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Planning Board pushes back on Union Square project

Members ask for compromise; vote expected Thursday



Opponents of a planned development on Washington Street rallied outside last week's Planning Board meeting.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Developers of a Union Square housing and retail project have until tomorrow to convince Somerville Planning Board members they have a plan the neighborhood can live with.

Over a hundred residents filled the Planning Board meeting at the Argenziano school last Thursday to hear the fate of a controversial two-building, five-story project that will put 39 market-rate and 45 affordable housing units on Washington Street just west of McGrath Highway, under a joint proposal from the local non-profit Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and developer Cathartes Private Investments.

But the board declined to make any kind of decision on the case at last week's meeting, and Planning Board Chair Kevin Prior criticized an SCC press release that had announced the board would vote that night. "The chairman of the Planning Board sets the date the vote will be taken," said Prior. "The SCC does not set the dates the Planning Board

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Chuckie Harris Park opens in East Somerville

By Douglas Yu

Four water beams drop down to the ground from a multi-functional water feature with kids jumping, shouting, and chasing each other. Getting wet does not bother them on a hot summer day. Some others played around with rock climbing and slid down the slides. East Somerville's new park, Chuckie Harris Park provides all these activities.

With the ribbon being cut, the Board of Alderman of Somerville, the mayor and state senators, along with Chuckie's family, were celebrating the new facility that had kept residents waiting for eight years.

Hays Morrison, the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure of the City of Somerville said there had taken a lot of work to build this new park. "In 2007, the City of Somerville purchased what was an old parking lot," Morrison said. "It took a little bit of time to get the design solidified. We've been working on it since 2010 when we secured a grant from the State Office of Housing for \$500,000 to build the park."

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NEWTALK

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 26. Right here in Somerville, Fox 25 will be broadcasting their Friday morning ZIP TRIP to Somerville from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. from Union Square. The entire morning show will be broadcasting from the Ville. If you haven't seen ZIP TRIPS watch it this Friday and acquaint yourself. They have all sorts of things they are going to be talking about here in Somerville, restaurants, historic places, groups and sports organizations. This is your opportunity to welcome them to Somerville and show off what we here in Somerville love about the city. The reasons why more and more people are realizing what we have. Look here online and in the paper next week for details on what will take place. If you have a group or organization you want to show off, this is a good time.

This year's ArtBeat will be held this weekend starting Friday evening, July 19, 6 - 10 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, July 20, around Davis Square. This year's theme is micro - which will be represented throughout the festival from the tiny performers of the flea circus to micro crafts and food. For the schedule and longer descriptions of performers go to <http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2013>.

Happy Birthday this week to some local Villens and to our Villen fans who are located in foreign territories. Happy Birthday to our good friend Ricky Spinosa, who recently opened up, with his GF, a new real estate office here in Somerville, Realty Direct. We wish them both the best of luck. Ricky is a real nice guy from a great Somerville family. Another good friend and a good guy is Kenny Manzi. We wish him all the best. Also to Delio Susi Sr., owner of Amelia's in Teele Square, we wish him the very best. Although he's not from here, he's lived here and is now in the North Shore. We salute our good friend Mike Stenger, who moved from the Ville back home to Sycacuse and then ran back here. Happy Birthday Mike!

Help support the Somerville Cheerleaders here locally at the Ninety Nine Restaurant over near Assembly Square at 20 Cummings Street, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dine at the 99, and when paying your bill make sure

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to 60 years in The Ville

ritepride says:
Hey Jimmy those were great years. Looking at the picture are you shrinking or are the kids growing? lol. Seems like they sprout up overnite. I didnt realize "old age" till the grandkids started getting married.

RF says:
My most vivid memory of Powder House Sq. was having to register with Selective Service at the old PH. This was pre-lottery as the war was escalating so it's not one of my fondest memories. Jumping the back of a trackless trolley going up the snow covered hill on Broadway in January or February is one.
Get to where we want and just pull the cord, the bus stops and we jump off. Didn't endear us to the driver.
No trolleys or snow here in LA to tempt me these days.

Lorraine says:
Jimmy,
You made my husband laugh and cry...he still longs for the old days in Somerville. He misses his mom dearly. I didn't know things bothered him that much, but thanks for the memories for my dear sweet Eddie.....

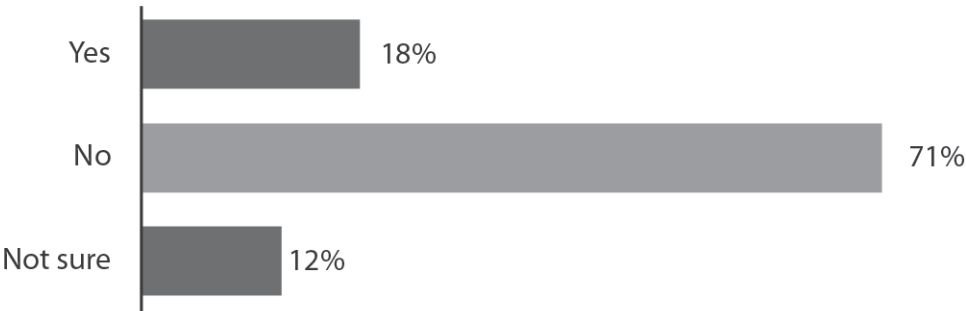
gary m says:
Hey Jimmy,
Happy B-Day and many more.
Great to hear Hall Ave is still the stage (I still foundly remember the days of Shadowfax/the Tools at this spot) for another great event!!
Glad to see the music legacy continues to spread across the Del Ponte generations and those of the Ville. A great spot and times for more memories.
Best, GM

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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 will be downloading the Commonwealth Connect app on your phone to report quality of life issues around the city. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Will you be downloading the Commonwealth Connect app on your phone to report quality of life issues around the city?



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Solutions proposed for Union Square flooding

By Harry Kane

Excessive flooding remains problematic for residents during rain storms in parts of Somerville, especially in Ward 2, according to Alderman Maryann Heuston, who addressed the issue at the July 11 Board of Alderman meeting. Specifically, Heuston noted three streets that continue to be affected most by the rainstorms: Dane Avenue, Clark Street and Kingman Road.

“These are longstanding flood areas in Ward 2, wreaking havoc on residents, some residents for 50 or 60 years,” Heuston said.

Essentially the excess storm water, which causes the flooding on these specified streets, derives from obstructed water mains, and a lack of storage facilities for the water to be held. Currently, wastewater is taken to the facility on Deer Island, said Rob King, director of engineering in the City of Somerville. Since there is no river or brook for the water to drain into, flooding is prevalent in low-lying Union Square streets.

In an effort to reduce the flooding, the City of Somerville has created the Flood Forum Committee to analyze the aging sewer systems and devise a plan to resolve the issue by possibly creating underground storage tanks to hold the water during extreme rain events. Two of these holding tanks might be similar to a tank placed under Beacon Street by Star Market some 10 years ago, King said.

Engineering experts are trying to identify locations to construct these holding tanks. Should this project be funded, two of the proposed locations for underground tanks might be at the Nunziato Field Dog Park on Summer Street and Lincoln Park by the Argenziano School.

