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## Lightning strikes in Somerville



Photo by Bobbie Toner

Excessive summer heat and thunderstorms had Somerville residents on edge over the past week. A house on Melvin St. took a lightning strike Monday night, causing substantial damage to its rooftop.

## Special meeting addresses budget

By Francisco L. White

Officials are making headway, regarding the proposed city budget. Acting under Section 24 of the city charter, Mayor Curtatone called for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which was held on Thursday, June 21, as a public hearing to discuss the city budget for fiscal year 2013.

The entire board was in attendance, with the exception of Robert C. Trane. A good number of residents attended the hearing in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, in support of the new budget. Somerville officials and residents have been particularly supportive of the budget's allotment toward education.

Lance Davis, a resident of Highland Avenue, spoke on behalf of Progress Together for Somerville saying, "We would like to extend our appreciation to the Board of Aldermen, the School Committee, Mayor Curtatone, and Superintendent Pierantozzi, for the support of education and youth programs reflected in this year's proposed budget. In particular, we thank you for the investment in the creation of welcome centers in the schools that will focus on outreach and the home-

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## Such thing as a free lunch Breakfast too, for Somerville youth this summer

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Parents know it doesn't get any easier to put food on the table just because kids are out of school for the summer. And summer vacation presents new challenges for families who count on the school lunch program to help ensure that their growing boys and girls are eating a well-balanced diet.

But thanks to a federally funded program, the Somerville Schools Food Services department is serving free weekday meals to anyone under the age of 19, at locations all around Somerville, throughout the summer.

"There's no reason for anyone to not be eating lunch on a Monday to Friday in the summer," said Joe Pinto, youth services director at the YMCA on Highland Avenue, which was one of the spots where students could find a free lunch starting this week, along with Foss Park and Trum Field.

By Monday, July 2, refrigerated trucks will be serving free lunches each

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Photo by Bobbie Toner

Lunch is served, free of charge this summer, to grateful kids throughout Somerville.

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# NEWTALK

This Thursday, June 28 (rain date July 5), join Mayor Joe Curtatone and the City of Somerville for the annual 4th of July Fireworks, with live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. The entertainment lineup for the fireworks includes performances by the Somerville Sun setters, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty, leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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Family fun day will be held at Trum Field on Saturday, June 30 (with a rain date of July 1), from noon-5:00 p.m. and will include FREE BBQ, children's activities, a watermelon eating contest, face painting, a Curious Creatures demonstration, music and much more. For both events various roads leading into the activities will be closed.

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Some birthdays here in the 'Ville this week: Nicole Weston, Tara Killeen-Shannon and Paul J. Papa, all long time 'Villen residents. Also, David Brendon of Union Square, a new resident from California who is into creating computer games.

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Welcome home to former Ball Square resident, Diane Mahoney of the Mahoney family. We hope her visit home is enjoyable and wish her a safe trip back to Florida, where she now resides and works for JetBlue. Diane was quite the political junkie back in the 80's and 90's here in Somerville. She definitely has a lot of friends here.

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Welcome home to Pat Norton who again was at MGH having another surgery. She's home now recuperating and both her and her husband happy to be home. The wonderful people at Mass General did another outstanding job. What a great place to have in our own back

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *Bikes are everywhere*

Linda says:

True stories of bikes in the 'ville as kids...good memories. Unfortunately today's riders are more likely to blow thru a red light, dart in between cars and ride the wrong way on a one way street...think Porter Sq and the surrounding side streets! I know if I drove my car like MANY of these bike riders, I'd surely get a ticket, my insurance would go up and maybe I'd loose my license. What's fair is fair...follow thr rules of the rode bike riders!

Joanne Finnegan says:

I really enjoyed reading your article. My partner bikes from Medford to Boston in all weather. I know he follows the traffic rules. As a driver I've seen many people disregard the rules and cut in front of you on bikes, go through traffic lights and be very aggressive. He has been harrassed for being on a bike. I think the bottom line is that all of us need to be diligent and careful weather we are driving or riding a bike.

I remember the days of getting your first bike at Sears, putting the playing cards on the spokes etc. It brought back alot of memories.

Thanks for writing the article.

A Moore says:

We used to put balloons tied to the bar near the spokes for noise. You can guess how long they lasted. We were not allowed to ride our bikes at night. I used to ride to Mystic lakes several days a week to swim and sometimes to Horn Pond to fish. It didn t seem so dangerous then (50 2s) as it is now. But I suspect age has a little to do with it. Less cars then, more courteous and less aggressive drivers were also a factor I suppose. It s just too crazy here now to ride in Somerville.

Lulu says:

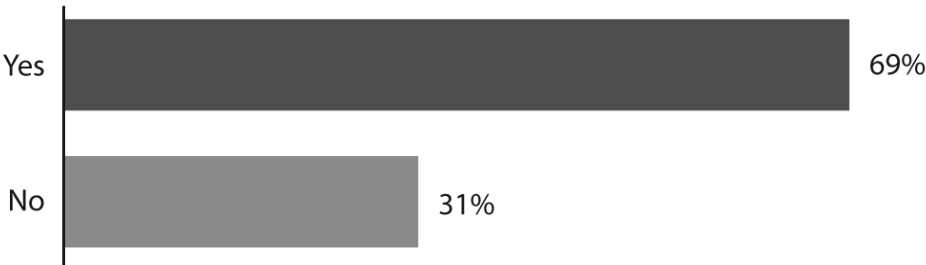
I am a cyclist, driver and pedestrian, and I have to agree – I do wish that cyclists who run red lights and do not obey other traffic laws should be ticketed. Perhaps a better awareness of the need to obey laws might help? As a cyclist, I do have to agree that I've been unnecessarily harassed by drivers, which is never fun!! It needs to be a mutual respect between both sides.

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

## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel homes with absentee landlords are big contributors to the rat problem in Somerville neighborhoods. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto The-SomervilleNews.com.

**Do you feel homes with absentee landlords are big contributors to the rat problem in Somerville neighborhoods?**



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# Streetscape Kick-Off Tour

By Emmanuel Vincent

Voices were heard and opinions were taken into consideration this past Thursday evening at The Davis Square Streetscape Kick-Off Tour. Individuals gathered at the Davis Square Plaza, and then proceeded to walk around the square, finding the areas that need improvement.

The focus of the meeting included the public transit, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and vehicular traffic patterns. This was an interactive event, and the public was asked what they thought needed to change as their feedback was recorded. Along with the 14 members of the public, those in attendance included several infrastructure staff and Ward 7 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz.

No issues were resolved at this meeting as that was not the goal.



City officials and the public joined together to examine the needs of the Davis Square area.

"The objective of the meeting was to take information," said Hayes Morrison, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. "In the next three meetings we will try to resolve the issue." Currently, the focus is on the design phase. By carefully coming up with a design, the city will be able to construct a plan that will solve

the issues that the public would like resolved.

Overall, the meeting was deemed a success. "We got a lot of good feedback from the people on how to further advance Davis Square," said Morrison. "It was a good meeting."

See the city's website for a schedule of upcoming meetings: [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov)

# Robbery suspect sought



The Somerville Police Department is seeking to identify the suspect depicted in this photo. The suspect robbed the Quick Stop at 219 Highland Ave. on June 18 at 10:00 p.m. The same subject is a suspect in a similar convenience store robbery at Stop and Save Gas station on June 23. If you have any helpful information to offer please contact Somerville Police at 617 625-1212.

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school connection...We commend the aldermen and other officials for their long-sighted investment in our schools." The organization's mission statement states, "Progress Together engages our diverse community to improve education across Somerville."

The meeting's agenda included the mayor's submission of a re-appropriation of funds for FY2013 which reads, "I am submitting to your Honorable Board a revised FY2013 Appropriation Order that reflects the \$180,883 in reductions recommended by your Honorable Board's Finance Committee while meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 19, 2012...The result of these changes is to bring the General Fund Appropriation for FY2013 to \$171,620,447. This represents a reduction of \$105,883 from the original budget submission. I would like to commend the Board of Aldermen for their diligence and efforts during this budget process." Mayor Curtatone's revision to the proposed budget was unanimously approved.

A revised appropriation order was also submitted to the Board by the Mayor's Office to fund the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$580,000 for FY 2013. This was approved unanimously as well. The request to

appropriate \$625,000 for "the reconstruction and streetscape of East Broadway and authorization to borrow \$625,000 to

meet said appropriation" was yet another request that received unanimous support from the aldermen.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Lover's spat turns violent

Police responded to a report of a brutal assault against a woman by her boyfriend last Sunday afternoon.

The alleged victim was met by police officers at the Rite Aid drug store at 299 Broadway, whereupon she reported that she and her boyfriend had got-

ten into an argument and that the quarrel eventually escalated to the point where he began choking her with his hands.

She further stated that the man held her in a headlock when she tried to get away, police said.

The woman reportedly said that she struggled with the man

and scratched his arms in an attempt to break free.

He eventually fled the scene, taking her cell phone with him, according to the woman. She told officers that she believed he went to the Mystic housing projects. A search for the man was then begun by police.

The woman called her cell phone, which the man had taken, and he spoke to her and to police officers, who eventually convinced the man to come out of hiding and meet with them.

While questioning the man police noted that there were scratch marks on his arms con-

sistent with the victim's story.

The alleged assailant, Thomas Dearmon, 19, was taken into custody on charges of assault and battery, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a class B drug, witness intimidation, and attempted murder.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Isaih Moore**, 24, of 100 Jackson Pl., Cambridge, June 18, 11:26 a.m., arrested at Prospect St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Kenneth Molloy**, 30, of 46 Beal Ct., Rockland, June 18, 3:27 p.m., arrested at Morrison Ave. on warrant charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, felony daytime breaking & entering, receiving stolen property, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, destruction of property over \$250, larceny over \$250, conspiracy, no inspection sticker, use of a motor vehicle without authority, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Michael Devereaux**, 44, of 167 Willow Rd., Nahant, June 19, 12:36 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Carmelot Pierre**, 30, of 9 Bartlett St., June 19, 7:07 p.m., arrested at 10 High St. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery on a child with injury.

**Francis Armstrong**, 42, of 45A Memorial Rd., June 19, 9:19 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

**Roberto Arevalo**, 40, of 20 Proctor St., Haverill, June 20, 7:42 a.m., arrested at Tufts St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop or yield.

**Ellen-Marie McCann**, 26, of 167 Pearl St., June 20, 12:39 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery, unarmed robbery, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Sheila King**, 35, June 20, 12:44 p.m., arrested at 77 Mid-

dlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

**Michael Cisternelli**, 29, of 17 Court St., Boston, June 20, 7:48 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a crime.

