Francois**, 46, of 15 Henry St., Medford, June 21, 2:03 p.m., arrested at 201B Highland Ave. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Francisco Fuentes**, 53, of 157 Walnut St., June 22, 2:37 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault to rape.

**Ashley Barberian**, 21, of 5 Hamilton Rd., June 23, 2:04 a.m., arrested at 6 Myrtle St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

**Christopher Hicks**, 24, June 23, 10:24 a.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of trespassing.

**Carlos Guzman**, 30, of 29 Derby St., June 23, 2:47 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

June 18, 10:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Oxford St.

June 18, 11:37 a.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

June 18, 12:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Meacham St.

June 18, 4:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Oak St.

June 18, 9:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Kensington Rd.

June 19, 7:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Radcliffe Rd.

June 19, 1:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Stone Ave.

June 19, 6:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

June 20, 6:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

June 21, 8:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

June 21, 10:14 a.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

June 21, 1:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Union Sq.

June 21, 3:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

June 21, 6:14 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

June 21, 6:53 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

June 22, 3:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Harrison St.

June 23, 11:25 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

June 24, 1:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Temple St.

June 24, 10:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Woods Ave.

June 24, 2:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

June 24, 4:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Joy St.

June 24, 4:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Bailey Rd.

June 24, 7:40 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at School St.

#### Robbery:

June 22, 12:43 a.m., police reported a robbery at School St.

June 24, 1:11 p.m., police reported a robbery at 403 Highland Ave.

**Breaking & Entering:**

June 18, 11:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

June 19, 12:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

June 19, 3:42 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearson Rd.

June 21, 5:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lexington Ave.

June 22, 10:33 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 133 Broadway.

June 23, 11:42 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Porter St.

June 23, 7:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Main St.

June 24, 7:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

June 24, 4:46 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

June 24, 10:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dimick St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

June 19, 8:56 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Memorial Rd.

June 21, 5:01 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 151 Linwood St.

June 24, 10:00 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Holland St.

#### Assault:

June 19, 9:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Jaques St.

June 20, 9:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

June 20, 1:47 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

June 20, 7:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Magnus Ave.

June 20, 7:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

June 21, 2:03 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

June 21, 10:57 p.m., police reported an assault at 237 Elm St.

June 23, 10:26 p.m., police reported an assault at Franey Rd.

## Candidates Roster

### CITY ELECTIONS 2013

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

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

#### ALDERMAN AT LARGE CANDIDATES

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

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

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

#### 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

# New Lechmere Station design unveiled

By Douglas Yu

Lechmere Station, which is on the green line, is going to be relocated to a new area in order to make more room for passengers at the platform. Located in East Cambridge, this MBTA station is an important connection for Somerville residents.

Architects and project designers from HDR, HNTB and HYM, along with MBTA, hosted a public meeting at the Multicultural Arts Center in Cambridge on Tuesday, June 18. They introduced the blueprint and encouraged local residents to share their ideas about the new station.

"It's a new program. We can't start the construction until 2015, until we get the approval," Karen Arpino-Shaffer, Deputy Program Manager of HDR and Gilbane, said. "So the challenge is to make sure we have enough time to finish the major construction here."

Arpino-Shaffer, one of the main speakers at the meeting, said the whole design team would display the station design and explained how it influences the community. She also used slideshows to review some changes to the neighborhood and updates on the project.

"We brought some design companies in September and introduced them to the community," Arpino-Shaffer said. "Right now, there is still opportunity for comments and changes."

The MBTA has already hosted several meetings on the 21 Water Street demolition, the Medford Street Rail Bridge and the Harvard Street Rail Bridge, according to Arpino-Shaffer. These constructions were considered phase one.

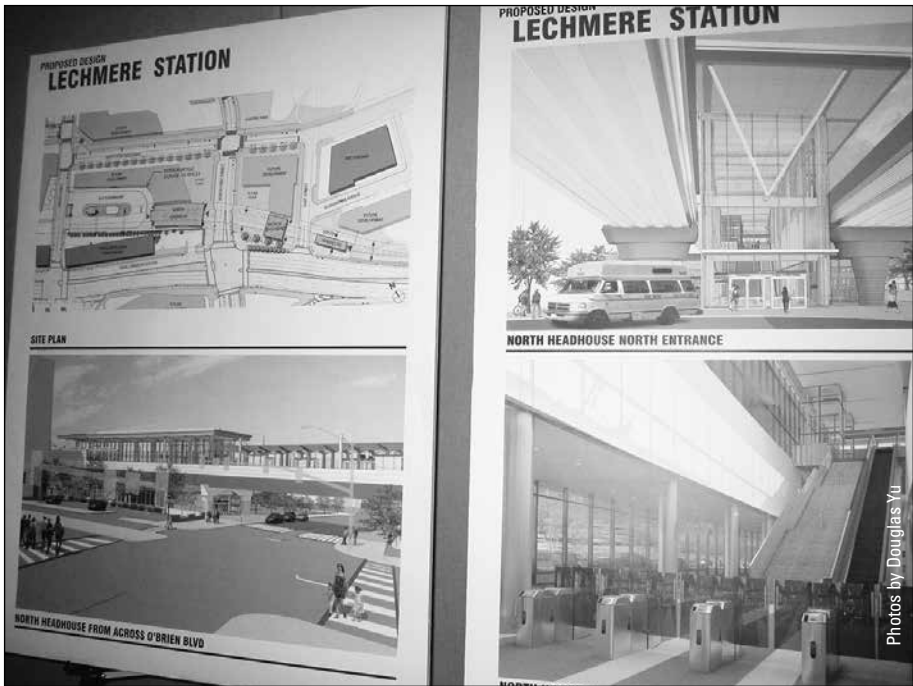
"The phase one is a \$12-million construction in total," Arpino-Shaffer said. "The designers are serious about making sure the project is moving forward."

Project Manager of AECOM and HNTB, Greg Yates said they were taking some of HDR's design ideas into development.

"Once we get the plan from HDR, the next thing we do is Valuing Engineering Design," Yates said. "This exercise is to get many outside consultants. We are trying to bring some good quality advisors in. A lot of the changes you see are generated by that process."

Yates also mentioned that AECOM as a global provider of professional technical and management support services could get a sense of what the community issues are through the process.

After AECOM and HNTB participate in the Valuing Engineering Effort,



The public got a detailed look at the proposed new Lechmere Green Line station at an informational meeting held last week in Cambridge.

they also need to perform their own design validation to further develop the design through advanced preliminary engineering.

"Lechmere Station is very unique compared to other stations," Deputy Project Manager and Design Manager for AECOM and HNTB, Randy Henke said. "In our current proposed site plan, across the South Headhouse, we'll build, instead of a three-car platform, a four-car platform. Passengers can get into the station from multiple entrances."

Henke emphasized they were going to remove a parking lot near the old Lechmere Station to build a new one. The South Headhouse will also be removed to make space for the platform.

"Extending the platform for four-car use and the relocation of the South Headhouse are the two major changes that will take place after the design initiates," Elton Elperin, Lead Architect at AECOM and HNTB said.

Parking lot for bikes would be made once the South Headhouse is removed, according to Elperin. "We'll have a bike storage area between North Headhouse and South Headhouse," Elperin said. "The ground floor plan clarifies this."

The ground floor plan gives a bird's eye view of what North Headhouse and its surrounding area will be like in the future.

Arpino-Shaffer addressed community concerns about their design plan that will be taken into consideration, such as entrances and orientation, pedestrian access across Monsignor O'Brien Highway, station parking and the pedestrian experience at Water Street.

Managing Director at HYM,

Thomas O'Brien said, however, not all the community concerns can be solved all at once.

"We unfortunately live in an era when government has modest means," O'Brien said. "Lechmere has long been burdened by the fact that there is a highway. It's a difficult place to cross. Our goal to make the new station more pedestrian friendly."

Arpino-Shaffer confirmed the value of making the new station more pedestrian friendly. "Having multiple entrances is clearly an advantage to the pedestrians' stand points at this particular situation," Arpino-Shaffer said. "There is also a missing link between Washington Street and Lechmere to connect with Somerville."

East Cambridge always has a great relationship with the City of Somerville. Construction on the new Lechmere Station benefits Somerville residents in a lot of ways, according to Arpino-Shaffer.

"We meet at Somerville at least once a month. We have a regular monthly meeting," Arpino-Shaffer said. "So the constant dialog about the city stations goes back and forth. Part of the project is about the transportation, the other part is about economic development."

During the Q&A session of the hearing, East Cambridge urban designer, Dennis Carlone appreciated that there was a lot of evolution in this project. But he was confused about why HDR was going to take away the privately owned parking lot right next to the North Headhouse, and build a new parking lot not far away. Arpino-Shaffer and other guest speakers thanked Carlone for his opinions, claiming to figure out the best ways to solve this concern soon.

Moving Lechmere Station is critical to the connection of Somerville to Cambridge. It will strengthen the connection between Somerville with Boston as well, as discussed in the meeting.

"Overall, the MassDot budget for the whole project is \$1.3 to \$1.7 million," Arpino-Shaffer said. "Our estimate is trending a little higher. There is already a master plan for what's hopefully going on around the area. We are all working on that."





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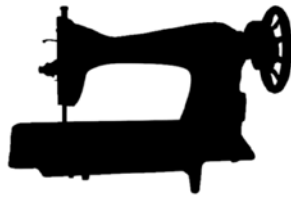
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# Workshop will demonstrate how to repair your windows

By Cathleen Twardzik

On June 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., partake in the workshop entitled *How to Repair Windows Yourself*, taking place at the Somerville Museum at 1 Westwood Road in Somerville.

The workshop, which will be a “hands-on demonstration,” will utilize an existing window of the Somerville Museum. David Liberty, Window Restoration and Repair Specialist, will serve as the workshop’s instructor.

By using the right resources, care and knowledge, it is possible for your windows to remain usable for a good amount of time. Therefore, you may only need to repair instead of replace them.