“We could be looking at projects that cost between \$5 to \$10 million,” King said. Most likely, the City of Somerville would be responsible for the money needed to fund the project, but during the Flood Forum Committee meeting on July 10, the city engineer was directed to contact Congressman Capuano for federal aid, which might offset the cost of the project. But, King said, it is “economically viable” for the city to take on projects like this.

There are some short-term solutions that the City of Somerville has been actively pursuing, one of which is the installation of backflow preventers. Homeowners may be responsible for purchasing these individual preventers, but city officials are exploring the possibility of discounting the devices, according to Alderman Heuston.

The city engineer, and Stan Koty, the director of public works commissioner, have been ordered to inspect the catch basins. “The Sewer department Vactor Truck removes the debris from catch basins,” Commissioner Koty said.

The City of Somerville has some long term visionary plans for Union Square



Last year's Kingman Rd. flooding provided a stark example of how serious the problem in the area has become.

that would spruce up the neighborhood with the coming of the Green Line T station, and with these streetscape improvements, underground utilities will also be improved in order to mitigate the wastewaters causing the flooding.

As of July 8, the city took preliminary steps to identify long-term solutions by selecting the Parsons Brinkerhoff consulting firm to conduct a study for Union Square improvements. The firm will manage the project, initially receiving a \$700,000 contract for the 25 percent design study, part of a multi-pronged in-

frastructure plan that would also incorporate improvements for water mains in Union Square.

Meanwhile, the National Water Main Cleaning Company is actively conducting an inspection and cleaning of the combined sewer lines in low-lying areas of Union Square. “They’re going manhole to manhole,” Alderman Heuston said. Apparently the system is “structurally sound” but Heuston said that the capacity is being reduced by approximately 30 percent because of obstructions in the pipes.

New VP and General Manager at Assembly Row

By Donald Norton

Mr. Ross Joyner has been appointed VP and General Manager of Assembly Row, Federal Realty Investment Trust earlier this month.

Joyner will lead all aspects of management and operations at Assembly Row, the Trust’s mixed use development project here in Somerville Assembly Square.

Assembly Row is currently under construction and scheduled to open in mid-2014.

The mixed use portion involves stores, restaurants and offices in the development. Construction has begun and many of the retail stores and restaurants are already being welcomed to the new neighborhood in Somerville.

Joyner brings over 26 years of retail real estate management and operations experience to Assembly Row. Although he went to school here at BC and is familiar with the area, he led other ventures in both Las Vegas and Hollywood.

In a private one-on-one talk with The News last week, he told us that he has been very busy getting to know Somerville, its unique neighborhoods and its people. He is looking forward to making



Ross Joyner takes the reins at Assembly Row, Federal Realty Trust.

Assembly Row a fantastic place to live and to shop and visit. He wants all of Somerville and the community to enjoy the new shops and restaurants, the designed parks and the river, once everything is done.

Joyner says he will be very involved in the local business community with the Chamber of Commerce and, in particular, working very closely with the city and the various agencies here in the city to attract and bring the best, making Assembly Row a destination for all.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Saturday in the park with heroin

Plainclothes on-duty officers spotted a man who was known to have active warrants out for his arrest in Foss Park last Saturday morning.

As they approached the man, Joseph Flynn, 21, and his female companion, Ella Mataev, 24, officers reportedly observed Flynn remove a cigarette pack-age from his pocket and toss it behind him.

The cigarette pack was retrieved and a subsequent search yielded eight small plastic bags containing a brownish powder that officers believed was heroin. A small quantity of what was thought to be marijuana was also found in the cigarette pack.

As Flynn was detained and searched, a folding pocketknife was found on his person and confiscated.

When asked if she was carrying any illegal drugs, Mataev reportedly told officers that she was not. A search of her purse turned up a white tablet that officers identified as Sub-oxone. When asked if she had a prescription for this drug, Mataev reportedly said that she did but that the prescription was not in her possession at that moment.

Both individuals were subsequently placed under arrest.

Flynn was charged with drug possession to distribute, viola-tion of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and drug violation near a school or park. He was additionally booked on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Mataev was charged with being present where heroin is kept and possession of a class B drug.

He just couldn't end the party

Police received complaints about loud partying going on near the Prospect Hill Tower after midnight last Saturday and responded, dispersing the crowd that had gathered there.

About 30 minutes later similar complaints were again called in, reporting that there was noisy activity still going on at the same location.

Police arrived at the scene to find two men, reportedly ap-pearing to be intoxicated and being loud.

The officers said that they advised the two individuals that the park was closed and that they should go home, according to reports.

One of the men, Kirby Calixte, 20, reportedly became louder at that point and stated that the police would do nothing. He also boasted that his brother was a police officer.

One more attempt was made to persuade the men to leave, police said, but Calixte only became louder and argu-mentative.

He was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

'Five finger discount' week at Stop & Shop

Loss prevention agents at the Stop & Shop store at 775 McGrath Hwy. had a particularly busy time on their hands last week.

On Monday, July 8, Christo-pher Marshall, 28, was report-edly spotted as he took a shop-ping cart full of goods totaling \$335.46 in value past the check-out area, allegedly attempting to leave the store without paying for the items.

Then, on Saturday, July 11, the loss prevention agents stopped another man, Craig Thomson, 50, after he had filled a reusable Stop & Shop bag with items val-ued at \$351.17 and attempted to leave the store without paying in a similar manner as Marshall, according to reports.

In each instance, police were called to the store and the two men were placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Marshall was additionally booked on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests: Christopher Marshall , 28, of 22 Minnesota Ave., July 8, 4:40 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Kelly Smith , 35, July 9, 7:04 p.m., arrested at 115 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of trespassing, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. Steven Nunziato , 55, of 42 Dana St., July 11, 1:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery. A juvenile , July 11, 9:14 p.m., arrested at 40C Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon. Kirby Calixte , 20, of 66 Vernon St., July 13, 2:03 a.m., arrested at 36 Munroe St. on a charge of disorderly conduct. Harry Corcell , 43, July 13, 9:05 a.m., arrested at 30 Teele Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.	David Kotowski , 43, of 4 Sanborn Ave., July 13, 10:47 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Joseph Flynn , 21, July 13, 11:46 a.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and drug violation near a school or park, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding. Ella Mataev , 24, of 35 Jaconet, Newton, July 13, 11:46 a.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on charges of being present where heroin is kept and possession of a class B drug. Craig Thomson , 50, of 50C Memorial Rd., July 13, 4:48 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250. Garvin De La Cruz , 35, of 26 Clifton St., Roxbury, July 13,	6:07 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and assault and battery. Incidents: Theft: July 9, 4:22 a.m., police reported a theft at 701 Somerville Ave. July 9, 9:16 a.m., police reported a theft at North St. July 9, 6:02 p.m., police reported a theft at 16 Beacon St. July 10, 10:24 a.m., police reported a theft at Concord Ave. July 11, 12:23 a.m., police reported a theft at Temple St. July 11, 1:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St. July 11, 5:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St. July 12, 10:46 a.m., police reported a theft at 59 Washington St. July 13, 10:07 a.m., police reported a theft at Atherton St. July 13, 4:48 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy. July 13, 5:56 p.m., police re-	ported a theft at Joy St. July 13, 7:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave. July 14, 9:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Bartlett St. July 14, 5:20 p.m., police reported a theft at Bartlett St. July 14, 8:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Puritan Rd. Breaking & Entering: July 9, 10:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave. July 9, 11:11 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearson Rd. July 11, 4:10 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 163 Washington St. July 11, 2:33 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Prichard Ave. July 12, 8:13 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Radcliffe Rd. July 12, 10:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at White St. July 14, 12:04 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at	Bromfield Rd. July 14, 8:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway. Vehicle Theft: July 12, 6:48 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Medford St. Assault: July 9, 2:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St. July 10, 8:34 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway. July 10, 11:00 a.m., police reported an assault at Washington St. July 10, 11:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Pinckney St. July 11, 1:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Dana St. July 13, 2:51 a.m., police reported an assault at Conwell Ave. July 13, 9:05 a.m., police reported an assault at Teele Ave. July 15, 10:58 a.m., police reported an assault at Moreland St.
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Hero police detective awaits pension approval from state legislature