**Eric Higgins**, 35, of 223 N. Main, Franklin, June 20, 10:57 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**David Martinez**, 22, of 551 Broadway, June 21, 8:00 a.m., arrested at 540 Mystic Ave. on charges of drug violation near a school or park and drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of carrying a firearm without a license, assault with a dangerous weapon, and carjacking.

**Nelson Martinez**, 23, of 551 Broadway, June 21, 8:00 a.m., arrested at 540 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of carrying a firearm without a license, assault with a dangerous weapon, and carjacking.

**Charles Ryan**, 57, of 75 Myrtle, June 21, 2:48 p.m., arrested at 125 Broadway on a charge of unarmed robbery.

**David Meli**, 22, of 159 Glen St., June 21, 4:40 p.m., arrested at Auburn Ave. on charges of heroin / morphine / opium trafficking, drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle.

**Cliff Maingrette**, 23, of 64 Oakridge St., Mattapan, June 21, 4:40 p.m., arrested at Auburn Ave. on charges of heroin / morphine / opium trafficking, drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and possession of

an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle.

**Gevens Mayala**, 22, of 14 Madison St., June 21, 7:42 p.m., arrested at North St. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Ryoji Uyehara**, 28, of 1 Sinclair Rd., Allston, June 22, 7:53 a.m., arrested at Flint St. on charges of bicycle violations.

**A juvenile**, of Cambridge, June 23, 7:09 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charges of larceny over \$250.

**Job Dimanche**, 23, of 5 Hawthorne, Everett, June 23, 9:23 p.m., arrested at 105 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery, and disorderly conduct.

**Erin Blackwell**, 30, June 24, 2:21 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Thomas Dearmon**, 19, of 25 Walnut St., June 24, 12:26 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of assault and battery, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a class B drug, witness intimidation, and attempted murder.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

June 19, 8:11 a.m., police reported a theft at Glenwood Rd.

June 19, 1:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

June 19, 6:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Meacham Rd.

June 19, 6:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Gibbens St.

June 20, 11:50 a.m., police reported a theft at Cambria St.

June 20, 12:24 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

June 20, 2:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Weston Ave.

June 20, 8:24 p.m., police reported a theft at 236 Elm St.

June 21, 11:50 a.m., police re-

ported a theft at Clarendon Ave.

June 21, 4:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Line St.

June 22, 8:26 p.m., police reported a theft at 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

June 23, 4:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Morrison Ave.

June 23, 6:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

June 24, 2:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

June 25, 10:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Whitman St.

June 25, 9:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

#### Robbery:

June 21, 2:48 p.m., police reported a robbery at 125 Broadway.

June 23, 8:28 p.m., police reported a robbery at Medford St.

June 24, 3:30 p.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

June 24, 6:15 p.m., police reported a robbery at Fremont St.

#### Breaking & Entering:

June 19, 8:44 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Alpine St.

June 19, 6:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bond St.

June 19, 7:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Josephine Ave.

June 20, 8:47 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

June 20, 4:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Park Ave.

June 20, 11:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Gilson Terr.

June 21, 12:24 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cleveland St.

June 22, 2:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Winter Hill Cir.

June 23, 3:06 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

June 23, 10:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Gilman St.

June 23, 3:44 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bay State Ave.

June 23, 3:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Boston St.

June 24, 7:42 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Flint St.

June 24, 3:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

June 24, 5:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Berkeley St.

June 24, 11:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

June 25, 2:22 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at James Ave.

#### Vehicle Theft:

June 19, 10:35 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

June 19, 2:50 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Line St.

#### Assault:

June 21, 5:02 p.m., police reported an assault at Moreland St.

June 22, 6:48 p.m., police reported an assault at Sydney St.

June 22, 10:38 p.m., police reported an assault at 775 McGrath Hwy.

June 23, 1:09 a.m., police reported an assault at Summer St.

June 23, 10:58 p.m., police reported an assault at Lincoln Ave.

June 24, 2:21 p.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St.

June 24, 6:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

June 25, 8:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Boston Ave.



# Windows into history

By Tiffani Westbrook

Preservation Planner Kristy Chase led the monthly Preservation Commission meeting at Somerville City Hall, last Tuesday night. The Historic Preservation Committee representatives are all volunteers from Somerville with various backgrounds and connections to historical preservation.

Seven of the fourteen members attend each meeting to hear proposals from their neighbors who occupy historically significant properties around Somerville. Among the residents submitting proposals to make changes or have work done to their historic properties was an Executive Director of a local nonprofit and a condo owner.

Despite the differences in backgrounds that each of the presenters who sat before the committee had, their requests shared a similarity: windows. If Tuesday's meeting was an indicator of the most common problem that Somerville residents living in historic properties have then it would definitely have to be living with the drafty but highly durable wood framed windows.



Somerville's historic buildings need new windows, according to the property's owners.

Three out of four owners proposed replacing the wooden framed windows with vinyl. As homeowners tried to justify removing old windows for fancy new replacement windows the committee members reiterated that some of the issues that plague homeowners involve quick fixes, like removing paint that restrict the movement of the window, reattaching the window weights, or putting in a secure storm window.

Chase, acting as the committee secretary, pointed out that, "The aluminum windows last for about twenty years but the wooden windows can last more

than one hundred years," if cared for properly.

The committee was unanimous on all decisions and also agreed that the wooden windows that added to the historic charm could be hard for a novice to handle. During the meeting, several of the committee representatives volunteered information to the owners about the value in restoration of the old wooden mainstays and even speculated about teaching willing carpenters and homeowners how to repair these old windows. That might be just the thing homeowners need to buoy up pleasure in preserving their gems.

# Governor attends Senator DiDomenico's 41st Birthday Bash

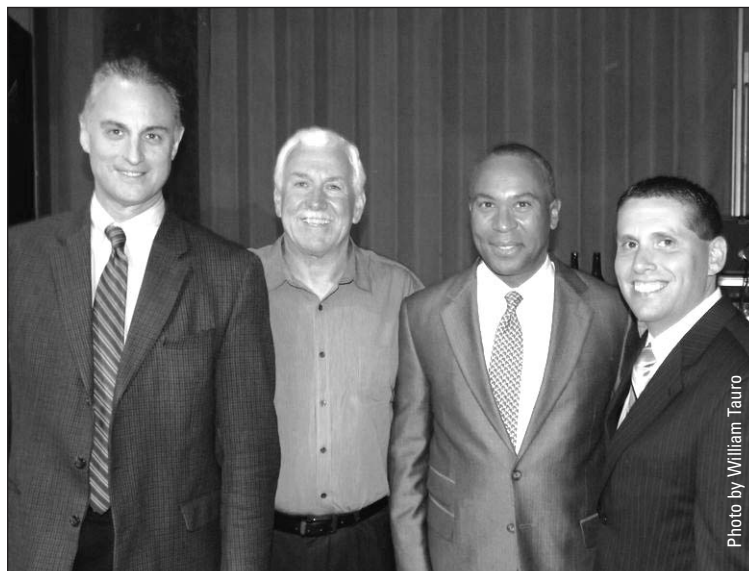


Photo by William Tauro

This past Wednesday evening, Governor Deval Patrick made a special guest appearance at State Senator Sal DiDomenico's standing room only 41st birthday celebration. The event took place at the Kowloon Restaurant on Route 1 in Saugus with a full house, despite considerably record high temperatures in the high 90's outside. The function room was filled with DiDomenico's family, friends and many elected officials and supporters. Therese Murray, Everett Mayor Carlos DiMaria, Somerville Alderman Bill Roche, Middlesex Registrar of Probate Tara DiCristofaro, Somerville's Robert McWaters, Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash, State Treasure Steve Grossman, Everett City Councilor DJ Naplolitano, Middlesex Clerk of Courts Mike Sullivan and former State Senator Anthony Gallucio, just to mention a few, were in attendance as many more guests arrived throughout the evening. Pictured left to right: Robert McWaters, Somerville Alderman William Roche, Governor Deval Patrick, and State Senator Sal DiDomenico.

- William Tauro

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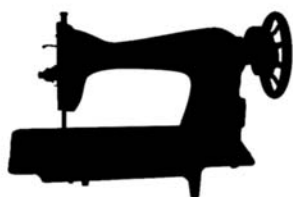


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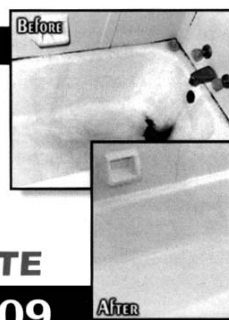
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# Somerville resident shines on 'Jeopardy!'

By Cathleen Twardzik

"Stung by a bee, where?" said Alex Trebek, Host of *Jeopardy!*, in Margaret Swanson's introductory anecdote on her second day on the show. "On my tongue," said Swanson. On a positive note, she is not allergic.

On June 21, 22 and 25, her appearances on *Jeopardy!* (America's Favorite Quiz Show) aired. Swanson, 30, is an architecture graduate student who resides in Somerville.

The shows on which Swanson appeared were taped on February 14 and 15. *Jeopardy!* is taped on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, five shows per day.

Swanson, who graduated from Williams College with a Bachelor of Arts in art history, currently attends Harvard Graduate School of Design.

In her free time, Swanson enjoys solving The New York Times crossword puzzle.

An individual's journey to

*Jeopardy!* entails several steps. First, potential contestants must complete the online test, which is available several times each year.

"Some months later, after which I'd pretty much forgotten about it, I got an email inviting me to an in person audition in downtown Boston at the beginning of May," said Swanson.

At the in-person interview, "You go into another room, where you take a second 50 question test and play some mock rounds of *Jeopardy!*, which was really fun. After your little mini round, they ask you about your stories the way [Trebek] does after the first commercial break on the show," she said.

After having finished that portion of the process, contestants-to-be must wait 18 months to be notified if they will be on the show.

Therefore, "Getting 'The Call' seems like such a long shot, but lo and behold, toward the end of

January, I got it and they asked me to come out."

At that point, Swanson had approximately three weeks to prepare for the show. She purchased several *Jeopardy!* books and began to examine topics with which the show deals, such as U.S. presidents, state nicknames and Shakespeare.

On June 22, the *Final Jeopardy!* category was "20th Century Technology," and the clue was, "The first major use of simultaneous translation before adoption by the United Nations (U.N.) was in this European city in 1945 and 1946."

Swanson was the only contestant to correctly respond, "What is Nuremberg?"

One of her favorite parts of the experience was getting the chance to play the game.

"When the *Jeopardy!* music comes up and you're on stage at your little podium, it's the craziest, coolest feeling ever. I think the desire to just keep playing, more than anything, is what



On June 21, 22 and 25, Somerville resident, Margaret Swanson's appearances on "Jeopardy!" (America's Favorite Quiz Show) aired.

drives people to want to win while they're there, because you just don't want to have to stop," said Swanson.