The City of Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) and Historic Somerville are sponsoring this event.

Restoring your windows instead of replacing the structures will prove to be energy-efficient, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective. Additionally, old windows are of higher quality and they preserve the character

of your house, as well.

Liberty decided to instruct the workshop because “Brandon [Wilson, Executive Director of SHPC] contacted me. I’ve had a long history with Somerville,” he said. Also, Liberty has “taught for many years,” including in Somerville. “I’ve also been associated with [The Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources in Roxbury] for over 20 years.”

If your curiosity about the system that is used to decide if a window can be restored or if it needs to be replaced is high, then you are in luck because, “That’s something we cover in my workshop,” said Liberty.

However, if people Google search window restoration, copious results will be returned about “replacing versus restoring windows,” he said.

Tips about window repair may also be found on Liberty’s website at <http://windowrepair.com/>.

Since 1985, Liberty has spent his time restoring windows. Interestingly, Liberty, who is well-



Learn how to repair your own windows this coming Saturday at the Somerville Museum.

known throughout the Boston area, has been spotlighted on *This Old House* on PBS.

He has taught classes in Boston, Brookline and Cambridge at adult education centers, as well as at the Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources.

The workshop will cost \$50 per person, and the class size will be limited to no greater than 15 participants to guarantee that each individual receives ample attention.

The proceeds will fully support The Somerville Museum’s Access For All ADA Project of the Somerville Museum Building Fund.

Interested individuals may register by contacting Brandon Wilson at [bwilson@somervillema.gov](mailto:bwilson@somervillema.gov) or (617) 625-6600, ext. 2532.

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## New Stop & Shop store opens in Somerville



Stop & Shop Store Manager Rich Nolan and Joe Kelley, president of Stop & Shop New England, gather with Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Congressman Michael Capuano, Senator Patricia Jehlen, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, Lauretta Siggers, Board Member, Elizabeth Peabody House Food Pantry and Stop & Shop associates as Mayor Curtatone cuts the ribbon marking the grand opening of the new Stop & Shop in Somerville, Mass. The store, located at 105 Alewife Brook Parkway, opened its doors Friday, Jun. 21 at 7 a.m.

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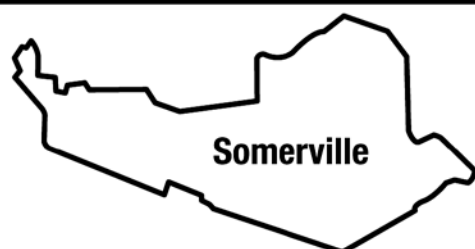
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville welcomes summer!

The View From Prospect Hill



For some poor souls one season is just the same as any other. Perhaps they are tied to jobs or other kinds of responsibilities that prevent them from getting out of the same old routine, getting out into the world while it is at its best.

We truly feel for those unfortunate folks, and encourage them to do whatever they have to do to get outside of their

boxes and take in some of the great fresh air and sunshine that is free for the taking during the coming summer months.

We are particularly blessed by living in such a beautiful part of the world. Whether its sand castles at the beach, campfires in the woods, or any number of other outdoor attractions available to us, New England and its environs offers

more than its fair share to its grateful inhabitants and visitors.

For those who have children, it is especially important to make some quality time happen for the family as a whole. The years can fly by far more quickly than you know. You will be sadly yearning for the memories that you could be making now if you end

up not making them at all.

Be it in the city or outside, summer time should be appreciated and experienced as it was intended to be. As a way for us to connect with nature and with ourselves, living our lives to the fullest, and sharing that with the ones we care for the most.

Enjoy!

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knows Bob knows he’s going to be out there seven days a week. We predict he will have walked Ward 3 at least four maybe five times before election. This past Saturday in Ward 3 he knocked on doors four hours straight.

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Our best wishes to Bert Gay, whom we heard is back in the hospital over at Mass General. We wish him a speedy recovery and home soon. He’s the husband of former Mayor Dot Gay.

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Cupcake Camp is this Sunday, the 30th, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Hodgkins-Curin Park located on Holland Street between Paulina and Simpson Streets, between Teele and Davis Squares. Co-Sponsored by the City of Somerville and 3 Graces Productions. Get tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). Live music by Hornography and Patrick Barber. Cupcakes, relay races, games, contest and classes too. Prizes donated by Taza Chocolate and Slumbrew.

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This Sunday on the 30th there will be a fundraiser for the Krystle M. Campbell

Memorial Fund at the Burren in Davis Square, 2–8 p.m. Live music with The Johnny Come Latelies, 2-5 p.m. and Scattershot, 5-8p.m. A \$10 suggested ticket price, but other amounts would be greatly appreciated. For tickets or to donate in advance: <http://www.burren.com/> or <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/397032> or get them at the door on the 30th.

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**Congratulations to Emily Mary Dwyer who recently graduated from Smiths College with a double major economics and environmental science and policy. She’s off to San Francisco to work for an environmental hedge fund. Emily is the daughter of local and well-known attorney Mike Dwyer of the famed O’Donovan, Dwyer & O’Flaherty law firm.**

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The Medford Street Bridge will be closed from behind Target, while the state works on the Green Line extension. A full closing down of the bridge will begin on July 5 for about three weeks, until July 21.

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Puppets and Patsy’s II, next Tuesday, July 2, 6 to 8 p.m. Delight in Patsy’s famous pastry while enjoying puppets, music, and community in front of the East Branch Library. Then take in Puppet Palooza’s presentations of “Schnurzipieegal” and “Don Chico Con Alas” at Connexion.

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Somerville High School students earned the top spot in the 2013 Speak Up: Your Voice Matters PSA Project hosted by Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. Maxwell Freitas, Kathlyn Almeida and Kayla Brown-Haynes were the overall winners for “Don’t be a Bystander: Do Something” More than 200 students participated in the fifth annual PSA Project; 50 videos were submitted for consideration. The SHS team of Franklin Rodriguez, Jenny Dunn and Roubin Philemond were also among the five finalists with their PSA Speak Up – The Movie. All 2013 finalist PSAs are available for viewing at [www.middlesexda.com](http://www.middlesexda.com).

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Residents are invited to reserve the

remaining performance dates available for the 2013 Somerville Sunsetters, who will begin shows on Thursday, June 27 during the City’s annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator Jimmy Del Ponte, the Sunsetters are a traveling youth music troupe, performing popular show tunes and contemporary pop music hits on city streets throughout July and August at sunset. The group began in the 1970s, performing through the 1980s until they were reinstated by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in 2004. The 45-minute shows are a great way to spend an early summer evening with the kids, neighbors, family and friends. Residents may request performances in their neighborhoods by calling the Mayor’s Office, 617-625-6600 ext 2100 or emailing [JRossetti@somervillema.gov](mailto:JRossetti@somervillema.gov).

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SomerMovie Fest kicks off July 11 with a screening of *Jurassic Park* at Seven Hills Park in Davis Sq. Go to the city’s website for a complete schedule [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov).



# COMMENTARY

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## Summer in Somerville breaks the spell of the screen



**By Joseph A. Curtatone**

This summer, the City of Somerville wants to break the spell of our screens—our smartphones, televisions and computer monitors—by giving every resident access to activities that replace remote communications with face-to-face interactions.

The city's summer calendar is overflowing with outdoor activities that bring neighbors together. From our SomerStreets program that closes roads to all but foot and bike traffic, to our new SomerPlay program that aims to make it easy and safe for children to play together outside, to our outdoor SomerMovie Fest and Dance in Streets series, there are plenty of fun and free reasons to get out of the house this summer.

We are reclaiming our streets as more than rush hour pipelines. Our summer activities dovetail with the city's efforts to make our streets better for pedestrians, bicyclists and all commuters. Our goal of being the most walkable, bikeable and transit-accessible city in the nation does not only make good sense economically, environmentally and for healthy living, but most important—and like our summer activities—it knits together neighborhoods. Because that's how you build a neighborhood, by making it a place where your neighbor's faces are not blurs seen through car windows, but the faces you meet and greet every day.

Of course, it can be difficult to meet and greet faces when cooped up inside, staring at a screen, or sitting idle with a handheld video game. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than two hours of "high quality" content each day for older children and against any screen time for

children under age 2. Too much media use is linked to childhood obesity, something we have led the charge against in Somerville, and problems with attention, sleep and school, according to the Academy.

Let's be honest: Kids are not drawn to screens on their own. They're taking their cues from us, their parents. How many times each day are our eyes darting back and forth between our smartphones and our kids? Every cell phone vibration, every email chime is a signal that something else is more important and needs your immediate attention, when most of the time, it does not. We are spellbound by our screens. Strangely and ironically, and I am not the first to say so, tools like smartphones and tablets that seem to connect us can isolate us from what is right in front of us. Media and entertainment at our fingertips 24/7 is not evil, but we need to remain aware of how it can demand our attention.

The Millennial Generation has

been raised in the era of computers and interconnectivity. That generation, which makes up 40 percent of Somerville's population, is also hitting its prime parenting years. Meanwhile, Somerville has seen a spike in births in the last six years, with 970 in 2012, a figure not seen in this city since the 1970s. These young families, the future of Somerville's revitalization, settled here because of our enriching culture, our neighborhoods and our diversity, all right outside their front door. They also understand the balance between screen time and playtime. They want their children to be physically active and curious about the world around them, not only the world brought to them via electronic devices.

That is why the city is holding its fourth annual SomerStreets series, which already kicked off on June 2 with Carnival on East Broadway. More SomerStreets events will be held each month through October, bringing Somerville's rich cultural scene and diverse community together

on streets open to bikes, walking, dancing and running.

We are also giving control back to our residents through our inaugural SomerPlay program, in which the city supports "zones" that encourage free play for children, created by residents, businesses, churches and other community members that bring people out of their homes and into their neighborhoods. The city has 11 SomerPlay zones this summer, from weekly afternoons of biking, potluck and games, to block parties.