By Harry Kane

Former Somerville police detective Mario Oliveira, who was wounded in the line of duty during a shootout in 2010, has been unable to perform his duty as an officer, leading to a decision by the City of Somerville and the Aldermen to pass a petition allowing Oliveira to retire and receive a pension, pending state legislature approval.

During the last Board of Alderman meeting on July 11, the petition was approved unanimously among the 11 aldermen. Before passing the petition, which will go to the state legislature for approval, each of the aldermen voiced their appreciation for the former officer.

Oliveira did return to the job following the shooting and attempted to acclimate, but due to health issues he is unable to remain on the Somerville police force. "We have one of our own that was injured in the line of duty," Ward 7 Alderman Robert Trane said. Trane explained

that Oliveira has tried his best to come back to work, but that Oliveira was unfit for duty. "It's something I've watched him struggle with over the last year or so, and unfortunately his health is not going to allow that to happen."

Detective Oliveira was shot five times on Nov. 2, 2010 at 6 Gibbens St. in Somerville. According to the Middlesex District Attorney and the State Police, the shooter, Matthew Krister, sold guns to gangsters, and was under investigation for purchasing firearms in New Hampshire, just before the incident.

Working alongside ATF Agent Brian Higgins, Detective Oliveira approached Krister, and was shot 5 times, twice in the stomach and chest and once in the arm, with Krister's 9mm semi-automatic pistol. The other officers on the scene returned fire and killed Krister. Detective Oliveira survived.

The aldermen were in agreement regarding the need to pass the petition in a timely fashion.

"It sends a message out there that we do care about those who put their lives on the line for us every single day," Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston said. "It was quite a trauma to this city, and I think it's only fitting and right that we support this and ask that the legislature act on this as quickly as possible."

BOA Vice President Jack Connolly stated that the approval of the petition is arguably one of the most important items of the year. "There's certainly, absolutely, no doubt the sacrifice that Mario has made in his attempt to recover from the extremely horrific situation," said Connolly. "Anybody that's known Mario in his pursuit of excellence throughout his career knows that he's given it his best."

"Wherever that flag is flown, we take care of our own," added Connolly.

If the petition passes in the state legislature, which it presumably will, Mario Oliveira will receive a pension equal to 80 percent of the annual sala-



Mario Oliveira received accolades from the entire Board of Alderman as they expressed their gratitude for his selfless service to the community.

ry, according to the Somerville city solicitor.

Oliveira and his spouse were present at the BOA meeting. Oliveira relayed his gratitude to Mayor Curtatone, the aldermen and the Somerville police force. "I never thought in a mil-

lion years, I'd be here before you under these circumstances," he said in tears. "I wish I could have worked 40 years for the police department."

"In my heart, I'll always be a Somerville police officer," he said.

Situational Awareness Statement: ISO New England Electricity Conservation Request

Situation

With ongoing high temperatures, ISO New England is forecasting New England's electricity usage to reach near record-breaking levels throughout the week. Although power system resources are currently adequate, supplies are likely to become tight. As a precautionary step, ISO New England is requesting voluntary electricity conservation. ISO New England suggests several ways to reduce electricity consumption and advises that these measures be taken consistent with one's health and safety:

- Raise air conditioning thermostats by a few degrees if health permits. A suggested temperature range is between 74°F-78°F
- Turn off unneeded lights and appliances
- Turn off unnecessary office equipment
- Shut off air conditioners when leaving home for extended periods of time
- Defer laundry and other chores requiring electricity until the early morning or late evening hours

Two cooling stations open in Somerville

With temperatures in the 90s predicted for the rest of the week, the City of Somerville has opened two cooling stations.

A cooling station is open at the Ralph and Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Thursday. A second cooling station is open at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. While temperatures are high the city urges residents to avoid heat related injury or illness by staying hydrated, staying in a cool place, and limiting activity during the hottest parts of the day. Please also check on friends, family, and neighbors who made need assistance staying cool.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

Last week's letter by Mr Plym-esser missed some salient issues. The proposed 181-197 Washington St redevelopment is typical with the developer mind set of cramming the maximum number of housing units into a given space, without regard for the community or sensible urban design. Obviously, maximizing profit is the motive, not community regard. The proposed plan includes the demolition of the historic Cota Funeral Home, a landmark in the area, to make way for a parking lot.

In the proposed plan, there is little to no green space, certainly not enough for a young family to enjoy any outdoor activity. The street frontage will not enable any sidewalk café outdoor areas

on the cramped sidewalk. The whole of the rear, except for a narrow, unusable strip along the fence will be paved for parking.

Most residents, from my conversations with them, are not against redevelopment. They are, however, against inappropriate development that doesn't deliver benefit to the community, only to the developer. This redevelopment project is seen in that light.

The Mayor's vision of housing is practical and embraced by the citizens and documented in Somervision. He is a family oriented man who treasures the city and its historic architecture and has said so on many occasions. The redevelopment of the site should proceed but not at the expense of the community and its history. Instead rede-

velopment should enhance the community and add to the delight of the Union Square area.

The current proposal does not do this. A looming monolithic building overshadowing the street, destroying a beautiful historic home, cramming as many people into cubes as possible is not the answer. We can get to the 6,000 more living units without compromising the city's unique character by sensible planning and redevelopment. What we need is a revision to the proposed plan that makes sense, and any attempts at discussing changes have been resisted so far. This demonstrates a disregard for the local residents and the values of our city.

Regards
Alan Bingham

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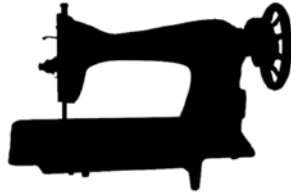
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ArtBeat 2013 comes to Davis Square

By Cathleen Twardzik

On July 19 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., enjoy ArtBeat 2013 in Davis Square. A rain date of July 20 at the same time of day has been set.

The fun will continue on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A rain date of July 21 at the same time of day has been set.

The event will occur on Holland Street, on Elm Street, behind the Somerville Theatre and in Seven Hills Park. All of the streets will remain closed to traffic.

The theme of ArtBeat 2013 is "micro."

Curious individuals whom would like a sample of what performing participants may do at the event may expect attractions dissimilar to the following types. For example, dancers may showcase their art "within a confined space" or utilize "small gestures." Technology experts may delve into "the power

of microprocessors."