"All of my fellow contestants were great, too. Since you're sitting around in the studio all day, waiting to get called for a game, you have time to get to know each other a bit," she said.

"Winning was also pretty great, too, the first game especially, since it was such a sur-

prise. It was such a thrilling moment," said Swanson.

The three-day champion won a total of \$48,000, as of the show which aired on Monday, June 25.

At present, Trebek, 71, is recovering from a mild heart attack. However, he is expected to recover in time to begin filming the next season of *Jeopardy!* in July, according to a statement by Sony Pictures/Television.

## Gene Brune installed as new King Lion

By William Tauro

Former Somerville Mayor and current Middlesex Registrar of Deeds Gene Brune was installed this past Friday night as the next President of the Somerville Lions Club. The installation took place at the Somerville Lions Club House located in Somerville on Washington Street above the Ralph and Jenny Senior Center. With a large crowd of family, friends, Lions Club members and co-workers in attendance, Gene vowed to do his very best as president for the Lions charities and for a successful term.

Past Lions Club President

Paul Carrol, the outgoing president for 2012-2013, passed the "gavel and ceremonial bell" to new President Brune at the installation.

Somerville Lions Club Past President Larry Murphy did a great job as master

of ceremonies for the evening.

Also in attendance was Lions District Governor Matthew Richardson who also installed Gene Brune as President, the club officers and also installed two new Lions members.

Also installed that evening was the new line of officers for 2012-2013 Lions calendar year. Somerville Lions Past President Timothy O'Malley was al-

so presented the Somerville Lions Club "Sullivan-Lynch-Ciampa Award" - a second of its kind ever given for excellence in Lionism and for a job well done. Past Somerville Lions Club President Bill Tauro was the first recipient of the award that was presented to him last year for his excellence in Lionism for 2009-2011.

The Somerville Lions Club is a big supporter of Diabetes research, finding the cure for blindness and supports many other local charities in Somerville. Gene Brune, as a Somerville Lion in past years, was the chair person and advocate for the Somerville Lions



Gene Brune steps into a new leadership role as President of the Somerville Lions.

Club Speech Contest, which allows high school students to be rewarded with a Lions Appreci-

ation Check towards their college needs for the best speech written in a chosen category.

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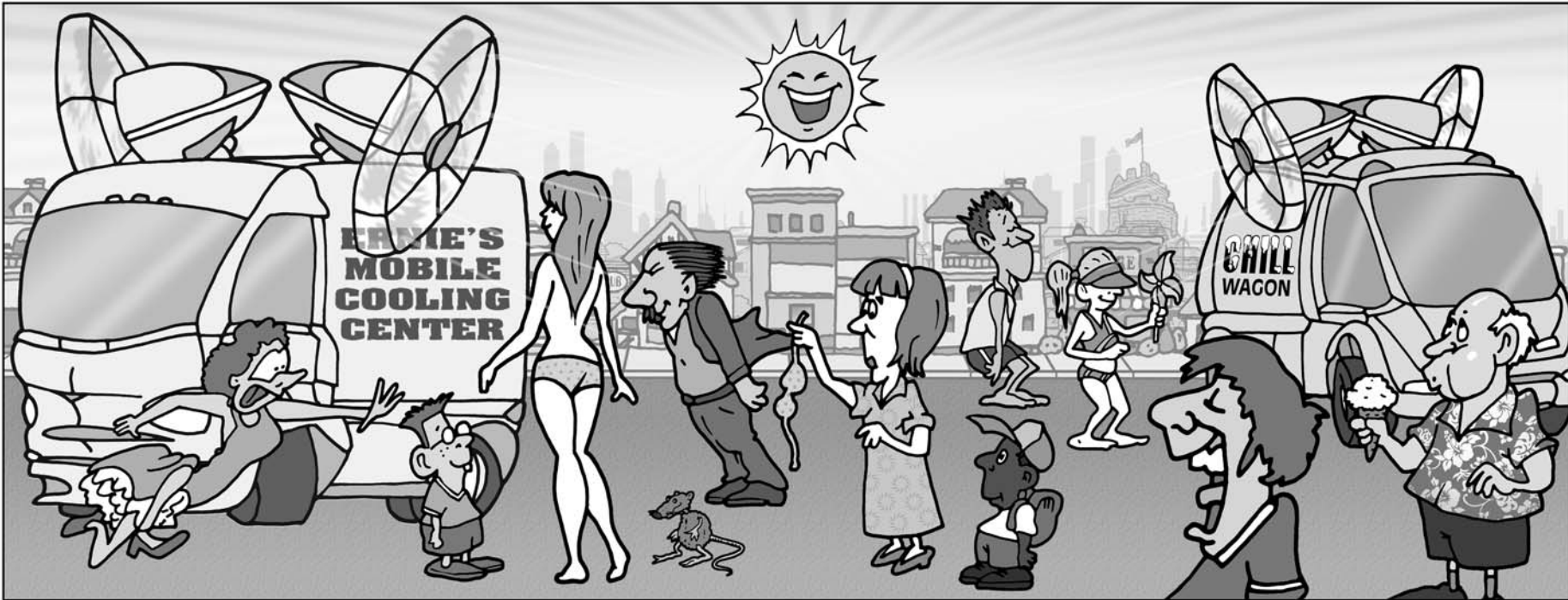
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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Food trucks? How about some relief from the heat instead?

The View From Prospect Hill



Sure, everyone complains about the weather, but who's doing something about it? The city had to open cooling centers last week. Thanks for that. Beyond this there's little to be done other than exercise a little common sense to minimize dangers of heat stroke. Watch your activity levels, get plenty of water, etc. We are blessed with a wonderfully diverse range of climatological effects in this part of the world. Going to great extremes at times. But we're tough, aren't we? We can pull through like champs when the going gets tough. Just be careful and do the right things. We'll make it. If choking heat and humidity aren't bad enough, the recent lightning storms have added an extra dimension to the thrills and spills of the New England lifestyle. Again, caution should be taken by all who venture outward into the churning elements. Property owners need to take those necessary precautions to avoid tragic losses when the thunderbolts strike. The best thing to do is to stay indoors when nature extends its wrath in these ways. Get a little closer to your friends and family. Yes, summer is the time to enjoy the great outdoors, especially after hunkering in for the winter. Still, let's be careful out there while the skies vent their rage. It will pass all too soon. Meanwhile, as always, keep the powder dry - and away from those lightning strikes!

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yard, so few miles and minutes away and we think highly of how wonderful the care and attention they give is.

Also welcome home to Peggy Johansen, who was also at MGH. She's doing fine and her family is glad to have her home again. Peggy is a wonderful lady who never complains about anything. We hope she is well on the road to recovery and will be out and about shortly.

Big Birthday party last week, the Toners celebrating mom's 82nd birthday. Cam has so many children and grandchildren, and that Saturday night she had a great time. We certainly wish her many happy returns. As everyone knows, Cam is the author of our own Ms. Cam's Olio.

It looks like our favorite DPW commissioner, Stan Koty, and his family are moving back to Somerville. They will be back we hear by the end of July. We bet the first thing he and his family do is to register to vote in the September primary. The best DPW commissioner by far, it's a great job

that he does, and some of us here at The News have seen a lot of Commissioners come and go.

We hear that City Manager of Cambridge, Robert W. Healy, is soon to retire and that maybe - just maybe - our own Mayor Joe Curtatone is thinking of applying. It's just a rumor. We doubt it, but we'll keep you posted.

Speaking of our Mayor, we want to wish Joe a happy birthday this Thursday, the same day as the fireworks at Trum Field, so make sure you say happy Birthday to him. Joe is a great mayor and hopefully he continues to be the mayor. We know he loves his job.

Also celebrating last week was Frank Santangelo, a close friend of the mayor and a DPW employee as well, as well as the son-in-law of Cindy Hickey. Many happy returns for both gentlemen.

To our good friends Nancy and Joe Dovidio, we wish them both Happy 26th Anniversary. Many more hopefully to

come. Both Nancy and Joe are well known Somerville residents throughout the city.

Many thanks to our good friend Marge Mohahan, who sent over a pan of home cooked eggplant to The News (other office - it wasn't to the main office) for everyone to feast on. Simply great. We hear that she also makes a great chocolate and peanut butter with nuts brownie and we're hoping she sends some of that our way next...even to the main office.

What's with all the dead pigeons under McGrath highway overpass? Dozens of pigeons lying side by side and rats actually running with their dead carcasses in their mouths. Could that be a major contributor to the rat infestation problems in that area? There are also literally thousands of pigeon droppings as well under that overpass. So much that the ground even looks white.

The annual SomerMovie Fest lineup has been announced for Summer 2012. Showings are scheduled every

Thursday evening at dusk, beginning with a screening of "Megamind" on July 12, at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square. Movies are shown every Thursday night through August 30 beginning at dusk at locations throughout the city, culminating with a Viewer's Choice selection, voted by attendees throughout the summer, of one of the four following films: "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Despicable Me," "Eight Men Out," "Fantastic Mr. Fox," "Pride & Prejudice (2005)." See the city's website for the full schedule, <http://www.somervillema.gov/>.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 7 Alderman Robert Trane invite all interested residents and stakeholders to a community meeting tonight, Wednesday, June 27 to discuss final design plans for the North Street Playground. The meeting will be held in the Clarendon Housing Community Room, located at 268 Rear, Powderhouse Blvd. Section B #15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All community members are welcome, and light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Somerville High School Culinary Arts Program.



## COMMENTARY

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# New housing for a healthy economic future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week, along with U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, and Mass Dept of Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Aaron Gornstein, I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the second phase of St. Polycarp Village. This latest installment of new housing in Somerville, on Butler Drive in Ward 4, includes 29 affordable rental units within three four-story buildings

I also had a chance to do a walk-through of the rapidly developing Maxwell's Green complex in Ward 5 between Cedar and Lowell Streets. (Look for highlights on Somerville Community Access Television an

upcoming episode of Greater Somerville with Joe Lynch.) When fully complete, this welcome addition to the city's housing stock will provide a total 184 new rental units and 15 new condos. 24 of the rental units and one of the condos will be affordable under the city's Inclusionary Housing Program: several of the affordable units will be designated as accessible for persons with disabilities. Six of the Maxwell's Green condos are already occupied; the remaining nine are currently under construction. The first rental building will be ready for occupancy later this summer and interest in the new units is already running high.

For different reasons, both St. Polycarp and Maxwell's Green are excellent examples of the kind of expansion Somerville needs to have in its housing stock over the next twenty years. We may already be the most densely populated city in New England, but we are also a place where people want to live - and we are a community that is made stronger, more stable and more prosperous by the demographic diver-

sity of our population.