And if you have to get some screen time in, why not do it outside with your neighbors? SomerMovie Fest kicks off July 11 with a screening of *Jurassic Park* at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square, and seven more movies will be shown outside in the city's parks this summer.

This summer, break the spell of the screen, get outside and see what Somerville has to offer. It's much more than city services, shops and restaurants or a quick commute. It's neighbors and neighborhoods.

## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Lounging in the 'Ville



*This article first appeared in the February 25, 2009 edition of The Somerville News.*

Today there are plenty of places in Somerville where you can go to have a meal and an adult beverage. From one end of the city to the other, these mid to up-scale eateries offer an enticing menu and a wide array of inebriates. There was a time, not too long ago, when local barrooms were just that, barrooms. If you wanted to see what food was served, it was usually right in front of you, in a large glass jar or hanging on a display rack. The fare was simple, including bags of chips, peanuts, slim-jims and pickled eggs. The upscale joints offered beer nuts to their customers – bon appétit!

Now, most establishments offer a slew of fancy beers and ales in bottles and on tap. The transformation from gin-mill to hip-spot seems to have happened rather quickly. As usual, my area of expertise is the Davis Square area, so most of my first-hand information comes from there. Thankfully, Sligo's, Redbones (formerly The Coronet, then Barnaby's) and Johnny D's have kept the traditional bar set-up alive. These places haven't changed

that much, except for the addition of what seems to be countless new brews including lights, darks, ambers, wheats, summers, winters etc. Back in my heyday we didn't have so many choices. My favorites were Bud, Rolling Rock and once in a while a nice dark Guinness. In the older days, some of the preferred brews were these: Heffenreffer, Rheingold, Pabst, Schlitz, Schaeffer, Carling Black Label, Narragansett Lager and Knickerbocker. Just saying those names brings back memories, fogged as they are.

Can you believe that in just Davis Square alone, there are about 32 restaurants and roughly 7 bars? To get into some of these places you are required to have an ID and a piercing of some kind. As usual my timing is impeccable. I quit drinking and there are now endless places and countless choices. My liver is very grateful that those days are behind me. And just my luck, I have three piercings, one on one ear, and two in the other. What a waste! I am the infinite designated driver, which is a very good thing. A cold O'Doul's is fine for me these days.

I happened to have seen a packed to the gills Tufts shuttle bus heading to Davis Square at around 6:30 Saturday night. I'm sure not all the students were heading for Joshua Tree and The Burren, but

you can bet a lot were. The standing room only bus occupants were decked out in their trendiest Saturday night best (I know because I pass them while walking the dog on College Avenue).

Now that St Patrick's Day is in sight, memories of The Blarney Stone Pub start filling me' head. How many of us actually drank green beer? I think of the Stone whenever I walk past Ciampa Manor on College Ave.

I had the pleasure of recently talking with a gentleman who served about 8 years on Somerville's Licensing Board. He had some interesting stories for sure. He felt that Somerville had enough bars and he tried to only give liquor licenses to restaurants. Under his watch, Pal Joey's (aka El Cids, and Steppin' Out) lost their license due to too much trouble. He gave them the option to sell their license. The Jumbo in Teele Square was also a trouble spot (I don't recall any brouhahas when I played in bands up there). He was in charge when Bertucci's first opened in Davis Square, happy to see a new restaurant open. Too bad he didn't get in on buying some Bertucci's stock!

As I've said, I don't drink alcohol (any more), but I still love the smell of these old, seasoned (or fermented I should say)

joints. Back when I was imbibing, you could still smoke your brains out while you drank your mind away. Two or three hours in the barroom was easily detectable by the smell of cigarette smoke that saturated your body and clothes. Imagine what it did to our insides.

There are a few places in Ball Square that we used to frequent for an ale or two as well - The Willow was where I would go if I was in that area. You may have memories of the joints that lined Somerville Ave., Broadway and in East Somerville. There were plenty of bars, with plenty of stories. So while you may be craving an ice cold Aventinus wheat Doppelbock and an omelet with red peppers and goat cheese, I'd rather have a frosty Pabst Blue Ribbon and a pickled egg.

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators on five roll calls from the week of June 17-21.

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.

**MUST PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (H 3514)**  
House 48-102, rejected an amendment to a provision that reduces from the current six months to three months the amount of time any applicant can collect welfare benefits without a social security number. The amendment is stricter. It would deny benefits to applicants without a social security number except for those who fall into three categories: Children under one year old, pregnant women in the third trimester of pregnancy and individuals seeking political asylum would receive three months of benefits.

Supporters of providing three months of benefits to applicants in these categories said allowing a three-month waiver for all applicants without a social security number is too large a loophole. They noted that it provides three months of free benefits to many applicants who are gaming the system because they don't have and never will have a social security card.

Amendment opponents said the overall reduction from six months to three months for all applicants is sufficiently strict and leaves some room for flexibility since there are many different legitimate reasons for not having a social security number. They argued that limiting benefits to the three categories is far too restrictive and unfair. (A "Yes" vote is for the three-month, three-category limit. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

**MUST PROVE RESIDENCY (H 3514)**  
House 44-104, rejected an amendment prohibiting "self-declaration of residency" from being accepted as a valid form of residency verification for people seeking taxpayer-funded benefits from the state.

Amendment supporters said self-declaration is a giant loophole that has allowed gaming of the welfare system. They noted that this has led to people even sending in self-declaration forms from prison.

Amendment opponents said the declaration is signed under the pains and penalties of perjury and is not allowed as the sole identification. They said eliminating self-declaration would also violate federal law. (A "Yes" vote is for prohibiting self-declaration from being valid. A "No" vote is against prohibiting it.)

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

**FRAUD BUREAU (H 3514)**  
House 40-112, rejected an amendment creating a welfare fraud hotline for use by police officers and requiring a newly created fraud bureau to respond to the calls. The amendment also would allow the bureau to investigate program violations, conduct hearings, determine penalties and ensure penalties are enforced.

Amendment supporters said that some police officers have said they report welfare abuse but are often ignored. They said this amendment will enhance reporting and expand the power of the bureau to investigate and impose penalties.

Amendment opponents said the bureau's job is to ensure that administrators are doing their jobs. They said it is not intended as another avenue for reporting and overseeing violations. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

**AUDIT WELFARE (H 3514)**  
House 46-107, rejected an amendment requiring the state auditor to audit the welfare department.

Amendment supporters said the system needs an outside independent audit that is not performed by welfare personnel.

Amendment opponents said a newly created fraud bureau will be conducting audits. (A "Yes" vote is for the audit. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

**OBAMACARE (H 3452)**  
House 118-32, approved and sent to the Senate a bill making many changes to state health care laws in an effort to bring Massachusetts into compliance with the omnibus federal health care law, also known as Obamacare.

Supporters said the changes are necessary to comply with federal law. They argued that these changes, combined with the state's own health care reform law, which was approved in 2006, will make Massachusetts a model among the states for expanding health care coverage and reducing costs.

Opponents took issue with many of the changes, but the most frequent objection expressed was that the federal government is usurping the state's power by forcing these changes on the Bay State. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Didn't Vote

**WELFARE CHANGES (S 1805)**  
Senate 37-1, approved a bill making many changes in the state's welfare system. The measure requires photos



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on Electronic Bank Transfer (EBT) cards, a victory for long-time advocates of this requirement. It also mandates that applicants search for a job prior to receiving cash assistance. Current law gives recipients a 60-day window after they start receiving benefits before they are required to look for employment.

Other provisions include reducing the amount of time any applicant can collect welfare benefits without a social security number from the current six months to three months; increased penalties for illegal trafficking in EBT cards; reducing from 30 to seven the number of days a welfare recipient is allowed to be out of state before he or she loses his or her benefits; and increasing from 60 to 66 the age at which recipients would be exempt from the work requirement.

Supporters said this long overdue overhaul of the welfare system is firm, fair and honest and will crack down on welfare abuse while offering many poor people a road to economic independence.

The lone opponent took issue with several of the changes, including the controversial photo ID requirement. She said the bill goes too far and will hurt many families and elderly and disabled persons. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## BAN USE OF CASH FOR WORST OFFENDERS (S 1805)

Senate 8-29, rejected an amendment to prohibit the top ten percent of abusers of the welfare system from receiving any cash benefits. All benefits would be provided in “safer” manners including a voucher system and direct payment by the state to vendors.

Amendment supporters said this will not stop benefits to these abusers but rather will ensure they are spending their money on necessities and not frills.

Amendment opponents said the amendment goes too far and is overburdensome. They noted the cashless system is very expensive to implement and questioned whether it would be cost effective. (A “Yes” vote is for the cashless amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## SOME OUT-OF-STATERS LOSE BENEFITS (S 1805)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would reduce from 30 to seven the number of days a welfare recipient is allowed to be out of state before he or she loses his or her benefits. The amendment would allow a recipient to request a waiver if there is a legitimate reason for being gone more than seven days.

Amendment supporters said many people collecting out of state are gaming the system and noted a recent report showed 660,000 transactions totaling \$26 million in out-of-state transactions, with Florida being the state with the most.

Amendment opponents said people are often out of

state for longer periods because of domestic violence or a sick relative. They argued that seven days is too short for people to get a waiver. (A “Yes” vote is for the reduction to seven days. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## BAN WELFARE DEPT FROM CONDUCTING VOTER REGISTRATION (S 1805)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment what would prohibit any state agency except the secretary of state from sending voter registration forms to Massachusetts residents. The amendment was filed in response to a July 2012 state welfare department mailing to nearly 5,000 welfare recipients that included voter registration forms.

Supporters of the ban noted the mailing cost some \$300,000 and was clearly done to register more Democrats in the state. They said the welfare department is doing a poor job of administering welfare programs and should not be wasting money and time on unrelated voter registration.