Buying items on a local "micro" level could be present at the event.

"Every year we come up with a new theme for the festival. This is a way to keep it fresh, for the public and for us. So, this year, we decided we'd go with micro. It's always interesting to see how applying artists interpret our theme," said Rachel Strutt, Program Manager of the Somerville Arts Council (SAC).

This year's event will showcase "a flea circus from NYC, a band called Burnkit2600 that plays on instruments made using micro-circuitry and a micro museum, among other infinitesimal artistic contributions. The micro museum was created and curated by Judith Klausner," Strutt said.

A meeting was held to select this year's ArtBeat theme. Rodeo and wheels were among the other suggestions. Past themes have examined spaces and plac-



SPUNKandCompany Dance will be among the many dance troupes scheduled to perform at this year's ArtBeat event.



The young gifted musicians of El Sistema will be entertaining on Saturday, July 20.

es, water, red and migration, as well as ArtBeat.

This event will include more than a dozen bands, 83 craft vendors, 27 community organizations, street performers, puppeteers and seven dance troupes, as well as additional types of participants. Food and micro-themed activities will be available.

"The Either/Orchestra will play a set of jazz, with lots of influences, Ethiopian music, Latin music, even American pop. This is what we've been doing since

1985," said Russ Gershon of the Either/Orchestra and ArtBeat 2013 Participant. His band will play on July 19.

Since approximately 1994, this is the first time that The Either/Orchestra has been at ArtBeat. Gershon's band is still "a ten piece band with lots of horns."

"It's always fun to play outdoors, especially for a mixture of people who know the band and people who have never heard us. After being together in this town for so long, it seems crazy that somebody hasn't heard us,

but I'm never surprised. There's so much music here. With 10 albums out and all this history, we're kind of an underground institution, with an emphasis on both parts of that phrase," Gershon said.

"One suggestion for ArtBeat's theme for next year is 'freak.' Then, we could call it 'artFreak,'" said Strutt.

Interested individuals may view the schedule of ArtBeat 2013 at <http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2013/schedule>.



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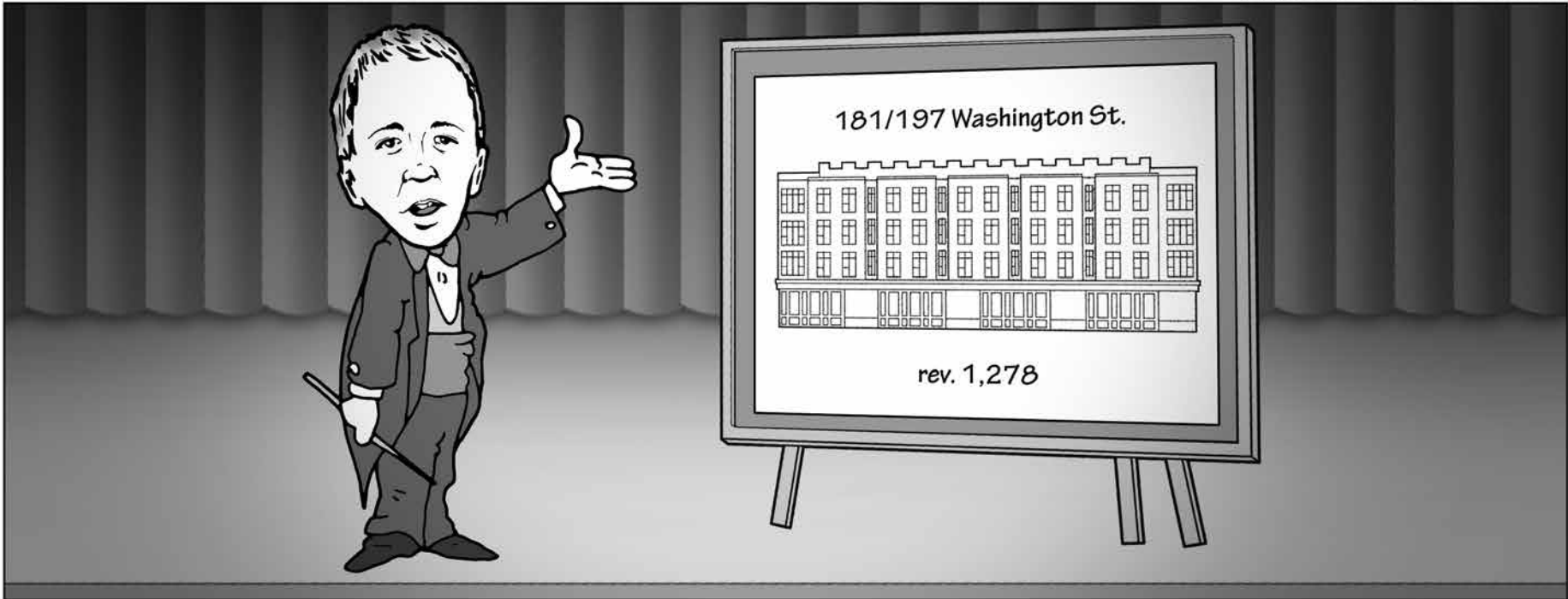





COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



“How’s this for a compromise, folks? Four and a half stories.”

The View From Prospect Hill



City planners, residents and developers often find themselves at loggerheads when it comes to ironing out the best possible resolution to conflicting interests. This city certainly feels no shortage of such skirmishes.

The proposed housing development at 181/197 Washington St. has stirred up as much dust as just about anything else in recent memory.

Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) feels that it has presented the

city with a good choice for the vacant lot, citing a need for more affordable housing and looking to the future with an eye for keeping less attractive alternatives off the site.

Opponents are mainly concerned with sightlines and the overall size of the proposed complex. Many would prefer the structure to exceed no more than four stories, while SCC maintains that a fifth floor is necessary to reconcile the expense of the development.

It is likely that some form of reasonable compromise will be achieved that will satisfy most of those who are concerned with the matter. SCC has already modified its initial plan at various stages. Elimination of all but a couple of floors of apartments is simply not on the table, so those who are unhappy with the project’s objectives will have to accept whatever trade-offs can be made in their favor and hope for the best.

That property values may be affected

for those whose views are obstructed is an unfortunate consequence of growth, and is something not to be taken lightly. But a city must change and be renewed as time goes on, even while sometimes causing problems for a select few.

The results of avoiding growth and renewal can, in the long term, do a lot more harm than may be seen in this instance. That is something to be considered at this time, too.

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you TELL your server you are there to support the Somerville Cheerleaders. A percentage of your bill will go directly to the cheerleaders. For more information email Somervillecheerleading@gmail.com.

The Committee to Elect William (Willy) Medeiros for Alderman At Large is having a campaign kickoff Wednesday, July 31 at the Somerville City Club from 6 to 8 p.m., 20 Inner Belt Road, Somerville. Donations begin at \$25. Medeiros is one of seven candidates running for the At Large seats. You can vote for up to 4 candidates but not until November. There is no primary.