That's why we need more housing of all sorts: rental, condo, single-family, multi-family, affordable, market and upscale. Additional housing is essential to our long-term economic viability, generating jobs and providing customers for local businesses.

With a great deal of input from residents, business leaders, and elected officials, we've spelled all of this out in our SomerVision Comprehensive plan, which was approved by the Board of Aldermen in April and published in final form on our web site last month. The Comprehensive Plan sets a goal of 6,000 net new housing units (that's on top of the approximately 34,000 we already have) between now and 2030, with 1,200 of the new units permanently designated as affordable.

We know that thousands of units of new housing will be crucial to the success of Somerville's next new neighborhood - Assembly Square. But it's important for all of us to understand that most of the growth in Somerville's housing stock will occur in much

smaller increments spread out across the city.

The great challenge is to ensure that these new units are integrated with, and support the character of, our existing neighborhoods. In some cases, and in the words of the SomerVision Report, that means setting "clear design standards for circumstances where more intensive housing development would meet community needs while reflecting neighborhood context." It also means that the city will encourage what's known as in-fill projects that fit in with the older structures around them. And it means encouraging the kind of mixed-use development - usually retail on the first floor and housing above - that works so well in busy business districts and adjacent to transit stations.

To make sure that we're encouraging the right mix of housing for each of our distinctive neighborhoods, the city will be conducting a fresh "Housing Needs Assessment" every five years. In the meantime, we've already completed a soon-to-be-released study of the RA

and RB zoning districts whose rules and standards currently cover most of Somerville's residential neighborhoods. It's high time to update those rules so that they encourage and support the clear desires of the great majority of Somerville residents for an approach to development that preserves the character and flavor or out existing neighborhoods while continuing to create a supportive environment for sustainable economic growth.

From senior housing to energy efficiency and green construction, there's a great deal more to be said about housing - and all of it can be found in the SomerVision Comprehensive Report, which you can read online or download at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov). It's truly worth a look.

In the meantime, however, St. Polycarp's and Maxwell's Green offer good examples of two very different projects that, each in their own way, represent thoughtful and successful contributions to the growth of our housing stock - and to the continued economic and social strength of our community.

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### It's a zoo out there



Oh, see the deer. Does the deer have a little doe? Yea, two bucks! Thank you, Curly Howard.

This past weekend my son and I were driving up to our little camp in New Hampshire. I had to work so we got up to the road that the camp is on at around midnight. We were talking casually back and forth when all of a sudden we saw a large deer and several babies. I thought there were two, but my son said he counted three. It was one of the most awesome sights I have ever seen. They were less than a foot away from the truck. At first I thought I was seeing things because a sight like that isn't an everyday occurrence. There they were, Bambi and her mom and siblings, right out of a Walt Disney movie.

The extent of my excitement just shows you how little involvement I have had with Mother Nature since I grew up in Somerville. We saw plenty of squirrels, pigeons, skunks, possums, mice, dogs and cats. I have also seen a wild turkey with six babies on Kidder Ave. near Powder

House Park. I took pictures of them and put them on Facebook.

Sometimes friends would have rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, turtles and fish. The strange ones would have a snake. Other animals had to be seen at the zoo. My friend actually used to be the caretaker for Babe the elephant at the Stone Zoo in Stoneham. He would do tricks with the pachyderm and then the large beast would eat a carrot right out of my friend's mouth. He got his brother in law a job at the zoo feeding the birds in the aviary. It included putting food out for the ostriches. He was told to move very slowly and never run in the ostrich pen no matter what. Long story short, he ran, the ostrich clawed him and he got a whole lot of stitches on his back.

We are Somerville kids, we don't know from wild animals. We do however know when there is a skunk in the hood. Several times ginormous raccoons have set off the sensor lights in my yard. Those fat little suckers are certainly eating well.

I remember a few months ago I saw my very first fox and was blown away. There he was just standing on the side of a dirt road. I was so psyched to see

the little red fellow. The first time I saw the City Hall hawk was a thrill. You can see the nest up on the corner of the first Somerville High School building closest to City Hall. It was quite a sight to see. That is one big bird!

When you grow up in the inner city, you really appreciate seeing wild animals. Well, at least I do. A friend of mine told me she saw a moose in Maine. She said it was about eight feet tall. Recently there have been black bear sightings around Massachusetts. Hey, Boo Boo!

Somerville is still a place where you can see some pretty cool creatures. A few times there must have been around 40 robins feeding near the tower at Powder House Park. I have seen sparrows, starlings, cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers, doves and crows in my neighborhood. By the mess that's left on my truck sometimes, you would think flocks of eagles fly by regularly (or should I say, irregularly!). I still get excited when I see a bunch of ducks flying in a "V" formation. You usually hear them honking before you see them. And the closer to the water you get, the more seagulls you see.

Nowadays you can see a new breed of

animal know as the "Somerville nonconformist." This untamed varmint can be seen disregarding the rules and laws by letting their canines run loose around bike paths and parks. Other inner city animals are the "cell phone talking road hog," the "conscious-less litterbug," and the "sidewalk jogging jack asses," who expect walkers to get out of there way. Sometimes these creatures are un-bearable! Thankfully, we have the Lions, Elks, and Moose Clubs that are always doing great things for communities.

So grab your binoculars and be prepared because you never know what you are going to see out there.

The Swinging Singing Seniors, also know as the Moonlighters, will sing at the annual Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field on Thursday, June 28, from 5:30-5:45. The Sunsetters will perform from 5:45 to 6:05. Don't miss it!

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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 on one roll call and local senators on two roll calls from the week of June 18-22.

**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.

## \$1.56 BILLION TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE (H 4179)

House 150-0, without debate, approved a \$1.56 billion transportation bond bill. The measure includes \$200 million for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

Dozens of amendments costing hundreds of millions of dollars were also approved by the House without debate and without a roll call vote. These earmarks were proposed by individual representatives and were designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a “wish list”: The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said this will give communities their share of the \$200 million they are anxiously waiting to receive. They noted the package also includes hundreds of millions of dollars for state roads and other important transportation projects. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

## MBTA BAILOUT BILL (S 2308)

Senate 26-9, approved a package providing for a one-time transfer of \$51 million from the revenue generated from motor vehicle inspections to the MBTA. The funds, along with recently approved 23 percent average fare hikes and service cuts, would be used to close the deficit in the MBTA’s \$1.7 billion budget. The package also provides \$3.5 million to regional transit authorities and increases fines for fare evasion.

Supporters said this budget gap must be closed or there will be more fare increases and service cuts.

Opponents said the bill is an inadequate short-term solution that does not make meaningful cost-saving reforms for the future.

The House has already approved a different version of the bailout and a conference committee will likely try to hammer out a compromise version. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## MBTA ACCOUNTABILITY (S 2308)

Senate 12-25, rejected an amendment requiring the T management to develop and operate a searchable database on a website accessible at no cost to the public. The database would include a complete accounting of all capital assets under the control of the T; operating expenses; monthly ridership data; fare recovery ratios and the financial plans for any proposed expansion projects.

Amendment supporters said the T is a multi-billion-dollar operation that should be transparent so people can see where their money goes.

Amendment opponents said some of this information is already available through the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, which is already required to maintain a searchable website. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**TEACHER EVALUATION (S 2315)** - The Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call and without debate, approved and sent to the House complicated legislation that includes requiring teachers’ effectiveness to be the prime consideration in the hiring and firing process, rather than their seniority. The proposal was drafted as a compromise to head off a tougher November ballot question dealing with the issue.

The ballot question drive is being led by Stand for Children, which reached a compromise with the AFL-CIO and the Massachusetts Teachers Association -- both of whom are opposed to the ballot question. Neither side got everything it wanted in the compromise but both sides were eager to avoid a bloody ballot question battle that would cost million of dollars. Both sides are urging the House to approve the bill quickly; July 3 is the deadline by which Stand for Children must request the question be removed from the November ballot.

**ALLOW COUNTY USE OF STUN GUNS (H 667)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing county law enforcement officials to use stun guns also known as Tasers. Current law allows their use only by federal, state and municipal law officers.

**HOUSING AUTHORITIES (H 2128)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring local housing authorities to post the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of their commissioners on the wall of the community center of each of their housing developments.

**ANTI-SHOCK GROUP ASKS LEGISLATORS TO EXPERIENCE SHOCK TREATMENT** - Supporters of a ban on the use of electric shocks on people with disabilities descended upon the Statehouse to try to convince members of a House-Senate conference committee to include the ban in the compromise version of the estimated \$32.3 billion fiscal 2013 state budget. The group visited the offices of the conference committee’s six members seeking anyone who would agree to be shocked with the same equipment used on the disabled. There were no takers.



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



The Senate version of the budget includes the ban, while the House version does not. The committee will decide whether the ban goes into the final version of the budget that will be signed into law.

**HEALTH CONFEREES CLOSE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS TO PUBLIC** - The committee of six lawmakers appointed to work out a compromise version of legislation to control health care costs is the latest legislative conference committee to close its meetings to the public -- preventing the media or any other people from watching the deliberations. Several other committees have voted for closed-door sessions; ironically, this includes one group working on a measure that would promote transparency, efficiency and accountability in state government.

Conference committees have the option to open their deliberations to the public and media, but most have opted for closed sessions in recent years. Supporters of the closed-door policy say the privacy allows members to have a frank and open discussion of the merits of the bills. Opponents argue that voters and the media should be able to watch these deliberations on key measures that cost taxpayers money.

**LOTTERY FOR LOW LICENSE PLATES** - The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced it is now accepting applications for the 2012 Low Number License Plate Lottery. This year's batch includes 124 low license plates including 73, 295, 449, 493, 7755, and 1Z. Applications are available at all RMV branches and online at [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv). All entries must be mailed and postmarked by August 13. No date for the drawing has been set, but it is likely to be held in September.

**LIFE JACKETS FOR KIDS (S 2075)** - Only final approval in each branch is needed in order for Gov. Deval Patrick to receive a bill requiring all children's camp lakes and other swimming areas, except swimming and

wading pools, to have one life jacket for each child there. It also prohibits camps from refusing to allow a child to bring and use his or her own life jacket. The measure is called "Christian's Law" after 4-year-old Christian Frechette, who was not wearing a life jacket when he drowned in 2007 at a town-run camp

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It troubles me that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth are more likely to experience bullying or violence in schools ... that they have higher rates of substance abuse and attempted suicide ... All young people deserve the chance to feel welcome and supported in our schools and our communities." -- Gov. Patrick at a meeting of the Massachusetts Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth.

"If Sheldon Adelson and Sheldon Adelson's wife are bankrolling Mitt Romney to a great degree, and bankrolled Newt Gingrich I think to the tune of \$20 million to \$25 million, there's got to be something wrong with the system." -- Senate Ways and Means chair Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) on proposed resolutions urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment overturning the Supreme Court's decision removing restrictions on corporate and union political contributions and leading to the creation of Super PACs.