Opponents of the ban said this kind of outreach to potential voters is mandated by federal law and noted the state has no choice but to do it. (A “Yes” vote is for the ban. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## DELAY PHOTOS ON EBT CARDS (S 1805)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment that would have delayed a proposed new policy requiring photos on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. The delay would be in effect until and unless the state auditor studies and issues a report confirming that this requirement will save taxpayers more money than it will cost to implement.

Amendment supporters said many states have abandoned this idea because it is not cost-effective. They note it will cost Massachusetts \$5 million and result in questionable savings.

Amendment opponents said most people are already required to show photo IDs constantly when dealing with the government or private industry. They noted this is a reasonable requirement when it involves giving taxpayer money to welfare recipients. (A “Yes” vote is for the delay. A “No” vote is against the delay.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes (Paired/Present)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**MAKE CHEERLEADING A SPORT (H 445)** - The Education Committee heard testimony from former and current cheerleaders on a bill that would encourage all school committees to recognize cheerleading as an interscholastic sport and to adopt policies that promote equal opportunities and funding.

Supporters testified that cheerleading should be taken seriously as a sport. They noted that recognition will lead to better training facilities, a higher standard for

coaching staff and safer cheerleading equipment.

**MOSQUITOES (H 757)** - The Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee has given a favorable report to a bill that would give municipal public works employees the authority to drop non-toxic pesticide pellets into storm drains which have been shown to be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Officials are hoping this will help reduce the number of West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis cases which plagued the state last summer.

**WILL MASSACHUSETTS HOST SUMMER OLYMPICS? (S 1623)** - The Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development gave a favorable report to bill creating a commission to study the feasibility of Massachusetts hosting a future Summer Olympic Games.

**BALLOT LISTING (S 338)** - The Election Laws Committee held a hearing on a bill prohibiting the use of the word “incumbent” next to a candidate’s name on local and state ballots and replacing the word “unrolled” with “independent” when referring to a candidate without a party affiliation. The measure also would require that candidates be listed on the ballot in an order determined by a random lottery. Current law requires incumbents to be listed first, followed by an alphabetical listing of candidates of established political parties and then an alphabetical list of non-party candidates.

## 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 enough or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that are filed. They note that the infrequent and /or short meetings which the Legislature holds during its normal sitting time often prompt irresponsible late-night sessions and urgency to act on dozens of bills in the final days of each year.

During the week of June 17-21, the House met for a total of 13 hours and 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 54 minutes.

Mon. June 17	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:42 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Tues. June 18	House 11:16 a.m. to 6:08 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 3:32 p.m.
Wed. June 19	House 11:03 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 20	House 11:03 a.m. to 5:13 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.
Fri. June 21	No House session No Senate session

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# Somerville High School Teacher/Student Softball Scrimmage

Somerville High students and teachers played a softball scrimmage last Thursday at Trum Field. Teachers won the game 6 - 2.

Playing for the teachers team were: Bill McDonald, Fjodor Dukaj, Ethan Vedder, Everett Roscoe, Laurie Foley, Donald Medeiros, Mike Kennelly, Bert Stoker, Leo DiSimone, Justin LaBerge and Siby LaGambina.

Playing for students team: Megan O'Brien (Senior), Kristen Buccelli (Junior), Joy Jarnagin (Freshman), Andrea Rao (Sophomore), Jennifer Toner (Sophomore), Brianna Dell'Isola (Junior), Brooke Metivier (Freshman), Kristen Florio (Senior), Aaliyah McCarter (Last year graduate), Samantha Sahlas (Senior), and Kadi d'Amaral (Sophomore).







Photos by Bobbie Toner and Samantha Sahlas



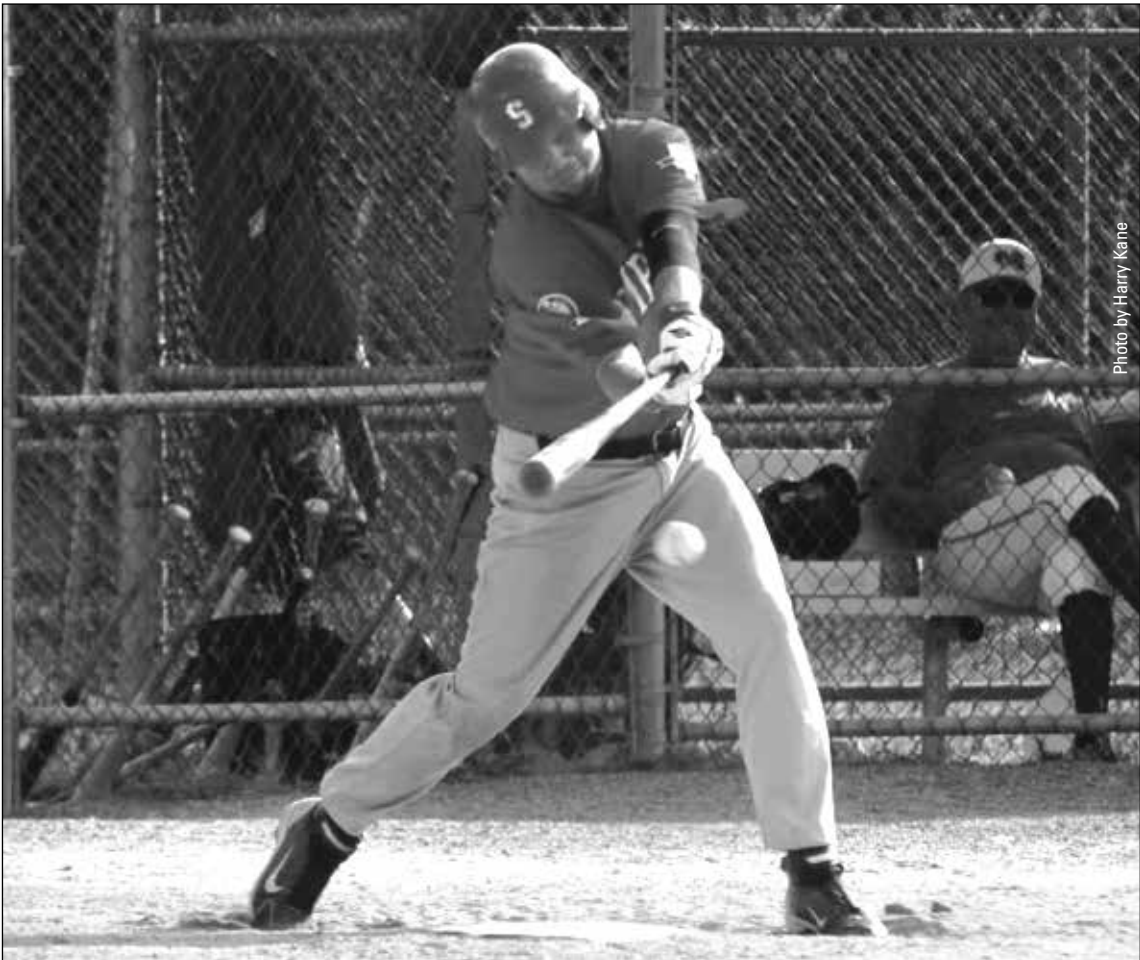
SPORTS

Alibrandis rolls along with two more wins

By Mike Stoller

In the spirit of Lonestar, it just keeps getting better for the Somerville Alibrandis baseball team. With two more wins last week, Alibrandis, now 11-1, continued to be in sole command of first place in the Ted Williams Division of the Yawkey League. “We’re starting to get the bats going,” said Alibrandis assistant coach Cam Lynch. “The lead-off guys are getting on base for the middle guys. The offense is starting to come around.” And the pitching stayed just stellar. On the right arm strength of eight-year veteran Jon Morse, Alibrandis finished the week with a strong 3-1 win over the host Brighton Black Sox Thursday at Rogers Park. Morse, a former Southern New Hampshire University standout, tossed six innings of terrific ball, allowing

just four hits and one unearned run. He struck out eight and walked none. Morse remained unfazed after Brighton took a 1-0 lead in a rather obscure way. A single and two bunt hits loaded the bases for the Black Sox, before they scored on an error in the top of the first. “They tried to get ahead of us early,” Lynch said. Morse, who got the win to improve to 3-1, would end up dueling with Brighton’s Matt Nicholson in an extraordinary pitching matchup. Nicholson went the distance for the Black Sox, quieting Alibrandis until the sixth. That’s when the bats got going for Alibrandis. Ted Dziuba and Mark Addesa set the stage with singles for Steve Rogers, who drove a two-run double into the trees in right center.



Alibrandis batting is better than ever, and heavily contributing to the team’s ongoing successes.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What Filipino woman was given the nickname “Iron Butterfly”?

2. What was The Red Baron noted for?

3. What was the slogan during World War II that said what “loose lips” did?

4. Who was the fitness guru that appeared as a dancing meatball in an Italian commercial while an art student?

5. In 1904, what food was renamed “Post Toasties” because the clergy objected to the name?

6. Who played the coach in the movie *The Bad*?

News Bears?