At the Planning Board meeting last week at the Argenziano School regarding development proposals here in the city – the ones over the old Boys/Girls Club at 181 Washington Street being proposed by Somerville Community Corp. – the board members made their feelings known. It was three for it and three against, but no actual vote was taken, so that the developer can

have one week trying to “win over that fourth vote.” On July 18, according to the Chairman, a vote will be taken up or down. We’re predicting an up vote. The Planning Board against the neighbors, what do you think?

On another issue regarding the large mixed use complex on Winter Hill at the corner of Temple And Broadway, the developers want to put a 58 unit mixed there, to the objection of Ward 4 Alderman Tony LaFaunte, who asked the Planning Board to vote it down and to deny it. He was going to propose a zoning change so this development won’t go. It’s too big and a lot of the neighbors are opposed to it. Watch for a continuance of the Planning Board, hopefully to deny the developers a permit. But this Planning Board, along with the ZBA, has denied very little to developers here. A lot of people across the city are talking about how much development is taking place and a lot of people don’t like it. How do you feel about it?

Who’s running for Governor from

Somerville? There has been a lot of talk and whispers going around here in the city regarding two very prominent politicians. Word has it that Congressman Mike Capuano wants to run but word is also out that Mayor Joe Curtatone wants to run. Can the both of them run from the same city and nominate? Both men are very popular here in Somerville. It would be interesting, to say the least, to see what will happen. We might expect some answers within the next few weeks, maybe in two weeks, from both.

On the local front, even though it’s summer and the heat is blaring, we see that candidates running in Ward One are out there and not taking any chances. Both the apparent front runner, Elio, and Marueen are knocking on doors, not taking anything for granted. We hear from our sources in Ward One that both are working hard. In Ward Three, Suzanne Bremer had her kickoff last night and one source said it was a respectable crowd she had. But you do have to give the edge to Bob McWatters,

who’s just beating down the bushes we hear in Ward Three, as well as Matt Desmond. Now, in Ward Five, Courtney has already worn out one pair of running shoes, we hear, and she’s well on her way wearing out the next pair. She’s young, intelligent, gracious and, we heard from one Ward Five resident, she’s been out there in the heat. Don’t count Mark out. He’s relentless, we all know that. He’s worn out several pairs of shoes in Ward five. He had a head start, but our sources in Ward Five say he’s knows it’s a GOTV and all about ID-ing those numbers.

Cavalía, Inc. has agreed to give preference to Somerville residents during interviews for jobs at the northeast U.S. premiere of Cavalía’s equestrian ballet, Odysseo, coming to Assembly Row this summer. Cavalía will hold interview days for job applicants at its big top at 101 Grand Union Boulevard in Somerville, behind Home Depot, on Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30. Employees with experience in customer service are sought, such as those who have worked front of the house

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Solving transportation problems requires long view and smart budgeting



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We have to stop picking around the edges when it comes to funding Massachusetts' transportation system. The Legislature has arrived at an \$800 million compromise bill after Gov. Deval Patrick proposed \$1.2 billion in transportation funding earlier this year, but the bill does not account for a potential loss in toll revenue that the state has

already agreed upon. We are so close to achieving a victory for our residents and our economy. All we need to do is make sure that the state is budgeting based upon real dollars, and for the long term.

Turnpike tolls west of I-95 are slated for elimination in 2017. That would cost the Commonwealth an estimated \$135 million each year in lost revenue. Because the Legislature's bill currently does not account for that potential loss of real dollars that would fund bridge, road and transit repairs, Gov. Patrick sent the bill back with an amendment to supplement that loss by adding 3 to 5 cents a gallon to the gas tax if the tolls

are indeed eliminated. This contingency plan would ensure that when it comes to transportation projects, Massachusetts will be able to pay its bills.

Our transportation infrastructure is not modernized. A 2007 state commission report estimated that Massachusetts needs \$1 billion simply to maintain current transportation systems. We chronically underfund transportation across the state and then hear howls of protest when the T breaks down, or we hear on the news that the bridge that we cross every day on the way to work is alarmingly rated as "structurally deficient." Gov. Patrick has taken steps to remedy this, such as signing into law

the accelerated bridge program that committed \$3 billion to repairing and replacing up to 300 bridges across Massachusetts, including 14 bridges on I-93 in Medford two summers ago in a historically fast project. We must follow the governor's lead and take the long view, investing patiently and prudently to eliminate these problems that hinder our state's economy.

Every year since 2002, the MBTA has refinanced and restructured its debt, borrowing year after year and still coming back asking for more taxpayer dollars—from riders and non-riders alike—seeking higher fares and threatening to slash service. The 'forward funding'

plan that gives one penny out of every 5 cents in sales tax revenues to the MBTA cannot hope to abate rising costs in fuel or healthcare, never mind address the regular maintenance needed for a system that carries 1.3 million riders each weekday.

There were 495 structurally deficient bridges in the Commonwealth last year, according to a report by Transportation for America. That's almost one out of every 10 bridges in Massachusetts, which has some of the oldest bridges in the nation. The average Massachusetts bridge is 57 years old, compared to the national average of 43. Eight structurally deficient bridges—the same

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'Might as well put up a prison'



By William C. Shelton

This is an election year in Somerville, and elections are about the future. They are about what kind of city we want to live in and whether we need to change the path we are on if we are to arrive there. Candidates and voters are discussing a variety of matters this year. But one issue appears to be overarching: the pattern

of real estate development.

"Overarching" because it influences, constrains, or enables every other issue—housing affordability, economic diversity, living-wage employment, entrepreneurial opportunities, open space and sustainability, neighborhood integrity and stability, our capacity to pay for the city services that we want, and government's responsiveness to citizens' legitimate and heartfelt concerns.

The latter was the subject of a discussion at last week's Board of Aldermen meeting. Concerned about an outsized development proposed in his ward, Alderman Tony Lafuente had submitted this Order:

"That the zoning ordinance is hereby amended by changing all CCD45 and CCD55 zoning districts in Ward 4 to RC Zoning Districts." Aldermen Dennis Sullivan and Bill White cosponsored the order.

CCD districts allow greater development density and were added to the Zoning Ordinance to accomplish worthwhile objectives, including, "To increase commercial development investment in high profile, accessible areas including retail that is largely neighborhood-serving..."

The flashpoint for Alderman Lafuente's concern is a development proposed to replace a two-story structure on the cor-

ner of Broadway and Temple Streets. The housing-above-stores project wouldn't do much to "increase commercial development" since the current structure's ground floor is already occupied by retail uses. In fact, raising the existing building to make way for the proposed one would remove the commercial uses that currently occupy the building's second floor. Instead of expanding commercial space, the project would cram 56 new housing units onto a little over half an acre, blocking light and sightlines of residential neighbors.

As I wrote in my last column, this development pattern is fiscally unsustainable. Over

time, residential properties create more municipal costs than property-tax revenues, while commercial properties do the reverse.

The zoning ordinance cautions that "The building should be designed so that its massing is concentrated along the commercial corridor and away from properties and residential zoning districts to the extent possible." The last four words create ambiguity, which the nonelected members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board can interpret in favor of developers who want to achieve maximum density.