"The Commonwealth should not be asked to fund the perpetual mismanagement of MBTA operations." -- Sen. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) on why he voted against the \$51 million bailout of the MBTA.

"If extension orders were extension cords, we would have overloaded the circuits of government a long time ago." -- Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (D-Gloucester) joking about the Legislature continually voting

to approve extension orders giving House and Senate committees additional time to review bills.

## HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of June 18-22, the House met for a total of eight hours and 59 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 13 hours and 12 minutes.

Mon. June 18	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Tues. June 19	No House session Senate 1:00 p.m. to 6:34 p.m.
Wed. June 20	House 12:16 p.m. to 8:43 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 4:44 p.m.
Thurs. June 21	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.
Fri. June 22	No House session No Senate session

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weekday at ten locations along a regular route beginning at 10 a.m. at Senator Corbett Park. Additional stops will be at Lexington Avenue Playground at 10:15, Trum Field at 10:30, Hodgkins at 10:45, Mystic Housing at 11:55, the YMCA at noon, Dilboy Pool at 12:15, Foss Park at 12:30, the Bayshore Drive Boat House at 1 p.m., and Albion Park at 1:30. Breakfast is served at Foss Park at 9:30 and the Powderhouse Park Kidstop at 9:45.

Each stop is scheduled for 15 to 30 minutes, and all kids and teens have to do is show up. No identification is required and parents or guardians don't have to be present. Young people get a breakfast or lunch that includes all four food groups, and the city is reimbursed for each meal from funds administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Somerville Food Services Director Jeanne Irwin said her department served close to

100,000 meals last summer, and the need keeps growing as the recession lingers on. Two thirds of Somerville students now qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, and that number is up five percentage points since 2007. In other words, one in 20 Somerville kids didn't need that help just five years ago, but needs it now.

The food services department is using grant money to get the word out about the summer meals program, reaching out to parents and kids during the school year, but also publicizing it around the city at special events and through channels like full-size ads at bus stops.

"Hopefully, if someone needs it, they're going to notice it somewhere," said Irwin, who also hopes the community will help spread the word to anyone who might not be aware the meals are available.

She said a lot of promotional effort this year is targeted at 13 to 18 year-olds, who still need good nutrition, but aren't show-



Photo by Bobbie Toner

ing up for the summer meals program as much as younger kids. As an added incentive, every meal this year will come with a ticket for a weekly raffle to win an iPod. And Irwin said the "no questions asked" policy is especially important for older kids, particularly if they're undocumented.

Jennie Bass of Project Bread, which helps administer the summer meals program in Massachusetts, said 2.5 million free meals get served every summer statewide, but the program is still underutilized, so it's important to remove any barriers that can keep hungry kids from getting the healthy

food they need. "It's anonymous, which is really important to many families," said Bass. "It means that every child who comes to get a free meal, can get a free meal." More information, in multiple languages, is at 1-800-645-8333, or [www.projectbread.org/summermeals](http://www.projectbread.org/summermeals).



# Somerville COA Cultural Day in Portugal

By William Tauro

On Thursday, June 21, the Somerville Council on Aging held its *Cultural Day in Portugal* at Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club for its seniors.

The room was filled with the aroma of old fashioned home cooked Portuguese food, along with old Portuguese tunes being performed live on stage. The Portuguese music was performed by "MAPS Singers" singing traditional Portuguese songs. Songs were also performed by "The Father and Son Meneses" Vivaldo (Mike) Meneses Sr. on the guitar, singing with his son, retired US Air force Airman and Somerville businessman Vivaldo Meneses Jr.

Also entertaining the crowd was Victor Revoredo, a retired construction worker who started singing at the age of 60, and what a beautiful voice it was for all to enjoy.







Photos by William Tauro and Lisa Heyison



SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis ride hot streak into division lead

By Benjamin Klein

Despite having their winning streak snapped, the Somerville Alibrandis have won five of their last six games and now hold a slim lead in the Ted Williams division.

Somerville was riding a three-game win streak going into last week but ran into the East Boston Knights. The Knights defeated the Alibrandis 5-2 earlier in the month and nearly three weeks later, East Boston was able to win again, 8-5.

Chris Foundas, who has been one of Somerville's best pitchers this season, was given a two-run lead going into the bottom of the third inning but couldn't contain the East Boston offense. The Knights would score four times in the inning and another four runs in the sixth inning. Down 8-2, Somerville put together a three-run rally but couldn't

squeeze three more runs to extend the game.

Foundas picked up his first loss of the season and the Somerville bats just couldn't muster much off of the East Boston pitching. Somerville was just 5-for-25 at the plate and could only come up with five runs despite drawing 10 walks.

The Alibrandis made sure they wouldn't lose two games in a row, defeating the South End Astros the next night, 9-6. Somerville got out to a 6-3 lead going into the fourth inning, but the Astros would score three in the inning to tie the game. The Alibrandis struck for three runs in the sixth to take home the victory.

Somerville's offense was powered by Marc DesRoches who had two hits, scored three times and drove in two runs. Brian Tanguy picked up the win in relief while Jay Wisner finished the final two innings,



The Somerville Alibrandis maintain a tenuous lead in the Ted Williams division.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature?

2. Where does the U.S. Government keep its supply of silver?

3. What state in the U.S. invented boardsailing and windsurfing?

4. What is the name of the hotel in Las Vegas that claims to display the world's largest chunk of gold?

5. Where on a cricket are their ears located?

6. What words did Red

Skelton used to close his show?

7. In the TV series CHIPS what does the "C" stand for?

8. Recipes often call for capers – what are they?

9. What is a rainbow?

10. What are the seven colors of the rainbow?

11. How many feet are in a rod?

12. How many years did the overall effects of the 1929 crash last?

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earning the save.

There was an onslaught of scoring in Somerville's most recent game, defeating the Brighton Minutemen 17-8. After Brighton took an 8-5 lead going into the fourth inning, Somerville got the bats going and scored eight times. They would add another run in the sixth and three more in the seventh to take a commanding lead.

Every Somerville starter had a hit and all but one player scored at least once. Mike Maguire scored four times for the Alibrandis while Bobby Barrett went 3-for-5 with two runs and three RBIs.

After starting pitcher Bryant Guilmette exited the game in the middle of the third inning, the bullpen was lights out. The combination of Ryan Cosmopolos, Sean Sullivan and DesRoches allowed just one unearned run in 4.2 innings of work while striking out five batters.

Somerville now leads the Ted Williams division at 9-4, two games ahead of the Malden Bulldogs in the loss column.

Somerville residents attend Anna's Walqueria



On Saturday, June 16, Somerville residents Jared Glanzberger and Steve Czerwinski attended the 6th annual Anna's Walqueria, a half-marathon walk to all six Anna's Taqueria locations throughout Brookline, Boston, Cambridge and Somerville to benefit The Home for Little Wanderers. This year, more than 300 charitable burrito fans made the 13.1-mile trek to ensure the healthy emotional, mental and social development of children at risk, their families and communities. Anna's Taqueria made a \$5,000 donation to The Home for Little Wanderers after the event. Anna's Taqueria donated \$5,000 to support The Home for Little Wanderers. Pictured from left: Maribeth Black, Arpana Pandey, Yael Bartur, Jared Glanzberger (Somerville) and Steve Czerwinski (Somerville). For more information on Anna's news and events, follow the restaurant on Twitter at @AnnasBoston.

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# Saint Polycarp Village welcomes new addition

Saint Polycarp Village Phase II Ribbon Ceremony took place Monday, June 25. The Saint Polycarp Village Phase II is the second of three phases of the new construction on the site. The project includes 29 affordable apartment units in three buildings around a courtyard. Five units are affordable to households earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income and the remaining are affordable at 60% of AMI. Four units are reserved

for homeless households and two are reserved for people with disabilities. Site amenities include open space, a playground and a community room. Somerville Community Corporation, CEO Daniel LeBlanc spoke of the success of the project, other speakers included Congressman Michael Capuano, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. The third and final phase of new construction is expected to start in the fall.



Photo by Bobbie Toner



## THE Somerville News Person of the Week




Meet Brian Roche, a life long resident and graduate of Somerville High as well as the New England Culinary Institute (NECI). Presently, he is the Executive Chef at Lolita Cocine & Tequila Bar and Restaurant at 271 Dartmouth Street in Back Bay Boston. Brian is the son of James (Brian) Roche and Virginia (Ginny) Roche of Gilman Square and, of course, points north at Old Orchard (not to far from Ocean Park). If you know his father and mother then you know they have a wonderful sense of humor and are great people. It's not that much of a fall that young Brian has a great sense of humor as well. Brian works very hard and we hear he loves his work. He's accomplished a lot in his chosen field of work in the food industry. Brian and his lovely lady Rachel recently celebrated the arrival of their daughter Isabel and by all accounts, judging from the pictures in Facebook, Brian and the entire Roche family are extremely happy. If you by any chance see Brian around the city say "Hi." But if you decide to go into town and have a great meal and nice night, we hear you won't be disappointed. Make sure you let Brian know you enjoyed yourself because you will.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, July 11, 2012**, 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:

**129-129R Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-45)** Applicant Kenneth Lanzilli and Owner Angelli Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a seven (7) dwelling unit use, a Variance under SZO §5.5 for relief from the rear yard setback requirement under SZO §8.5.I, and a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a rear addition with parking on an existing 2\_ story four-family dwelling. RC zone. Ward 3.

**82 Pearson Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-46)** Applicant and Owner 82 Pearson, LLC seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make façade modifications to an existing nonconforming three-family structure including enlarging and constructing a third level rear deck, restoring an original second story open front porch, and to increase Floor Area Ratio (FAR) by removing an internal staircase. RA zone. Ward 5.

**30 College Ave: (Case #ZBA 2007-29-R1-6/2012)** Applicant D.F. Valente and Owner Mouhab Rizkallah, seek a revision to a Special Permit (ZBA 2007-29) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to remove Condition # 17 attached to the Special Permit which references the removal of a connection between 30 College Avenue and 32 College Avenue and to make design modifications to the facades on the approved plans. The Applicant and Owner are also seeking a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to slightly expand the proposed connection between the two buildings. CBD zone. Ward 6.

**10 Cleveland St: (Case #ZBA 2012-47)** Applicant, Alan Peterson, and Owner, Art of Building LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family dwelling that includes rearranging windows and doors on each façade of the building and modifying the front porch. RB zone. Ward 3.

**119 Central St: (Case #ZBA 2012-48)** Applicant and Owner Jason M. Reed seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the height of a one-story attached shed by one additional story at the rear of an existing nonconforming two-family structure. RA zone. Ward 5.