7. Who was the author of *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*?

8. What was The Bridge of San Luis Rey made of?

9. Who was the first actor to appear on the cover of *TIME* magazine?

10. What state was once called “West of New Jersey”?

11. Fish travel in schools, but what do whales travel in?

12. What number is represented by five dashes in Morse Code?

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Alibrandis added an insurance run in the seventh. Mike Maguire led off with a deep double and Addesa ripped an RBI single to make it 3-1. Brian Tanguy posted his sixth save of the campaign for Alibrandis, recording a 1-2-3 seventh, including a strikeout, to cap the night. The Black Sox, who play in the Johnny Pesky Division, fell to 4-6 on the season. “We enjoy playing against them,” Lynch said of the respect both teams have for each other. “We have a strong rapport with their coaches and players and a lot of respect for the Black Sox. They bring in good ballplayers every year to make the team stronger.” On Wednesday, Alibrandis was out in full swing, registering an 11-2 win over the host South Boston Saints at Ronan Park. Dziuba had three hits, including two doubles, and four RBIs, to improve his average to .393, second on the team to Bobby Barrett’s .419. Barrett went 1-for-3 with a two-run single and a walk, Addesa went 2-for-5 with a two-run double, and Maguire walked three times, stroked a single, and stole a base. Chris Foundas improved his record to 3-0 on the hill. He pitched five innings, allowing four hits and no runs. He struck out five and walked one. Foundas gave way to Ryan Cosmopolos, who struck out two in 1 2/3 innings. Justin Crisafulli retired the last batter of the game on a popup to first base. The Saints, of the Carl Yastrzemski Division, fell to 4-3 on the season. “They were playing with a short bench,” Lynch said. “They had four of their pitchers in their regular lineup.” Five players represented Alibrandis on the Yawkey League All-Star team, which played the United States Military All-Stars at Morelli Field in Melrose on Friday. Maguire, the reigning MVP of the Yawkey League, Dziuba, Barrett, Tanguy, and Mark DesRoches all competed for the Somerville squad. The Yawkey League stars won the game, 6-1. The Alibrandis home game against West Roxbury was rained out last week. This week, Alibrandis was slated to host the Boston Dodgers on Monday, visit the Brighton Braves on Wednesday, and host South Boston on Friday. “Hopefully, we won’t get any more rain,” Lynch said.

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## SPORTS

# Tornadoes win championship series, title

Coach Stephanie Duquette, Assistant Coach Kevin Wilson and the Somerville Tornadoes held off an awesome come from behind attempt by Coach Timothy Hawkins and the Somerville Lightning on Saturday, June 22 at Trum Field.

Reflective of the 7-5 final score, the game was well played with a strong finish by the Lightning with 2 runs in the top of the 6th inning. With the go-ahead run at the plate, two runners on base, 2 strikes on the batter, game ending ball was hit into a short-stop to first base third out.

Showing composure and great sportsmanship, the Somerville Lightning cheered on Tornadoes players as they were handed the championship trophy. It was a great day for softball, a great day for players and families, and a great day for Somerville.

Somerville Youth Softball had

another great season of softball. The organization consisted of 27 Instructional Division Players grades 1, 2, and 3, three 12 and under teams and a single 15 and under team, Tsunami.

Teams played neighboring cities throughout the season, Medford and Malden.

Softball doesn't stop with the spring season any longer in Somerville. Somerville Tsunami games are well underway.

SYSO entered two teams into the Middle-Essex Softball League this summer: Somerville Tsunami 10U and 14U. Home games are to be played at Trum Field from June 24 through August 8.

Somerville Tsunami softball can be followed this summer at Trum Field on Facebook: Somerville Youth Softball Organization or visit us on [www.SomervilleSoftball.com](http://www.SomervilleSoftball.com).



Stephanie Duquette (Manager/Coach), Mary Duffy, Amanda Lausier, Brenna Kristiansen, Ava Regan, Nadia Taylor, Ava Gupta (behind trophy), Maggie McDonagh, Natalie Moore, Kimberly Toner, Chloe Wilson, and Isabella Chiaravalloti.

## Planners hear from public on Union Square project

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Proponents said the project will help preserve the neighborhood's diversity by building in affordable housing before the planned Green Line Extension reaches Union Square and inflates real estate prices.

"This project can make a great neighborhood even more vibrant," said Chris Waller, who identified himself as a Union Square homeowner living on Bow Street. "I believe that everyone in Somerville deserves a chance to live in that wonderful neighborhood. Especially with the transit coming in, it's getting more and more expensive. And having something besides a vacant lot to look at coming in would be such a welcome addition to Union Square."

But the most vocal opposition came from the project's immediate neighbors, especially Prospect Hill residents whose homes look onto the rear of the property from Munroe and Boston Streets, who say the project design is just too big and too dense for the site.

"There isn't a single person

who's an abutter to this project or within 100 feet, 200 feet, 300 feet or 500 feet of this development who is in support of it in its current form," said Munroe Street resident Sam Miller.

The plan before the Planning Board is a joint proposal from the local non-profit Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and Boston-based property developer Cathartes Private Investments, who linked their separate projects earlier this year. It includes two five-story buildings, separated by a single driveway leading to a shared rear parking lot, with retail and commercial space at street-level and residential units above.

The SCC plans to develop the building at the corner of Washington and Boston Streets as a 40-unit affordable housing project, subsidized by a mix of grants and tax credits. All of the one-two- and three-bedroom units would be reserved for residents who earn less than 60 percent of the area's median annual income, or about \$57,000 for a family of four, and at least 28 of the units

would be reserved for current Somerville residents.

The Cathartes-owned building next door would include 44 apartments, of which all but the zoning-mandated 10 percent would be priced at market rates. Project architects, who have modified the plans over the course of several neighborhood meetings, said the buildings are designed to look like a single development, with no obvious distinctions between the market-rate and affordable-housing projects.

The plan also entails a re-design of the streetscape along a stretch of Washington Street, with widened sidewalks, new bike lanes and additional on-street parking. Some of the nearly 90 parking spaces behind the buildings will be reached by a new driveway off Boston Street. And small plazas will be created at the edges of the project.

Supporters of the project noted that the developers had responded to neighborhood concerns by adding more community space, lowering the overall roof height by five feet, angling the building and reducing the number of stories along Boston Street to better preserve views, and removing so-called mechanicals like air conditioning units from the roof of the SCC-owned building.

SCC director Danny Leblanc said the unique private/non-profit partnership will transform an underutilized piece of land into the kind of transit-oriented development envisioned for Union Square,

with over 50 percent of the units available for low or moderate income Somerville families. SCC supporters rallied outside last Thursday's meeting, and presented the Planning Board with a string of postcards supporting the project.

But project opponents at the meeting said they're all in favor of creating more affordable housing in Union Square. What they object to is the size and layout of the proposed plan in its current form.

"It's not about affordable housing. It's about the building," said Kristen Zecchi, who said the five-story building would block the view of downtown Boston that contributes to the property value for her home on Munroe Street. "I'm concerned about the affordability of my own housing. It's scary to look at the prospect of your mortgage being under water."

Zecchi was among several residents who asked the developers to lower the building height still further and keep both rooftops clear of mechanicals. Neighbors also voiced strong opposition to the added driveway off Boston Street, and said the plan would make existing traffic and parking problems in the area even worse, especially when there's snow. And opponents said the property doesn't have enough community open space for the number of people who will live there.

Somerville Planning Director George Proakis said his department has reviewed the project

plan and is recommending Planning Board approval. He said the proposal meets both the intent and the specific requirements of the CCD-55 zoning designation assigned the site during the 2009 Union Square re-zoning process, which envisioned mixed-use development along central corridors like Washington Street, with buildings up to 55 feet.

At Thursday's meeting, area residents who spoke in support of the project noted that the properties were bound to be developed at some point, and said the joint proposal was a better bet for the neighborhood than what might be proposed by luxury condominium developers down the road.

"With the T coming, change will be coming here regardless of our involvement," said Jeff Allen, who said he lived across the street from the proposed development. "Taxes will go up, housing prices will go up. But with 80 or so mixed income units, it's the best plan I've seen to allow current families to remain here."

The Planning Board asked the developers to look at removing mechanicals from the rooftop of the Cathartes-owned building and will review the project further at its next scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 11. Public comments will be accepted until Monday, July 8, and can be emailed to [mwoods@somervillema.gov](mailto:mwoods@somervillema.gov). More information about the project is on the Planning Department website, or at [everyonesomerville.org](http://everyonesomerville.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, July 10, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

**45-49 Day St: (Case #ZBA 2013-06)** Applicant, Flatbread Somerville, Inc., and Owner, The Marina Trust, Catherine L. Serrano, Trustee, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to expand an existing restaurant and add outdoor seating (SZO §7.11.10.1.2.c) and expand a bowling alley (§7.11.6.3.b), a Special Permit with Design Review to establish a bar, a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add windows and doors and a Variance from providing approx 30 parking spaces. Six parking spaces will be provided. CBD zone / Ward 6.

**92-96 Prospect St/205 Tremont St: (Case #ZBA 2013-21)** Applicant and Owner, Two Squares LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 to construct a second principle structure for 8 dwelling units and for 11 units (total) with one affordable unit, per SZO §13. The Applicant also seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes the creation of three dwelling units with an open interior courtyard, a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief and a Special Permit under §9.13.b to modify parking design standards. RB zone. Ward 2.

**34 Knowlton St: (Case #ZBA 2013-43)** Applicant, Richard Arnone, and Owner, George Humphries Jr. seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to create one new two-family dwelling and a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for one space of parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**8 Fennell St: (Case #ZBA 2013-44)** Applicant and Owner, Aaron Elias, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to expand a non conforming structure by adding a rear second story deck. RB Zone. Ward 5

**517 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-45)** Applicant, Nerissa Clarke, and Owner, Michael Davis, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment and a Special Permit under §9.13 for approx 2 spaces of parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 5.

**498-500 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-47)** Applicant, Ken Szeto, and Owner, Rahul Katoch, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment and a Special Permit under §9.13 for approx 2 spaces of parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 5.

**51 McGrath Hwy: (Case #ZBA 2013-48)** Applicant, Paul Cook Divine Signs, and Owner, Sovran Acquisition Limited Partnership, seek a Variance (SZO §5.5) to install signs that do not meet the size and height requirements (§12.4) and Special Permit to revise case # ZBA 2007-48 in order to place additional signage on the building. IA zone. Ward 2.


**24 Arlington St: (Case #ZBA 2013-49)** Applicants and Owners Ivo and Ida Masci, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing, non-conforming, single-family dwelling by constructing an addition within the existing non-conforming rear yard setback. RB zone. Ward 1.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commissioner of Public Works will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in the 3rd floor conference room of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue at 5:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville ratepayers relevant to the setting of the Fiscal Year 2014 water and sewer rates. Anyone interested in providing testimony is welcome to attend.