The 315 Broadway project is the latest

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

S&H Green Stamps



Remember helping your mom stick S&H Green stamps into the booklets? In one of their heyday years, three times as many S&H Green stamps were printed than U.S. Postage stamps. They were popular from the 1930's until the late 1980's. They were given to shoppers based on the dollar amount they spent. The booklets contained 24 pages each holding 50 points. Each book held 1200 points. The S&H stood for Sperry and Hutchinson, the company that started the stamps. We still have a lamp that

my mom got with green stamps.

One of my friends remembers that one of the redemption centers was on the Lynnway. His mother got a sewing machine with her stamps. Another friend recalls, "My aunt went to the redemption center in Waltham and got an Electrolux vacuum cleaner." Someone else tells me that there was another redemption center next to the old Child World toy store in Wellington Circle, Medford. Her mother got sheets, blankets and toasters. Others got...a coffee table, a very fancy mirror that hung in the living room, a glass ashtray shaped like a stork, and several knick knacks. Actually every-

thing we got there was pretty good quality." One of my friends got a sleeping bag and a basketball.

We got a lot of our stamps at the A&P in Davis Square. It was where that veterinarian's office is across from the Dilboy Post on Summer St.

Here's a great story from a reader: "My dad bought a Lionel train set at Star Market (I guess you could redeem them at some stores too) with S&H Green Stamps. It was the year my parents got married, in 1950, and ten years before I was born. The trains were produced in 1948. It was the start of a great hobby for both of us and sparked an interest in

building electronic projects kits from Radio Shack in the 70's. Life was good then before smart phones and video games!" All because of those little green stamps!

Gale tells us, "I remember getting this beautiful doll with blonde curls. I was about eight. I will never forget finally having enough stamps to get it and me and my mom went there to pick it up. The redemption Center was at Wellington Station. Happy days."

There is actually an online version of S&H Green Stamps and you can still cash in those old stamps and even get new ones. It's now called Greenpoints, at greenpoints.com.

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

RESTORATION OF LOCAL AID CUTS (H 3514)

House 13-139, rejected an amendment that would restore more than \$17 million in local aid cuts that Gov. Deval Patrick had imposed in December 2012. Funding that would be restored includes \$5.25 million for the homeless student transportation account, \$1.3 million for veterans' benefits reimbursements and \$1 million for charter school reimbursements.

Amendment supporters said that at the time of the cuts, the governor said they were necessary because state revenue were below projections. They noted that has changed and the state has taken in over \$575 million above projections, some of which should be used to fund local police and firefighters.

Some amendment supporters said Gov. Patrick has already restored some of these funds on his own. Others noted the amendment is unconstitutional because it would essentially take away the constitutional power of the governor to unilaterally make these cuts. (A "Yes" vote is for restoring the money. A "No" vote is against restoration.)

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

ENSURE THE FEDS PAY FOR OBAMACARE (H 3452)

House 34-116, rejected an amendment that would prohibit any state funds, personnel, offices, facilities or any other state assets from being used to implement and operate Obamacare.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure that the state does not get stuck with a huge bill for Obamacare, which will be taking precedence over Romneycare that was implemented in 2006 and is working fine.

Amendment opponents said this sets a dangerous precedent that might lead the state to refuse to pay for any unfunded federal mandates. They said the state should be willing to spend some money to ensure the availability of health care across the state. (A "Yes" vote is for prohibiting the use of state funds and assets. A "No" vote is against the ban.)

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

EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (H 3492)

House 27-124, rejected an amendment creating an emergency mortgage assistance payment program. The program would provide loans to homeowners who are more than 60 days delinquent on their mortgage and meet other qualifications.

Amendment supporters said this program would help homeowners who are in difficult financial situations often because they lost their jobs. They noted it will help prevent many foreclosures.

Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford this well-intentioned program. (A "Yes" vote is for the assistance program. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

It was a busy week for committees, which held public hearings on hundreds of bills, including these ten proposals.

CANNOT CONFISCATE GUNS (S 1156) - Prohibits police and other law enforcement officers from confiscating any lawfully owned firearm, rifle or shotgun during a declared state of emergency.

FAKE WEAPONS (S 1159) - Makes an offender who uses a "deceptive weapon" to commit a violent crime subject to the same punishment as if the weapon were real. Deceptive weapons include air guns, toy guns and anything carved or fashioned to resemble a weapon.

BULLET-PROOF VESTS (H 2198) - Requires stores to keep a written record of the transaction, including the name, address, phone number and date of birth of any customer who purchases bullet-proof vests or other body armor.

BAN HARSH CLEANING PRODUCTS (H 2066) - Prohibits cleaning products from being used in any school unless the product is included on the list of safer cleaning products established by the Department of Public Health. The list would include cleaning products that are "environmentally preferable" and do not contain ingredients that the public health commissioner has determined are asthma-causing agents. Students and school employees who have an adverse reaction to the environmentally preferable products may request that the school switch to yet another product.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR (S 631) - Decriminalizes certain non-violent and verbal behavior of students.

PROHIBIT TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION (H 1589) - Provides transgender people equal access to all public accommodations defined as "a place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public." The Legislature approved a law in 2011 that outlaws discrimination in employment, education, housing and credit.

AGE TO BUY TOBACCO (S 658) - Raises from 18 to 19 the minimum age at which a person can purchase

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cigarettes or other tobacco products.

READ E-MAILS OF DECEASED (S 702) - Allows access by family members and others legally in charge of the estates of individuals to the e-mail accounts of their late loved ones. The bill requires companies like Gmail, Hotmail and AOL to provide access if a probate court order is issued or a certified representative of the late owner of the account presents a notarized written request and a death certificate. The access would supersede any of the e-mail provider's contractual terms and privacy policies but would not take precedent over any instructions in the individual's will.

PROHIBIT SPRAY PAINT (S 804) - Prohibits minors under the age of 17 from possessing spray paint if they intend to use it to create graffiti. Violators would be punished by up to two years in prison and/or a \$250 fine. The measure also imposes a \$500 fine on anyone who sells spray paint to a minor under 17.

PIRATE RADIO (H 1679) - Gives the Massachusetts Attorney General the authority to shut down pirate radio stations that are broadcasting illegally and often interfere with existing stations.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Many have referred to President Obama as the food stamp president. I think what we have seen over the past months is the emergence of Gov. Patrick as the EBT

governor." – *Rep. Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge) criticizing Gov. Patrick's failure to crack down on misuse of some welfare recipients' Electronic Benefit Transfer cards.*

"Wasn't it called a 'futz capacitor?'" – *Gov. Patrick trying to recall the name 'flux capacitor' that made time travel possible in the movie "Back to the Future."*

"It was pretty amazing, actually." – *Sen. Robert Hedlund (D-Quincy) on meeting Paul McCartney backstage prior to his recent concert at Fenway Park.*

"With your encouragement and support, with an entrepreneurial spirit and love for our great commonwealth, I'm excited to announce my candidacy to be your next governor." – *Sen. Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich) announcing his campaign for governor in 2014.*

"Being governor of the Commonwealth is about leadership, and providing leadership that leaves no one behind." – *State Treasurer Steve Grossman commenting on his soon-to-be announced campaign for governor in 2014.*

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, re-

search, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly enough or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that are filed. They note that the infrequent and/or short meetings which the Legislature holds during its normal sitting time often prompt irresponsible late-night sessions and urgency to act on dozens of bills in the final days of each year.