**13 Clyde St: (Case #ZBA 2012-49)** Applicant and Owner 13 Clyde Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a 2\_ story addition on the rear of an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling as part of an as-of-right conversion of a two-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 5.

**6 Herbert St: (Case #ZBA 2012-50)** Applicants and Owners, Lawrence Yu and Melissa Nelson-Yu, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family dwelling to install sliding doors on the rear façade. RB zone. Ward 6.

**7 Cedar St Pl: (Case #ZBA 2012-51)** Applicants and Owners Joseph R. & Kerri A. Macaluso seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a bathroom addition onto the rear of an existing nonconforming single-family structure. RB zone. Ward 5.

**22 Franklin St: (Case #ZBA 2012-52)** Applicant Mistry Associates, Inc., and Owners Peter and Venilde Santana, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family dwelling including the addition of a new basement entrance and modifications to window openings as part of an as-of-right addition of one dwelling unit to the property. RB zone. Ward 1.


**278 Cedar St: (Case #ZBA 2012-53)** Applicants and Owners, Marianne and Patrick Grenham, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a two story addition at the rear of an existing three-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 5.


**258 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2012-54)** Applicant David Pierre, and Owner Urban Equity Development Company, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.2.a to establish a fast order food establishment (frozen yogurt parlor). CBD zone. Ward 6.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 12, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**342 Broadway: (Case #PB 2012-09)** Applicant and Owner, Winter Hill Bank, FSB, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the signage at an existing bank. CCD 45 zone. Ward 4.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 12P 2201EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

<b>Robert</b>	<b>M.</b>	<b>O'Brien</b>
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: **February 03, 2011**

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

Petitioner **Matthew M. O'Brien of Manchester N.H.**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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[x] **Matthew M. O'Brien of Manchester N.H.**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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

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STAN KOTY  
Commissioner

GINGER BARRET  
Water Superintendant

PUBLIC NOTICE


The Commissioner of Public Works will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in the Committee Room on the 2nd floor 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 2013 water and sewer rates. Anyone interested in providing testimony is welcome to attend.

Stan Koty  
Commissioner

Ginger Barrett  
Water Superintendent

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 13-07

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

Parking Permits & Decals Printing

An request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, June 11, 2012**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM** at which time sealed proposals 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 three years from 7/1/2012 through 6/30/2013, with two one-year options to renew.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email [kmancini@somervillema.gov](mailto:kmancini@somervillema.gov), for information and bid packages.

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

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The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission shall hold a Public Hearing on Tues., July 17, 2012 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall regarding a proposed demolition of the brick commercial block at 315-321 Broadway, submitted by Applicant: Yung Lee for Richard E Blumsack, Richard D Gilman & Cynthia R, Trustees.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the SHPC's initial determination that under City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the house is considered "significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken on whether the building should be "preferably preserved". For further information, please contact the Commission's Staff via (617) 625-6600 x. 2525 or [kchase@somervillema.gov](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov).

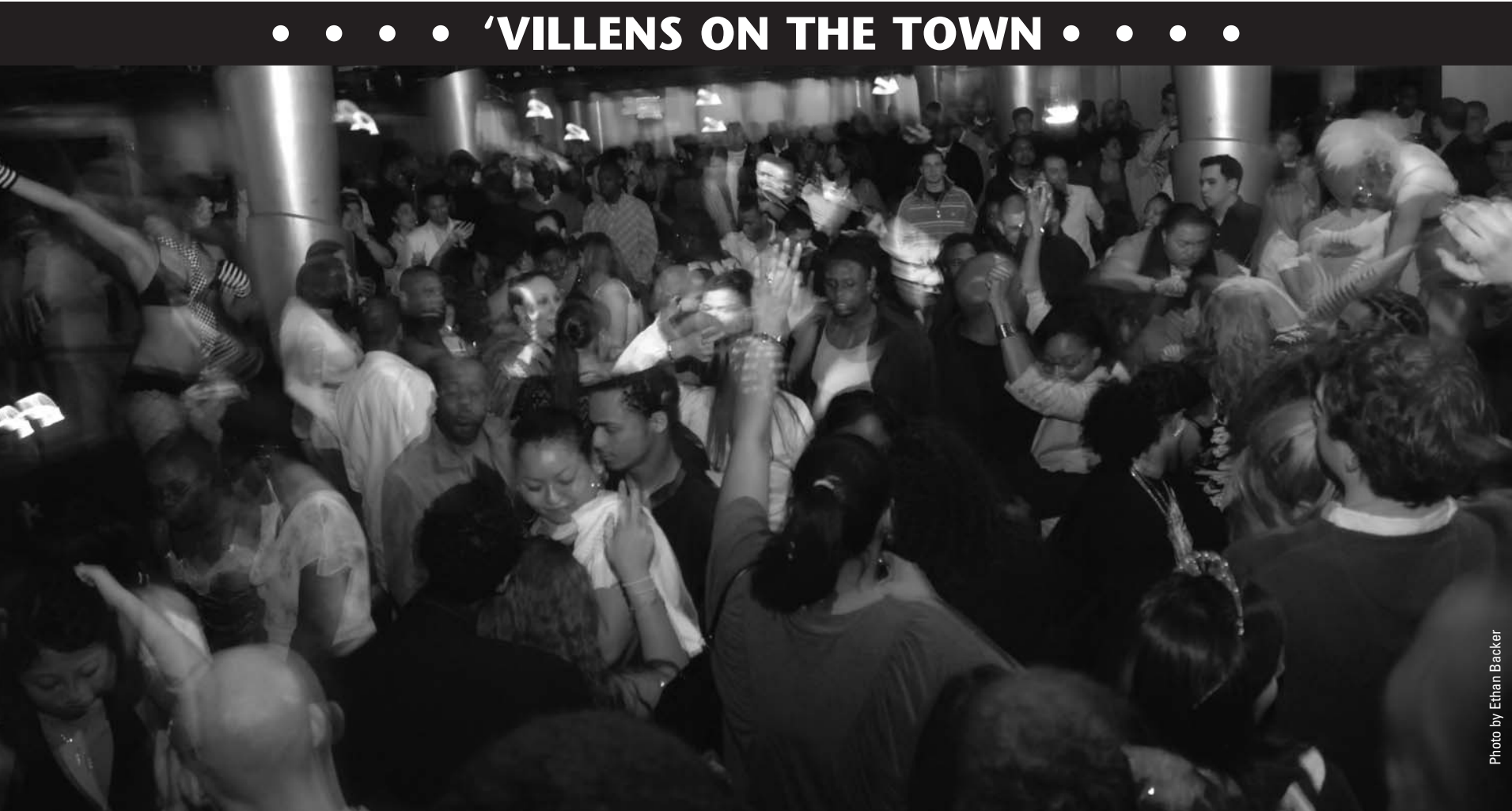
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**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Wednesday|June 27**

**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

**Thursday|June 28**

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

**East Branch Library**  
Dream Big with Magic!  
3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Friday|June 29**

**Central Library**  
Central Library Summer Reading Club Kickoff with Rosalita's Puppets  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Saturday|June 30**

**Central Library**  
Yoga with Janine Duffy, for Kids Ages 4-7  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Union Sq. Farmers' Market**  
Storytime at the Union Square Farmers' Market  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.

**Wednesday|July 4**

**Libraries Closed for Independence Day**

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**Wednesday|June 27**

**Johnny D's**  
Red June|Boston Boys  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Pub Quiz 8-10  
Comedy @10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Jungle Fires|Not Bothered|The Hammond Group  
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**  
Ondynes  
Demise|Dreamchild|Bathaus|8 bucks  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dave Wells Presents.....  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Free Pool|Game Night  
381 Summer St

**Arts At The Armory**  
Somerville Arts Council Arts Salon  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
Johnny Clegg Band  
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Thursday|June 28**

**Johnny D's**  
Ours|A Wish For Fire|Waldwick School of Rock  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Super Ska|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
Kyklops|My Mountain|Sun Tunnels|Industrial Sonic Echo|Gay Shapes  
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**  
Early Show 8pm The Other Girls (members of Andrea Gillis Band, Muck &The Mires, and more)|Stupidity!  
Jenne Dee & the Delinquents|10 p.m.  
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Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Somerville Theatre**  
Billy Bragg  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Arts At The Armory**  
The Boston Circus Guild presents THRESHOLD  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Cantina la Mexicana**  
Roy Sludge Trio featuring Duke Levine  
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

**Friday|June 29**

**Johnny D's**

Sweetback Sisters|Playin Dead  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Jeremy Lyons Trio|6 p.m.  
Grass Cowboy Duo, Paa Seck Diery Band \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Live music  
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381 Summer St

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**Cantina la Mexicana**  
Peter Ward and the Amarillo Project  
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

**Arts At The Armory**  
The Boston Circus Guild presents THRESHOLD  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|June 30**

**Johnny D's**  
The Soul Band  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Les Sampou Band|6 p.m.  
Bryan Pero & friends \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
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Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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Drama featuring DJs|Leah V|L.E.D.F.U.T.  
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**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Paddy Saul with full band  
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Ex Humans|Smart Cops|White Pages  
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Stephen Kellogg & The Sixers: The "Stripped Down And Fully Clothed" Tour  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Avi Wisnia  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave



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**Cantina la Mexicana**  
Sarah Levecque Band  
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

**Sunday|July 1**

**Johnny D's**  
Open Summer Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Grunge Brunch|11a.m.-3 p.m.  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
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**PA'S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Rosebud Bar**  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

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

**Monday|July 2**

**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 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.  
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**The Burren**  
Bur Run|6:30 p.m.

Big Night Out|8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
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**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

**Tuesday|July 3**

**Johnny D's**  
Restaurant & Bar Open|No Bands Tonight  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
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**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
TBA- Check Facebook  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month  
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**Samba Bar & Grille**  
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**Rosebud Bar**  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

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

**Arts At The Armory**  
Teen Open Mic  
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|July 4**

**Johnny D's**  
Happy 4th!Bar & Restaurant Closed  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Happy 4th!  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Pub Quiz 8-10  
Comedy @10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Closed|Happy July 4th!  
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**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dave Wells Presents.....  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Free Pool|Game Night  
381 Summer St

**Arts At The Armory**  
Somerville Arts Council Arts Salon  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|June 27**

**Central Library**  
Online Job Search and Résumé Submittal Workshop  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Thursday|June 28**

**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

**Central Library**  
Tall Tales From a Large Man  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Third Life Studio**  
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33 Union Sq|drumzatlibana@gmail.com

**First Church Somerville**  
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**Saturday|June 30**

**Union Square Farmer's Market**  
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

**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|July 1**

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

**Monday|July 2**

**East 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.  
115 Broadway

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Beginning Hawaiian Hula  
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

**Tuesday|July 3**

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation  
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

**The Art of Singing Group**  
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916  
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**Wednesday|July 4**

**Libraries Closed for Independence Day**

**Third Life Studio**  
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# City Hall Garden yields fresh produce

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today that the new container garden installed on the steps of Somerville City Hall has been yielding a steady - and tasty - harvest of fresh produce. The project was created this past spring to promote the city's urban agriculture initiative and to serve as visible reminder to city hall visitors and workers alike of the ways that urban gardening can improve the diet and the overall health of Somerville residents. All of the demonstration garden's plants - which include cabbage, lettuce, beans, swiss chard, tomatoes, eggplants, peas, herbs and edible flowers - were donated by McCue's Garden Center of Woburn, MA, and have been

tended by volunteers from various city departments. Harvesting began in late May as the first cold weather crops were ready for picking. The garden is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) with assistance from the city's Department of Public Works.