Stan Koty  
Commissioner

Ginger Barrett  
Water Superintendent

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Please contact Angela Allen, Purchasing Director, x3410, or email [amallen@somer ville.ma.gov](mailto:amallen@somer ville.ma.gov) for information and proposal packages.

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MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
The Trial Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI 13P2894GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L.c. 190 B, ss5-304

In the matter of: Theresa Theodore      RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: Somerville, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Olga Batista      of Cambridge, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Theresa Theodore** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Josephine Tibbetts      of Middleton, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have a right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day **07/12/2013**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. If the above- named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

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

Date: June 14, 2013

Tara E. Di Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

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

MIDDLESEX Division      Docket No. MI 13P3018EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Stanley Emilio Gregorio

Date of Death: 01/09/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Linda A Chiulli      of Peabody      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:

Linda A Chiulli      of Peabody      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.**

Date: June 19, 2013

Tara E. Di Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

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PATS TOWING

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO OWNERS ONLY \*\*\*\*\*

The following abandoned and / or junk motor vehicles will be disposed of or sold, any questions regarding this matter please contact Pat's Towing.  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm  
Tel: 617-354-4000, Fax 617-623-4287

2001	Honda	Accord	Vin 1HGCCG22521A017778
1994	Honda	Civic	Vin 1HGEH855XRL037056
1999	Honda	Accord	Vin 1HGCCG5546XA104788
1999	Mitsubishi	Eclipse	Vin 4A3AK34Y7XE028677
1996	Lincoln	Town Car	Vin 1LNLM81W0TY659880

Date of Sale: July 25, 2013  
Time: 12:00 PM  
Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. Somerville, MA. 02143

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1999	Toyota	Camry	Vin# 4T1BG22K5XU511006
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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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 13-83**

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

### Interior Renovations to the Brown School

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, June 19, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 07/05/2013 through 07/04/2014.

A 5% bid deposit will be required. Prevailing Wages apply to this contract.

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 13-84**

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

### Central Library Elevator Upgrade to ADA Compliance

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 07/05/2013 through 07/04/2014.

A 5% bid deposit will be required. Prevailing Wages apply to this contract.

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for a Mobile Food Vendor License for Tenoch Mexican Food Corp., dba Tenoch Mexican, which seeks to operate in Davis Square as a Mobile Food Vendor, Sunday through Saturday, from 4 PM to 9 PM.

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

**JOHN J. LONG  
CITY CLERK**

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THE SOMERVILLE NEWS,  
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PH: 617.666.4010  
FAX: 617.628.0422**

## Kennedy School succeeds at 'History Day'



On June 9-13 five students from the Kennedy School took part in the National History Day competition, with over 5000 students competing from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and American Samoan, as well as international schools in China, Singapore and Japan.

This was the Kennedy's twentieth-second year competing at National's, making it the most successful middle school in Massachusetts. History Day has been proven successful at the Kennedy year after to year. It is considered an important part of the Social Studies curriculum and it allows all students to be successful.

The success of all the students at the Kennedy School would not have been possible without the hard work of Jennifer Sears and Christine Colangelo.

Competing at Nationals was Emily O'Regan and Kaleigh Conte with their performance *The Truth Prevails: How Two Women Took Back America from A.I.D.S.*, Marissa Toner with an individual performance entitled *Masquerade of one American Solider* and Kevin Long and Anmol Maini with a website entitled *Next Stop: History*.

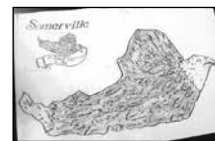
## SomerMovie Fest 2013



Be there for the kickoff of this year's SomerMovie Fest, featuring the 1993 classic, Jurassic Park. Thursday, July 11 at Seven Hills Park, Davis Square. The film starts just after sunset.

Be sure to visit us online at  
**[www.TheSomervilleNews.com](http://www.TheSomervilleNews.com)**  
and on Facebook at  
**[www.facebook.com/thesomervillenews](http://www.facebook.com/thesomervillenews)**

## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



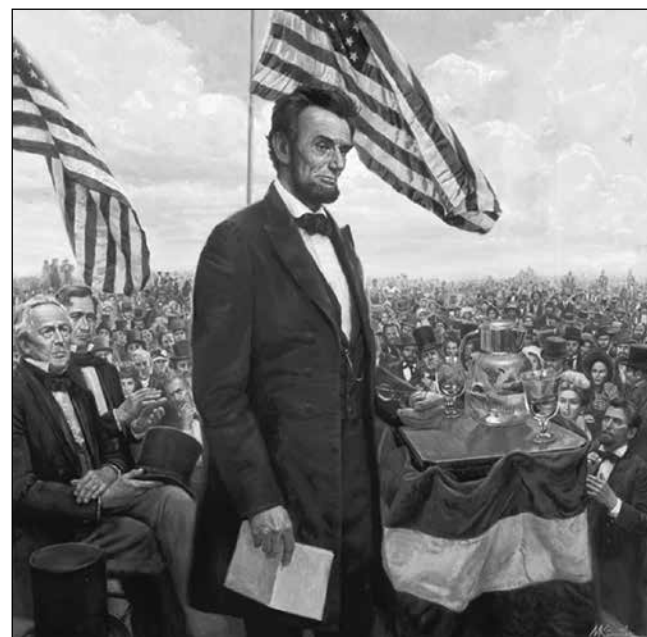
### Eagle feathers #29

### Gettysburg

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"Four score and seven years ago..." started one of the most famous speeches in history. A "score" is a period of twenty years. When President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg address in 1863, he was referring to eighty-seven years before that date, or 1776, the year our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence.

Lincoln's speech was given on Nov. 19, 1863, in honor of the Union soldiers who died in the savage three-day battle four months earlier. At the time, the fighting raged for the first three days of July, culminating on July 4, 1863.



It was the farthest north the Confederate Army would march during the Civil War. By winning at Gettysburg, the Union Army stopped the Confederates from moving on and capturing Baltimore, Harrisburg, and Washington.

On the next day, the fourth of July, many people celebrated this crucial Northern victory, with the belief that the triumph meant that the Union had been saved. Fortunately, this proved to be true, but at an appalling cost. It was the most devastating battle of the Civil War, leaving over 51,000 Americans on both sides dead, wounded or missing.

Although the war would drag on for two more years, this Northern success put victory in sight. Words had to be said in acknowledgment of the deeds and sacrifices of the Gettysburg dead.

If you visit Somerville City Hall, you will find an interesting sprinkling of paintings, knick-knacks and plaques throughout the building's hallways. On the third floor, there is an antique-looking old bronze plaque imprinted with 272 of some of the most meaningful words in American history, derived straight from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Next week, America celebrates the 150th anniversary of that winning battle, the victory which preserved the Union.

At the crest of Winter Hill, before the Paul Revere Apartments were built, once stood some very impressive mansions. One of them, known as the Odin Estate, was the residence of the Honorable Edward Everett while he was a member of Congress. He died in the last year of the Civil War. Just scratching the surface of his incredible career, one would mention that he was a brilliant clergyman, a Massachusetts Congressman, Senator, and Governor. He was Ambassador to England, President of Harvard College (now Harvard University), and U.S. Secretary of State.

Considered one of the country's best orators, Everett lectured across the nation to save Washington's home, Mt. Vernon. Everett delivered a two-hour speech at Gettysburg that was eclipsed by Lincoln's two-minute masterpiece. Everett stated to Lincoln, "I should be glad if I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

From his residence on Winter Hill, Everett could look down over the beautiful farmlands on the Mystic River. This land was then called South Malden. Later, the proud residents of this area would name their new town Everett, in his honor.



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Wednesday|June 26**  
**Veteran’s Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

**Thursday|June 27**  
**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

**Fireworks**  
6 p.m.|Trum Field (rain date June 28)

**Friday|June 28**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Saturday|June 29**  
**Family Fun Day**  
12 p.m.- 6 p.m.|Trum Field

**Wednesday|July 3**  
**Veteran’s Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC

**Wednesday|June 26**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Wedding Band Showcase  
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 Stockton|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**  
Bruins Game 7 with sound  
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

**Thursday|June 27**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Jen kearney & The Lost Onion|the Bold Type|Cilla Bonnie  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
FRSKE|Ghost Daughter|Some Kind of Nightmare|Cleetus & the Alright Brothers  
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**  
Noel Smyth|Sean Ryan|Mark Whitaker  
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: Western Education|The Museum Direktors|Night Crew \$8  
Down: Light House|Ruby Ridge|The Milling Gowns|Sleep Crimes \$8  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Tim Eriksen Solo Electric  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|June 28**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Mezz|7:30 p.m.  
The Derangers|The Waveriders|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.  
Zevon Helm| New Million Box| Highway 9 |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**  
HearNowLive presents:Cougar Bait|The Siracusa Project|Semi-Good Lookin’|The Sound Awake|Tom Appleman  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**PA’S Lounge**  
Jetset|MOTO|Liz Turner  
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**  
BCAP!  
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**  
Down: Private Party  
379 Summer St.