During the week of July 8-12, the House met for a total of 19 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 37 minutes.

Mon. July 8	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:32 p.m.
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Tues. July 9	No House session No Senate session
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Wed. July 10	No House session No Senate session
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Thurs. July 11	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
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Fri. July 12	No House session No Senate session
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'Might as well put up a prison' CONT. FROM PG 9

in a long line of similar developments. One-by-one, residents must defend their neighborhood's integrity on their own. Zoning and permitting decision makers usually find neighbors' legitimate concerns to be less legitimate than residential developers' profit maximization goals.

Occasionally city government will make a pretense of concern regarding neighbors' understandable fears. But the outcome is already in the bag, as was the case with 343 Summer Street.

Union Square neighbors are asking that the Somerville Community Corporation lower its proposed five-story, 40-unit development on six-tenths of an acre by just one story. Thus far, the developer and the city seem unresponsive.

Alderman Dennis Sullivan commented that the kind of massing proposed for 315 Broadway blocks long-term neighbors' sunlight and air space. "We might as well put up a prison."

Speaking in support of Tony Lafuente's order, Bill White said that the city's zoning and permitting is inflating land values. "Then, when folks buy [this high-priced property] to develop it, they have to put in more

units. If we say that we want to have five-story buildings everywhere, we want to have dense development, we want to have 600-square-foot units, we might be the 'hippest' city in the U.S. We'll have young affluent people coming in, living here for a few years, and moving out. We then become a very transient community. Our schools suffer and our social organizations suffer." He wryly commented, "God forbid we should have backyards in the city of Somerville."

An exasperated Alderman Lafuente said that, "Inflated prices are driving people out of the city. The only right that a developer has is to submit an application and work with the aldermen and residents to get the development that they are proposing. And if they don't get it, too bad. There will be another one behind them."

The project under discussion offers a good example. It's land value is assessed at \$648,000; its buildings, at \$705,000, for a total of \$1.36 million. But its selling price is listed at \$2.7 million.

Alderman Rebeckah Gewirtz made what I consider to be an important point, "Density in and of itself isn't necessarily a

bad thing, especially when it comes around transit hubs."

Exactly. We need more commercial development that will boost net tax revenues and our jobs base, not leviathans that assault residential neighborhoods. The basic principles laid down by the SomerVision plan speak to this. But their interpretation has been dubious.

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Consider that the pattern of first-floor retail with three residential floors above proposed for 315 Broadway is the same as what is under construction at Assembly Square, where density should be much greater and dominated by commercial uses. Adding insult to injury, the city's consideration of a zoning change to enable a one-story 130,000-square-foot supermarket on the old IKEA site makes a mockery of SomerVision.

Alderman Tom Taylor sug-

gested that there is a disconnect between the zoning ordinance's mission and its implementation. He asked, "Is our mission to protect neighborhoods, or is our mission to maximize development?"

But as Alderman Heuston sagely suggested, merely banning CCD zoning districts isn't going to prevent development atrocities. She cited harmful projects in her ward that were built in RB and RC zoning districts.

Alderman Jack Connolly pointed to Davis Square's Somerset Savings Bank and Harvard Vanguard buildings that are large, but fit neatly into their urban fabric because their developers collaborated closely with neighbors and city officials. And not just on their massing, but on their design and use as well.

The city is now rewriting the existing Zoning Ordinance, which all parties acknowledge gives neither clear guidance to developers, nor protection to neighbors. This rewrite should involve much broader public participation than it currently does.

And as Aldermen Heuston and Connolly imply, it cannot

succeed by merely specifying building heights and floor-area ratios. It must be guided by a vision of what we want our city to be, and the guiding principles that will make it so.

Describing those principles is a worthy subject of another column. But they probably should not include

- How much developers donate to political campaigns;
- Who they are related to;
- Their attorneys' relations and campaign donations;
- Maximizing short-term residential-property-tax gain in return for long-term fiscal pain; or
- Making Somerville's proportion of open space even smaller than its current 3% (including cemeteries and paved school yards), which is the smallest in the Commonwealth.

Monday of last week, Alderman Lafuente's order was put the Board agenda. That Thursday, the 315 Broadway project went on the Planning Board's agenda for tomorrow night. Do you suppose that such expeditious scheduling could have anything to do with getting the project approved before Lafuente's board order can be considered and take effect?

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Sunsetters beat the heat

The heat didn't stop the Sunsetters from performing at 20 Kensington Ave. on Tuesday night. The Ferro family hosted the performance and provided refreshments for all. Following the event, the Sunsetters and children at the event were treated to free ice cream courtesy of Louie's Ice cream at 193 Broadway.

The Sunsetters perform in Somerville neighborhoods on Monday through Thursday evenings in July and August. The full performance schedule can be found at www.somervillema.gov.





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SPORTS

Four more wins for Alibrandis

By Mike Stoller

It was an especially stunning week for the Somerville Alibrandis baseball team, which played its 700th regular season game in franchise history, while racking up four more wins to improve its Yawkey League leading record to 18-2.

“It’s good to get four wins, that’s for sure,” Alibrandis assistant coach Cam Lynch said. “The bats were going, and the pitching was outstanding as usual. Pitching is our core. Our team ERA is 1.31.”

The most brilliant outing of the week belonged to pitcher Lamarre Rey, who took a no-hitter into the seventh inning against the host Boston Dodgers, before it was broken up by Zach Dubin. Rey, though, got the complete game shutout in a 7-0 win for Alibrandis. Rey allowed only one hit. He struck out eight and walked four.

Offensively, Ted Dziuba, Steve

Rogers, and Justin Crisafulli all had multi-hit games. Dziuba and Crisafulli each drove in two runs. Dziuba went 2-for-3, while Rogers and Crisafulli each had two hits in four tries.

Meanwhile, the pitching for Alibrandis proved to be a strong point all week. Chris Foundas threw five solid innings to chalk up a 7-2 win over the host Malden Bulldogs. Foundas gave up seven hits, while striking out a whopping 10 batters and walking two. Brian Tanguy tossed scoreless ball in the sixth and seventh frames.

The offense was again on fire. Bob Barrett had three RBIs and Mike Cunningham came up with a key two-run single in a four-run fourth inning that helped Alibrandis overcome a 2-0 deficit. Barrett finished the night 2-for-4, while Logan Gillis went 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Jon Morse also tossed stellar ball in a 6-2 win over the Medford Maddogs at Trum Field.



The Alibrandis keep racking up the victories, thanks largely to superior pitching, according to team coach Cam Lynch.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who were the three leaders that met at the Yalta Conference?

2. What erupts at Yellowstone National Park every hour?

3. What is the leading female singer in an opera called?

4. What is the theme song of the Harlem Globetrotters?

5. Which is the only month recorded in history not to have a full moon?

6. What are the first names of the Blues Brothers?

7. What is the name of the University that administers the Pulitzer Prize Awards?

8. What mass murderer recorded the album called Lie?

9. Who sang the theme song to Rawhide?

10. What Country was formerly East Pakistan?

11. Where is the Petrified Forest located?

12. What is The Orpheus Orchestra best known for?

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Morse threw six innings, allowing two runs on four hits. He struck out six and walked one. Tanguy finished it in the seventh with two strikeouts.