To chronicle the progress of the City Hall garden, to provide additional information about the citywide initiative, and to encourage the sharing of local knowledge and experience, the city has also established a new blog, [somervilleurbanag.tumblr.com](http://somervilleurbanag.tumblr.com), and a special Facebook page entitled Somerville Loves Urban Gardening - or SLUG, for short.



You can't beat City Hall - not when it comes to growing fresh produce in an urban environment, that is.



"A container garden on the steps of city hall is a perfect way to show Somerville residents how much food can be grown in a small space - and to highlight the health, environmental and community-building benefits of shared outdoor activity," said Curtatone. "This garden is definitely Shape Up Somerville-approved. The chard and lettuce have come in beautifully, and taste amazing."

"Tending the blog has been almost as much fun as tending the garden, since there is so much local knowledge and energy in Somerville" said Luisa Oliveira, who serves in OSPCD as Senior Planner for Landscape Design, and oversees the entire project. "We've had posts about keeping bees and raising chickens in the

city as well as progress reports on the garden. We hope to feature more local experts and continue to share knowledge."

"It's been wonderful to see how much excitement there is out there - especially on the SLUG Facebook page - about the potential to use urban agriculture to improve the quality of city life while enhancing the appearance of our community, our health, and the very air we breathe," Oliveira said.

"When we started Shape Up Somerville to promote healthier lifestyles and combat childhood obesity, we knew that we had to look beyond school lunch menus and think comprehensively about how to encourage healthier lifestyles," said Mayor Curtatone. "We've

looked at ways to make the city more walkable and bike-able.; we've enhanced our parks system; we've supported healthier menu options at our restaurants; we're working hard to get long-promised transit into Somerville to provide more transport options and improve local air quality. Each of these goals is worthy by itself, but they all work together to reinforce the idea that Somerville and its people share a passion for improving our community's quality of life and health however we can. Urban agriculture is the latest addition to that comprehensive agenda - and the city hall garden is a highly visible and very practical reminder that good public policy can also be good fun."

## SCATV wins two national awards

Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) won two awards in the 2012 Alliance for Community Media's Hometown Video Contest. The awards were for Overall Excellence and for "The Somerville Alderman Debate" at the Somerville Theatre. The Alliance for Community Media is the national organization of public access TV stations.

The prestigious award for Overall Excellence recognizes SCATV's service to the community, and the high quality and diversity of programs produced by Somerville residents, organizations, and staff. This is the seventh time since 2005 that SCATV has won this award, despite competition from access centers across the country. The contest involves submitting a 30-minute compilation of clips

from shows that aired on SCATV Channel 3 during 2011. SCATV's compilation included clips from talk shows, drama, live entertainment, documentaries, promotions, political forums, youth-produced videos, and more. Many SCATV programs are in languages other than English, reflecting Somerville's large immigrant community. In addition, written materials are submitted to the judging panel that detail SCATV's involvement in community affairs, its training and internship programs, and its youth workshops. SCATV won in the category of mid-sized public access stations.

"The Somerville Alderman Debate" won in the category of programs concerning "Democracy in Action" that were produced by video professionals.



The award winning SCATV production crew, from left to right: Bill Trudell, Gordon Nelson, Wendy Blom, Gwyn Ables, Joe Lynch, Donald Sweatt, Vaughn Simkins.

The program was shot at the Somerville Theatre in October 2011 ahead of the November City elections. It was hosted and coordinated by Joe Lynch, co-host of the SCATV live show, "Greater Somerville." Wendy Blom, SCATV Executive Di-

rector, directed the three-camera production. Gordon Nelson, SCATV staffer, operated a camera and edited. Other crew members were Gwyn Ables, KyAnn Anderson, Vaughn Simkins, Donald Sweatt, and Bill Trudell.

The award ceremony will take place at the Alliance's national conference in Chicago in July.

For more information about SCATV or the Hometown Award for Overall Excellence, visit [www.access-scat.org](http://www.access-scat.org) or [www.acmhomeown.org](http://www.acmhomeown.org).



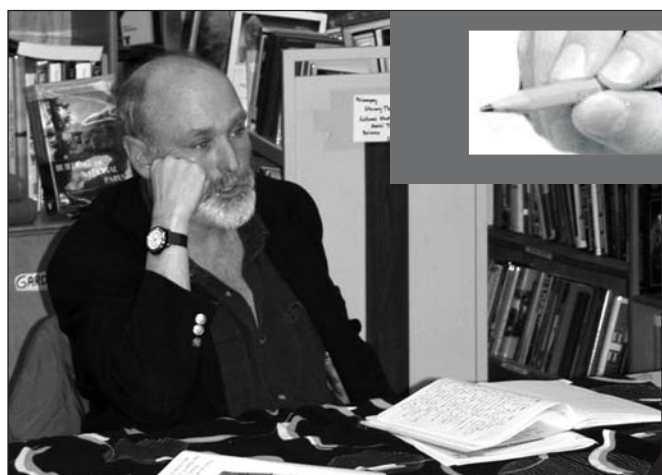
# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, June 27</b>		5:00	Live from Union Square "SWIRL & SLICE" Specialty Foods Market	12:00	Reeling: the Movie Review Show	9:00	Gay TV
12:00	Free Speech TV			12:30	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading
6:00	Somerville Biking	7:30	Greater Somerville W Joe Lynch	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	10:30	Nosse Gente e Costumes
7:00	Drug Awareness	8:00 (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:00	Henry Parker Presents...	12:00	Democracy Now!!
8:00	Democracy Now!	9:30	The Nicole Review	2:30	Physician Focus	1:00	Ablevision
9:00	Abugida TV	10:00	Somerville Rocks	3:00	The Struggle	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
11:00	Somerville News Reading	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	4:00pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
12:00	Democracy Now!	11:00	Creepy Castle	4:30pm	Back In The Day	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	11:30	How to Travel the World Free	5:00	Tele Kreyol	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	<b>Friday, June 29</b>		6:00pm	Culture Club	3:30	Esoteric Science
2:00	Culture Club	12:00	Free Speech TV	6:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
2:30	Life Matters	6:00	Live Response	7:00	AARP	5:00	Culture Club
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:00	Culture Club	8:00	David Parkman	5:30	Talking About Somerville
3:30	Inside Talk	7:30	Talking About Somerville	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
4:00	Thom Hartman show	8:00	Democracy Now!	10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	6:30	Perils For Pedestrians
5:00	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00	Truth About Drugs	10:30	Somerville Rocks	7:00	African Ascent
5:30	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	GAY TV	8:00	MDOT McCarthy overpass
6:00	Al Jazeera	11:00	Back In The Day	<b>Sunday, July 1</b>		9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
6:30	Ethanol Transportation	11:30	Somerville Housing	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	Bate Papo con Shirley
7:00	MDOT: McCarthy Overpass Meeting	12:00	Democracy Now!	6:00	Show De Faith	11:00	Somerville Rocks
8:00 (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00	Never 2 Late 2 Play	7:00	Semando Vida	<b>Tuesday, July 3</b>	
8:30 (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	2:00	Neighborhood Cooking W/ Candy	7:30	National Wildlife Foundation	12:00	Free Speech TV
9:00	Somerville Rocks	2:30	Cooking W/ Georgia	8:00	Program Celebrai	6:00	Anti-Drug Program
9:30	Shrink Rap	3:00	Brunch W/ Senator Sanders	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00	Perils For Pedestrians
10:00	Mystic Learning Center	4:00	Thom Hartmann Show	10:00	International Church of God	7:30	The Struggle
10:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	5:00	National Wildlife Foundation	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	8:00	Democracy Now!
11:00	The Garage	5:30	Art@SCATV	11:30	Somerville Housing	9:00	Somerville News Reading
11:30	The Literary Scene	6:00	Al Jazeera TV	12:00	The Entertainer Show	10:00	Tele Kreyol
<b>Thursday, June 28</b>		7:00	Real Estate Answer Show	1:00	The Tish MacIntosh Show	11:00	MDOT McCarthy Overpass
12:00	Free Speech TV	7:30	Tish MacIntosh	1:30	How To Travel The World Free	12:00	Democracy Now!
6:00	Live Response	8:00	Visual Radio	2:00	Effort Pour Christ	1:00	The Commonwealth Report
7:00	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00	The Garage	3:00	Rompendo en Fe	1:30	Somerville Housing
7:00	Physician Focus	9:30	Bandwidth TV	3:30	Portrait of Somerville	2:00	Portrait of Somerville
8:00	Democracy Now!	10:00	Jeff TV	4:00	Dedilhando A Saudade	3:30	Active Aging
9:00	Somerville News reading	11:00	Somerville Rocks	5:00	Ethiopian Satellite TV	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
10:00	Active Aging	11:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	6:00	Abugida TV	5:00 (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
10:30	Jeff Jam Sing Along	<b>Saturday, June 30</b>		7:00	African National TV	6:00	Al Jazeera
11:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00	Free Speech TV	9:00	Active Aging	7:00	Art @ SCAT
12:00	Democracy Now!	6:00	Arabic Hour	10:00	AARP	7:30 (LIVE)	Greater Somerville W/Joe Lynch
1:00	African Television	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:30	SCATV	8:00 (LIVE)	Dead Air Live
2:00	Talking About Somerville	8:00	Jeff Jam Show	<b>Monday, July 2</b>		9:00	Somerville Biking News
2:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	8:30	Mystic Learning Center	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	Perils For Pedestrians
3:00	Somerville: Back in the Day	9:00	Festival Kreyol	6:00	Atheist Viewpoint	10:30	The Gerry Leone Show
3:30	Art @ SCATV	10:00	Tele Galaxie	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00	Talking About Somerville
4:00	Thom Hartmann	11:00	Dead Air Live	8:00	Democracy Now!		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, June 27</b>		12:00am: (13/16) Life Stories from Somerville		<b>Sunday, July 1</b>		7:00pm: (15) Highlander Forum	
9:00am: (13/16) Life Stories from Somerville		12:00am: (15) Highlander Forum		12:00am: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		7:30pm: (13/16) SomerStreets - E. Somerville	
9:00am: (15) SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12		12:30am: (15) Our Schools, Our City		12:00am: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		7:30pm: (15) WSNS Moving On Ceremony	
11:30am: (15) WSNS Moving On Ceremony		12:55am: (13/16) Congressional Update		12:55am: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		7:40pm: (13/16) Family Fun Day 2012	
12:00pm: (13/16) BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12		1:25am: (15) SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12		1:05am: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		8:00pm: (13/16) SomerStreets - E. Somerville	
12:05pm: (15) School Day Games 2012		1:25am: (13/16) Memorial Day Parade 2012		1:20am: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		8:05pm: (15) ESCS Spring Concert at SHS	
1:00pm: (15) SCALE Graduation		2:00am: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		1:50am: (13/16) Historic Preservation Awards		<b>Tuesday, July 3</b>	
1:50pm: (13/16) Voices of Somerville		9:00am: (13/16) Congressional Update		12:00pm: (13/16) Senior Circuit		12:00am: (13/16) Voices of Somerville	
7:00pm: (13/16) BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12		9:00am: (15) Our Schools, Our City		12:00pm: (15) Kindergartgen Concert at Capuano		12:00am: (15) Highlander Forum	
7:00pm: (15) WHCS Moving On Ceremony		12:00pm: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		12:20pm: (15) Our Schools, Our City		12:30am: (13/16) SomerStreets - E. Somerville	
7:35pm: (15) Highlander Forum		12:00pm: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		12:30pm: (13/16) Life Stories from Somerville		12:30am: (15) WSNS Moving On Ceremony	
8:05pm: (15) ESCS Spring Concert at SHS		12:55pm: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		1:00pm: (15) Show 'Em & Tell 'Em		12:40am: (13/16) Family Fun Day 2012	
8:25pm: (13/16) Voices of Somerville		1:05pm: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		1:20pm: (13/16) Congressional Update		1:00am: (13/16) SomerStreets - E. Somerville	
8:55pm: (13/16) Historic Preservation Awards		1:20pm: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		1:50pm: (13/16) BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12		1:05am: (15) ESCS Spring Concert at SHS	
<b>Thursday, June 28</b>		1:50pm: (13/16) Historic Preservation Awards		7:00pm: (13/16) Senior Circuit		9:00am: (13/16) Family Fun Day	
12:00am: (13/16) BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12		7:00pm: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		7:00pm: (15) Kindergartgen Concert at Capuano		9:00am: (15) Highlander Forum	
12:00am: (15) WHCS Moving On Ceremony		7:00pm: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		7:20pm: (15) Our Schools, Our City		11:30am: (15) An Evening of Song	
12:35am: (15) Highlander Forum		7:55pm: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		7:30pm: (13/16) Life Stories from Somerville		12:00pm: (13/16) Senior Circuit	
1:05am: (15) ESCS Spring Concert at SHS		8:05pm: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		8:00pm: (15) Show 'Em & Tell 'Em		12:30pm: (13/16) Taste of Somerville	
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9:00am: (13/16) Voices of Somerville		<b>Saturday, June 30</b>		<b>Monday, July 2</b>		1:00pm: (15) Medication Tips for Seniors	
9:00am: (15) School Day Games 2012		12:00am: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		12:00am: (13/16) Senior Circuit		1:30pm: (13/16) Spring Concert at Argenziano School	
11:30am: (15) Kindergarten Concert at Capuano		12:00am: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		12:00am: (15) Kindergartgen Concert at Capuano		7:00pm: (13/16) Senior Circuit	
12:00pm: (13/16) Senior Circuit		12:55am: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		12:20am: (15) Our Schools, Our City		7:00pm: (15) WHCS Moving On Ceremony	
12:00pm: (15) Our Schools, Our City		1:05am: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		12:30am: (13/16) Life Stories from Somerville		7:30pm: (13/16) Medication Tops for Seniors	
12:30pm: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		1:20am: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		1:00am: (15) Show 'Em & Tell 'Em		7:30pm: (15) Our Schools, Our City	
12:30pm: (15) Class Day 2012		1:50am: (13/16) Historic Preservation Awards		1:20am: (13/16) Congressional Update		8:00pm: (13/16) Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	
1:00pm: (13/16) Milk Row Cemetery Tour		12:00pm: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		1:50am: (13/16) BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12		8:00pm: (15) School Day Games 2012	
3:00pm: (15) Our Schools, Our City - LIVE		12:00pm: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		9:00am: (13/16) Voices of Somerville		9:00pm: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation	
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8:25pm: (15) SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12		7:00pm: (13/16) Magoun Square Walking Tour		1:10pm: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		1:00am: (13/16) Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	
8:25pm: (13/16) Memorial Day Parade 2012		7:00pm: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation		1:20pm: (13/16) PorchFest 2012		1:00am: (15) School Day Games 2012	
9:00pm: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		7:55pm: (13/16) Taste of Somerville		1:50pm: (15) Healey School Talent Show		2:00am: (15) 2012 SHS Graduation	
<b>Friday, June 29</b>		8:05pm: (13/16) Medication Tips for Seniors		7:00pm: (13/16) Voices of Somerville			
		8:20pm: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship					
		8:50pm: (13/16) Historic Preservation Awards					