**Arts at the Armory**  
Sex, Drugs, and the Great American Songbook  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|June 29**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Real school of Music|4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Playin Dead|9:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Les Sampou Band |6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**Precinct Bar**  
Axemunkee|Highway Ghosts|Steve Wall  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**PA’S Lounge**  
Nicole D’Amico and Friends|Root Nine|The Barely Brothers Band  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dave Wells Presents  
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: The Interrobang Radio Residency presents Brit Night: The Deep North as The Smiths|The Interrobang as Radiohead|Southern Lust Club as David Bowie \$8  
Down: Psycho|Lolita Black|Anti-bodies|Zanois \$8  
379 Summer St

**Sunday|June 30**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.  
Natalie Flanagan| Trick Wallace Trio|Trusty Sidekick|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Radio Bar**  
Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m., No Cover  
Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7.30 p.m.|379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Meatball Takedown  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.| Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|July 1**  
**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**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

**Radio Bar**  
UP: Americana Mondays at Radio: NO COVER CHARGE featuring Greg Klyma|Joe Klompus|Steve Latanision and special guests  
379 Summer St

**Tuesday|July 2**  
**JohnnyD’s**  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
TBA  
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 10:00 p.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  
379 Summer St

**Wednesday|July 3**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Quinny|Hannah Daman  
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**  
Jared Fonzi|Dan Rodman|Lucrezio|Joe Fox  
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**  
UP: Fantastic Wednesday!! (with Butcher Boy and Civil Warblers)Free Show  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

**Wednesday|June 26**  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq| www.nadirajamal.com

**Thursday|June 27**  
**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

**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).  
For more info call: 781-762-6629

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

**Saturday|June 29**  
**Bagel Bards**  
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

**Sunday|June 30**  
**Unity Church of God**  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-ment.

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

**Monday|July 1**  
**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
(Session 2)|7:15 p.m.- 8 p.m.  
115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Summer Evening Writing Adventures  
Alan Ball-617-636-9033  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Tuesday|July 2**  
**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Wednesday|July 3**  
**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:**

**Farmer's Market** is back at Holland Street Center in parking area. 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Discount for Seniors. Great prices and great produce.

**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". Copies available to borrow from our center.

**Indoor Garden Club** next meets 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 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.

### 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" at 5:30 p.m. Holland Street Center. Dinner \$6. 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.

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**Fit-4-Life LBT** - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

**Fit-4-Life General** - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

### 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.

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**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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### June 27

**Farmer's Market**

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**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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

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**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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### June 28

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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### July 1 - July 3

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11:30 Lunch

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# Travel books are a worldwide hit with collectors

By Kenneth Gloss

Summer is primetime for journeys to far-away lands by way of one's imagination and by actually making the decision to travel! A collection of travel books is a great way to sample life in other countries and learn about their culture and history whether or not one makes the necessary arrangements to turn their dream into a reality. From the very first travel guide put out by Baedekers in Germany, collectors and travelers alike have been fascinated with books that provide a colorful verbal and sometimes pictorial view of the world.

The Baedekers are some of the best guides ever produced and can sell for \$10 and up, depending upon the rarity and condition. These mini-books had been written specifically to be used on trips and were not designed to last for generations. Thus, many of those guides did not survive much beyond the journeys for which they were used. Generally, though, travel guides for popular destinations like Paris, London and Germany are plentiful. In the U.S., Niagara Falls has the distinction of having the most travel guides written about it because it continues to be a perennial honeymoon and family vacation spot. Bermuda is also popular with both British and American collectors.

As one gets a little more off the beaten travel path, old guides become very rare and more valuable. Guides for Greece are rarer than for Paris, while finding a guide for a country like Syria is even rarer. Aside from today's struggles, one of the reasons tourist books on Syria are difficult to find is that the country used to prohibit them. The old guides to Syria contain a note that advises the traveler to hide it in a pocket before crossing the border because the

guards would often confiscate them. That little side note is just one of the interesting tidbits you can find tucked inside a travel guidebook.

Guides to Russia are also rare. When communism closed the borders in 1917, travel writers were not allowed in to document the sites for many years, leaving a hole in the Russian travel guide history. Russian guidebooks had been one of the best sources for accurate maps. The State Department bought many because it was one of the few places where maps for the area were available. Therefore, there are not as many of them available to collectors today. A Russian guidebook pre-the fall of the wall, will sell for \$200-350 because of this imposed shortage of guidebooks.

Travel guides are more than just information; they make incredibly interesting historical references as well. If you collect all the guides available on a particular area over a large period of time, you can gain an amazing picture of the culture and society of that area. Travel guides point out what areas people deemed important, how the buildings and streets changed and what was popular at the time. Any advertisements in the book can even be a valuable reference to the society and its culture.

Travel guides were produced by a variety of transportation industries in an effort to entice people to travel. During the mid-1800s, the railroads produced a number of books that focused on the West. Some of the railroad companies even built their own hotels and resorts, and would then feature those places in the guides. The railroads were one of the biggest promoters of travel books to the public. Later, steamship companies, auto clubs and airlines began producing travel guides. Oil companies



One doesn't have to travel far to start collecting books on travel, according to Kenneth Gloss.

also published a number of these books, complete with listings of gas stations, as did Duncan Hines with eateries around the country. The components of the travel guide, whether it pointed out depots, gas stations or docks, were directly related to what conveyance the traveler was using and which company was producing the book.

Before photography, the pictures in travel guides were hand-drawn. Some of the artwork in these booklets is exquisite. The prints inside are often detailed enough to be framed and many collectors look for travel guides with particular artistic merits.

There are mainly two types of travel guide collectors. The first is the person who is fascinated with reading travel accounts and loves to learn about the history of different places throughout the world. They can travel the world, journeying to a different country every night, just by reading a variety of travel guides. The second is the armchair trav-

eler, a person who may have always dreamed of circling the globe, but never got a chance. Some people spend their entire lives planning a trip to a particular destination and collecting guides about the area. It's sad to buy these guides from an estate and learn that Grandma or Uncle Joe always dreamed of traveling to Paris, but died before that trip became a reality. A handful of travel guides from years ago were even written by armchair travelers who never went beyond their local library to gather research. These particular books don't depict as true a picture of an area as one where the writer actually made the journey.

The best part about collecting travel guides is the cost. For relatively little money, you can start collecting these books. They are also easy to find. Travel guides pop up in boxes at garage sales, inside antique shops and at flea markets. If you are concentrating your collection on a certain area or specific

time period, it may take a little more effort to find the right books but the payoff is worth it. Like the gold miners who sorted through gallons of water and tons of rock to find a single nugget, an industrious travel guide collector can search through the bookracks in a bookshop or the boxes at an auction to unearth that tiny treasure that will top off a collection.

*Kenneth Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown section. It is the oldest antiquarian bookstore in America celebrating its 64th year of Gloss family ownership. Mr. Gloss has appeared on PBS' Antiques Roadshow as a guest appraiser for more than a dozen years. For further information about his open talks, getting old books and documents appraised visit the website at: [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com) or call 1-800-447-9595. The shop is located at 9 West Street in the Downtown Crossing section of Boston.*

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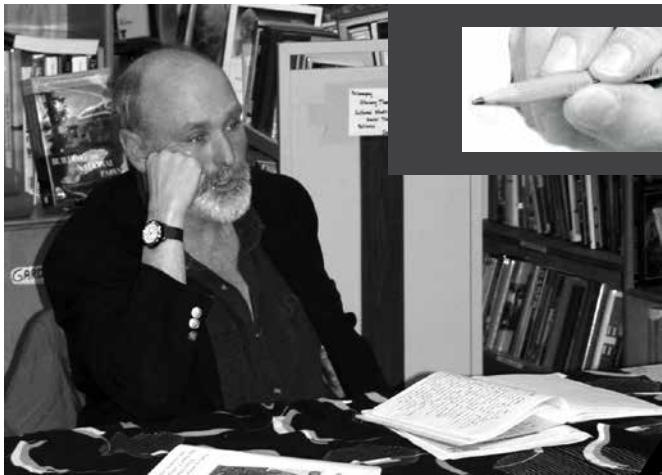
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	Somerville News Reading	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:30am	Life Matters	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	2:00pm	Culture Club
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Friday, June 28</b>		6:30pm	Energy Theater	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations		Road to Recovery	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	6:30am	The Struggle	10:00pm	Copy Cat Festival	5:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:30pm	Couch's Corner	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Tonight's Special
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	<b>Sunday, June 30</b>		7:00pm	The Folklorist
2:00pm	Culture Club	10:00am	Energy Theater	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Play by Play
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	11:00am	Mass Factor	6:00am	Program Celebrai	8:00pm	Chef's Table
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4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:00pm	Somerville's Most Interesting Places
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:00am	International Church of God	<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Basic Buddha	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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<b>Thursday, June 27</b>		9:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:30pm	Boss Lady News	6:00pm	Abugida TV	1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:30pm	Creepy Castle	7:00pm	African Television Network	1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
7:00am	Physician Focus	<b>Saturday, June 29</b>		8:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	Chef's Table Series
7:30am	Ablevision	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:00pm	Tonight's Special
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
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10:00am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	<b>Monday, July 1</b>		5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)
10:30am	Culture Club	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	The Literary Scene
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1:00pm	African Television Network	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Dukes of Sports	9:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Show	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Somerville Biking News	9:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers

## City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	9:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>		12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS		Spring Concert
9:00am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	1:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting	10:30pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.24.13	2:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	10:30pm:	Healey School Spring Concert	<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	
3:00pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00am:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	7:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	<b>Thursday, June 27</b>		2:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>		8:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:00am:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	3:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals
12:00am:	Memorial Day Parade 2013	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.26.13	12:30am:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	9:00am:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation
1:30am:	Congressional Update	<b>Monday, July 1</b>		1:00am:	SCAP Annual Meeting	10:00am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
12:30am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	12:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
9:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	12:30am:	Voices of Somerville	10:00am:	Healey School Spring Concert	1:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:00am:	Congressional Update	10:30am:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert	2:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
12:30pm:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	1:30am:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.26.13	12:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	2:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
3:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	2:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	3:30pm:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
6:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.26.13	5:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	6:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals
7:00pm:	Congressional Update	3:00pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	6:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	8:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
7:30pm:	Som Dog Spring Fling	7:00pm:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	9:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
8:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	7:30pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	7:30pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	10:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
8:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	8:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	8:00pm:	SHS Boys' Volleyball vs Chelmsford	<b>Monday, July 1</b>	
9:30pm:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	8:30pm:		9:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	12:00am:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
<b>Friday, June 28</b>		<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>		11:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	2:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
12:00am:	Taste of Somerville	12:00am:	Congressional Update	<b>Friday, June 28</b>		3:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals
12:30am:	Som Dog Spring Fling	12:30am:	Joe's Jazz Fest	12:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	3:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals
1:00am:	Taste of Somerville	1:30am:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	2:00am:	Healey School Talent Show	5:00am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
1:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	9:00am:	Talking Business	3:00am:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
9:00am:	BOA Finance & Budget Meeting 6.11.13	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	8:00am:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert	10:00am:	SCAP Annual Meeting
12:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	12:30pm:	Talking Business	9:00am:	Healey School Talent Show	12:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS
1:00pm:	Talking Business	1:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	11:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013	2:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
1:30pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	1:30pm:	African American History at Somerville Museum	1:20pm:	2013 SHS Graduation	4:00pm:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
2:00pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:05pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	6:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
7:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	7:30pm:	Talking Business	4:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	7:00pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
8:00pm:	Talking Business	8:00pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	6:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	8:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
8:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	8:30pm:	2013 SHS Graduation
9:00pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	9:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	7:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City – Summer Connections	10:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>		<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>		9:00pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	
12:00am:	African American History in Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	9:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show	12:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals
1:00am:	Talking Business	12:30am:	Talking Business	10:20pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	2:00am:	Superintendent Awards 3rd Q 2013
1:30am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	1:00am:	Somerville Special Olympics	11:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	9:00am:	Healey School Talent Show
2:00am:	Joe's Jazz Fest	2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	<b>Saturday, June 29</b>		10:00am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	12:00am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13
12:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		1:00am:	Healey School Talent Show	1:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary School
1:00pm:	Talking Business	<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>		2:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	2:30pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly
1:30pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	9:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	8:00am:	Somerville School Day Games	3:05pm:	World Language Awards Night
2:00pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	11:00am:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	9:00am:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	6:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
7:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	11:30am:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	10:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	7:00pm:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
8:00pm:	Talking Business	12:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	12:00pm:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
8:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	12:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show	2:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	9:30pm:	SHS Class Day 2013
9:00pm:	Joe's Jazz Fest	1:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert	3:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>		2:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	5:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00am:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet
12:00am:	African American History in Somerville	3:30pm:	Healey School Spring Concert	6:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	2:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
1:00am:	Talking Business	4:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	7:00pm:	Somerville Recreation Annual Track Meet	3:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals
1:30am:	Community Path Groundbreaking			9:00pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13		
2:00am:	Joe's Jazz Fest						
9:00am:	Taste of Somerville						



# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## New Book From Somerville's Cervena Barva Press: 'Refuge in the Shadows' by Krikor Der Hohannesian

Guest columnist and Somerville Bagel Bard Dennis Daly reviews the latest poetry collection released by the Cervena Barva Press. Daly is the author of "The Custom House" (Ibbetson Street Press).

Refuge in the Shadows  
By Krikor Der Hohannesian  
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Somerville, Massachusetts  
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44 Pages  
\$7.00

Review by Dennis Daly

Those of us who hear disembodied voices have been given a bad rap in today's technology-based world. How unfortunate! A good case could be made that human beings are sentinels deployed by our planet, or perhaps universe, to listen and record. But even sentinels have a responsibility to their own species and must respond by acting accordingly.

Some of the most adept of these sentinels society calls poets. They provide conduits for the competing voices (or muses as other generations have labeled them) buzzing around the ether.

Krikor Der Hohannesian takes his responsibility as a poet-sentinel seriously and responds to his voices with a righteous fervor and a singular decency. His first poem, *Elegy*, sets the tone and stakes out his territory. The poet speaks from the Granary, a Boston graveyard. He says,

...But listen...

in the shadows of ancient elm and maple

and you may hear it...

the wispy, low keening  
of founding ghosts  
mourning the sins of us,  
their promise. Take heed,  
take heed they whisper—refuge

from their judgment elusive as grace  
for the inattentive...

After these ghostly, somewhat pissed-off, whispers, the poet opens up the context to all creation, or at least all creation as we know it. The Poem In the Beginning ties the existence of nature's many voices to man's ability to hear and understand. Der Hohannesian explains,

The puffs of cumulus born of  
sea mist and updrafts, wind-blown urns  
for thirsty primeval forests. The desultory  
sowing of pod and seed, the destruction  
by wildfires, hurricanes, tornados,  
ice, snow, flood and drought. Rebirth  
rode the fickle winds of change. Until

erectus, habilis, neanderthalis, sound  
fell on no human ear. But once heard  
there was no denying a force to be heeded:  
a herald of tidings, bearer of gifts, the messenger  
that warned of danger...

In the same poem the author fearlessly engages his voices with indignation and passion. Consider these lines,

... human sounds, too, that rise  
on the wind but are easily lost:  
the wail of a Darfuri child, starved,  
black flies feasting on black skin,  
a Shia wife keening—  
her lost husband lost to a vest  
of detonated shrapnel,  
the shouts for justice  
from the disenfranchised,  
from those who have lost heart  
a thunderous silence, whispers  
from the souls of the dead...

Sometimes the voice of silence both comforts and confounds, whereas the alternative introduces another reality, nullification. The poem entitled *A Way of Life* sounds out clattering, splintering, a screech, and a thud. These are sounds of demolition, the end of a way of life. The poet describes the terrible suddenness of change and life's non-transitions here,

Henry and his wife both near 100 years,  
eight decades together in this his house of birth,  
defying entropy—suddenly vanished  
like wraiths in the night...

Voices come in many forms. Sometimes even the motion of hands delivers a jaw-dropping eloquence. Der Hohannesian begins his poem *These Hands* this way,

How strange to look at them  
with a young child's awe  
these hands I take for granted.

These hands that point  
and beckon, clap and slap,  
accent speech with dips and swoops,  
and held my children new-born,  
tiny fists clenched, grasping at air...

In the poem *A Man is Down* the poet's persona lies awake listening the musical voices of nature. He uncodes the dirge of wind and rain and discovers death by violence. The sounds of suffering fill the air. The poet expresses it this way,

a wife is keening...

a child is squalling...

I must grieve with them, I must  
mourn him and all like him who  
choose to rise against the oppressor

a man is down...

and others will rise in his stead,  
the rain, and wind, they tell me so...

I found the poem entitled *Lest We Forget* irritating, grating, and probably the most interesting piece in this collection. The narrative focus on an adolescent Iraqi child named Ali who has lost both arms, his parents and his siblings in an American missile strike. He whispers a wish for new prosthetic arms. Apparently the news media has taken an interest in Ali for the moment and his voiced wish has possibility. But the fickle media jumps onto the infamous rescue of Private Lynch and Ali is abandoned to his horrendous fate. I accept the story line and the ensuing pathos. Only a hard-hearted son-of-a-bitch realist would suggest apologies, reparations, and leaving these devastated people alone. The emphasis placed on the word leaving. A feel-good trip to the US for Ali seems beside the point. Hundreds of limbless, perhaps less photogenic, children would never be considered for such staged missions of mercy. Such a mission strikes me as just as dishonest and as political as the Lynch rescue farce. But Der Hohannesian sees it differently. Whether he's right or wrong, the world needs more people who think as Der Hohannesian does. He's clearly a better person than I am. He believes one act of kindness, staged or not, cynical or not, should carry the day. His poetic passion rages defiantly from the page. Here is a lovely meditation hidden in the heart of the poem's narrative that says a lot about the sensitivities of this poet,

...His pain pulsates

Behind dilated eyes, brown  
Iraqi eyes, soft as those of a desert  
camel. Bewilderment flickers like passing  
shadows through the merciless yellow-white  
of klieg lights. I wonder where  
his adolescent soul wanders...

The poem *Requiem*, a hymn of remembrance to the poet's dead mother, conjures up the genocide against the Armenian people perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks around the time of the First World War. Ghosts are everywhere, haunting the wind with atrocity after atrocity. Memories like this do not die. Der Hohannesian laments,

Almost a century has passed, fresh rumors float on the wind.  
Osman's descendants intend to plow under  
All vestiges, once and for all to silence the screams,  
The pleading, the cursing against a forsaking God,  
The raging against their butchers by ghostly spirits...

But, the poet continues,

... Anatolian breezes  
Will forever betray them, bearing bone dust  
And blood motes into every fissure and crevice  
Where Armenians once lived...

Many of today's Turks, it is worth noting, including the great writer Orhan Pamuk, are breaking with the past and admitting these long denied historical truths. Here's hoping that this trend continues.

If you like a writer who puts his conscience first before other considerations and you appreciate the delicate and intricate language of weather and wind chimes you will love Der Hohannesian. Another terrific book from Cervena Barva Press.

# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Our poet this week is Spencer Thurlow. He is from Martha's Vineyard and is currently working as an Asset Manager in Boston, MA. His writing has been previously published in *Sergeant Sparrow Magazine* and *Children Of Mercy: Tales And Teachings From The World Of Independent Music*. He has recently read his work at the Mass. Poetry Festival and is currently enrolled in *The Workshop For Publishing Poets*, led by Barbara Helfgott Hyett.

### Ft. Worth Pedicure

Soften me with your weird waters.  
Flay me so I need a cigarette  
even though I don't smoke.  
My 15 year growth callous of tough.

Take it all away with your sawzall.  
Take it down like demo. Pillage my foot,  
make it perfect so I won't ever have to  
squat or wear boots again

Don't let me keep thinking  
I can handle rust or blunted glass

— Spencer Thurlow

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## Ms. Cam's

From on page 14

# Olio

## Answers

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|---|--------------------|
| 1. Imelda Marcos  | 6. Walter Matthau  |
| 2. Noted as the most feared and celebrated pilot of WW I - he liked to fly a blazing red airplane (80 confirmed kills on allied airplanes). | 7. Thornton Wilder |
| 3. Loose lips sink ships  | 8. Inca Rope       |
| 4. Richard Simmons  | 9. Charlie Chaplin |
| 5. "Elijah's Manna"   | 10. Pennsylvania   |
|   | 11. Pods           |
|   | 12. 0              |



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