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Time Being: An Improvisation

*Time Being: An Improvisation* by Joe Torra  
(Quale Press, 2012. <http://www.quale.com> \$16)

Review by Doug Holder

The banal lives astride the profound. Life lives astride death. The comic dwells amidst the tragic. Joe Torra in his long poem/journal/improvisation titled *Time Being* takes it all in, in this stream of consciousness work that takes place in Somerville and the surrounding environs between Dec 2006 to Dec. 2007.

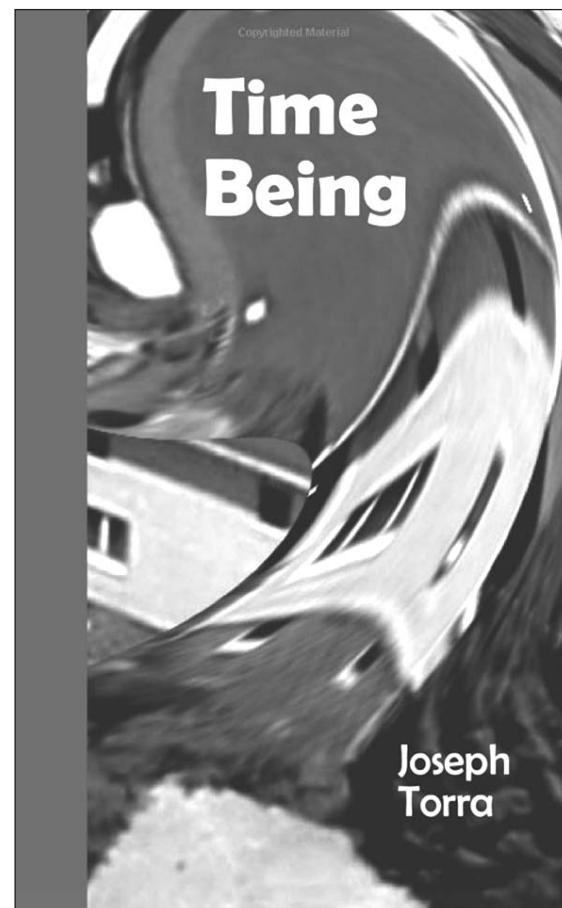
Anyone from Somerville, Mass. will recognize Torra's references: Highland Ave, the defunct Grand Café in Union Square (Where I observed Torra hold court at a poetry group held there on weekends,) the dour day laborers waiting for a gig at Foss Park, the looming tower of the Schraff's Building, "The Goth chick unlocking the porn store," the long gone eatery Virgies that Torra describes as a:

"... neighborhood joint catering to postal workers, and local tradesman bad bar food, pool table darts and Keno—after its facelift it's Madison's on the Ave., no more Bud signs..."

Like the late poet William Carlos Williams who Torra makes reference to in this passage: "Williams was right when he wrote that it's the hours we keep to see things make all the difference," he sees it all and with clarity.

And Torra observes, makes pasta, sees more, comes back to the meal, and generously mixes his musings about death, Chinese poetry, and dental bills in this eclectic recipe.

Throughout the book an image of a deceased neighbor who used to live on his block emerges. They saw each other in passing for years but never even exchanged a "hello." This spectral elderly woman appears rudely in the midst of Torra's horn of plenty of a life: the noisy clatter of his kids, the creaking and the disrepair of his old house, the notes from his students, the phone calls of his friends, and his conversations with his wife. She is a constant reminder to stop, smell, touch, feel, to



experience the here and now.

And this is how it is, isn't it? You can be looking out the window of your car thinking about your visit to the therapist, or the grocery list, or the root canal you have to get, and then the memories flood in. In this passage Torra dwells on the swan song of his father as the author drives by a hospital in his car: "I will always call it Spaulding Rehabilitation my father's dead eyes look up before the doctor closes them and pulls the sheet over..." And then just as quickly he focuses on: "...down the tunnel and three men in a white pickup truck fuck you out the window they think I cut them off..."

Torra, with minutely crafted attention to detail, creates a master work, that any man or woman can point to and think: "Hey, I thought that, I felt that, I mourned, I loved... like him."

Highly Recommended.

Have you ever had a landlord from hell? Well poet B.Z. Niditch sure has...B.Z. NIDITCH is a poet, playwright, fiction writer and teacher. His work is widely published in journals and magazines throughout the world, including: *Columbia: A Magazine of Poetry and Art*; *The Literary Review*; *Denver Quarterly*; *Hawaii Review*; *Le Guepard* (France); *Kadmos* (France); *Prism International*; *June* (Czech Republic); *Leopold Bloom* (Budapest); *Antioch Review*; and *Prairie Schooner*, among others.



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behind his one cloth napkin  
under a pinched chin  
at T.V. dinner time  
unshaved for his faith  
or gangland injury  
wearing a pentagram  
he won  
at carnival time,  
a once ruddy catcher  
in a minor league,  
pawn broker  
stud poker player  
or house Dick  
depending  
on whom you meet,  
surprising tenants  
every first day  
of the month  
with unauthorized letters  
to threaten everyone,  
stoned on cheap beer  
claiming to be ex-military  
in Angola  
or was it Cuba  
with his annual cigar  
at Christmas  
spitting out  
of his moist mouth  
offering to show us  
forged lottery tickets  
used Trojans  
or fascist posters  
of the Forties.

— B.Z. Niditch

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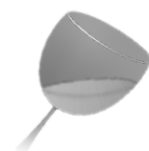
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