At the plate, Dziuba and Rogers each hit line drive inside-the-park home runs down the right field line in the third inning. Dziuba’s homer was a two-run job. He finished with three RBIs, while Rogers drove in two on the night.

“They were hit in the same spot,” Lynch said of the two homers. “The grass was cut pretty well and the ball kept rolling.”

Playing its 700th game in franchise history, Alibrandis finished the week in style with a sound 6-0 victory over the Brighton Minutemen at Trum Field.

Sean Sullivan pitched six innings, while allowing six hits. He struck out six and walked one. Matt Lounsbury tossed a scoreless seventh inning.

Offensively, Crisafulli belted a two-run homer over the fence in left in the fourth. Gillis also went yard to left in the fifth.

Also contributing were Mark Addesa, who ripped a two-run single, Cunningham, who had an RBI double, and Mark Anese, who drove in a run with a sacrifice to left, scoring Addesa.

Alibrandis was scheduled to play four games this week. The Somerville team was slated to host Malden on Monday, the South End Astros on Wednesday, and the Savin Hill Hornets on Friday. Alibrandis was to be the visitors on Tuesday against West Roxbury, but the game was scheduled to be played at Trum Field.

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Chuckie Harris Park opens in East Somerville

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The new park, which is located at 15-25 Cross Street in the upper north quadrant of East Somerville, was designed by Ground View Architecture. Eden Dutcher, the principal designer from the company, shared how they worked with the community to get the construction done. “We were hired as consultants to design the park. We met the community in a series of meetings to find out what they wanted in their park,” Dutcher said. “Somerville residents’ original idea is that the park needs to satisfy the needs of different age groups.”

It was a challenge for designers to come up with an idea to meet all the people’s needs, considering the limited space. Designers found a way to address an even more difficult issue, accessibility. “When you walk around the park, all the surfaces need to be within a 2-to-5-percent slope, so that basically people don’t fall down,” Dutcher said. “This park is so tight with all the equipment, but you wouldn’t necessarily know that as a park user.”

Given that Somerville is such a dense community, it is always important to push public space and try to use spaces that serve many functions, according to Luisa Oliveira, Senior Planner of Landscape Design. “This park serves multi-functional use,” Oliveira said. “Also, we are so close to I-93 and this park has 70 new trees, so it’s definitely a huge success in terms of improving air quality.”

Apart from all the visible advantages of the new park, the surfaces of the park can filtrate stormwater. There is a ground water recharge that goes into the park. Permeable surfaces allow filtration to happen.

“We made a large investment in that,” the Mayor Joe Curtatone said. “I haven’t seen so many sustainable features in this manner in other parks in this city. The edges of the park are very soft. The materials are relatively expensive, but they guarantee kids’ safety.”

Representative of the 27th Middlesex District, Denise Provost, mentioned specifically that the slides are made of



Mayor Curtatone and other elected officials were present at the new park’s opening ceremony.

a kind of material that doesn’t store the heat in summer. “In summer, metal slides can heat up very quickly, it’s possible to burn children’s skin,” Provost said. “The choice of the materials is excellent.”

The new park is named after a child, Chuckie Harris, who accidentally died near this area in 1970s. Chuckie’s brother, Bill

Harris, also attended the ribbon-cutting event. “The establishment of this park means a lot to my family,” Harris said. “We hope kids can enjoy the park and have a blast.”

With a new East Somerville school opening up for the fall semester, East Somerville students can easily walk between the school, library and park.

“It will be nice to see how people interact, especially the young Somervillians who can play, read and go to school all in the same neighborhood,” Morrison said.

“Chuckie Harris Park is an indication of community connection,” Curtatone said. “It makes Somerville an exceptional place to live, work and play for all the families.”

Planning Board pushes back on Union Square project

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will vote.”

In fact, the delay turned out to be good news for the SCC and its supporters, since it soon became clear the proposal lacked the four votes it would need to pass.

The project has generated strong opinions on both sides since the SCC first announced in 2012 that it planned to construct a five-story building on the site of the former Boys and Girls Club at 181 Washington Street, with retail and commercial space at street level, and a mix of low-income and workforce housing above. Earlier this year, the SCC joined forces with Cathartes, which is redeveloping the Cota funeral home site next door at 197 Washington Street.

Proponents say the proposal is the best possible option for the location and locks in affordable housing for the neighborhood ahead of the Green Line reaching Union Square. They note that the project is well within the site’s CCD-55 zoning designation, which is intended to encourage denser development, up to five stories, along central arteries near transit hubs. The city planning department has recommended approval with some conditions, such as no satellite dishes on the rooftops.

Opponents say the size and height of the project is out-of-scale for that particular site, at the base of the slope of the established Prospect Hill resi-

dential neighborhood. They say the proposal lacks enough green space for the number of new residents who will live there, and will aggravate existing parking and traffic problems. And many opponents, including immediate abutters, have said the developers have shown an unwillingness to compromise on any significant aspects of the project design.

The case was closed to public comment in advance of last Thursday’s meeting, but dozens of residents spoke at an earlier public hearing on June 20, and Planning Board members said they had read close to 100 pieces of written testimony.

Board member Michael Capuano said he supports development that creates more affordable housing. But he had visited the site and wouldn’t vote for the current plan because of the impact its size will have on abutters, even though it meets zoning guidelines, “Our job is to assess the project and how it sits on that location and impacts that neighborhood,” said Capuano. “Nothing ever says you have to look at it in a bubble.”

He said it appeared most neighbors who oppose the project would be “reasonably satisfied” if the height of the buildings were reduced to four stories, which would also reduce the traffic and parking impact, and he asked the developers if that was possible.

Cathartes co-founder Jim

Goldenberg said the project would not be financially viable at four stories, because knocking off a floor cuts out one quarter of the revenues from the residential units without cutting out a quarter of the costs, and lowers the return on investment to a point where the building can’t get financing.

Said Capuano, “I want to support this project. But it’s very, very hard for me to get to ‘yes’ unless you make some dramatic changes to what is I think a flawed project.”

Board member James Kirylo said he wouldn’t vote for the plan because “it would do nothing for this neighborhood.” He echoed comments by Capuano about the project’s size, lack of green space and traffic impact. “We’re never going to be able to get a car through Union Square at rush hour,” said Kirylo, who also said the two sunken patios meant to serve as open space for the development would likely become “nothing more than outdoor smoking pits.”

Member Gerard Amaral also voiced concern about insufficient green space and parking, as well as the building’s height.

Elizabeth Moroney was among three planning board members who said they would vote in favor of the proposal, citing her “commitment to affordable housing in this city.” Moroney recalled that when the Zoning Board of Appeals

declined an affordable housing project on Highland Avenue in 2010, the site was ultimately converted to market rate condominiums. She said insufficient affordable housing options could leave Somerville open to the state’s mandating low-income housing under its Chapter 40b statute, without the same kind of local review.

But Moroney said she would like to see more done by the developers to make the project “more palatable to the direct abutters.”

Board member Joseph Favaloro also said he was “not thrilled” about how the buildings would impact abutters, and asked the developers to do “a little more rolling up of the sleeves” and “be a bit more creative” to find solutions that would respond to some of the legitimate concerns voiced by neighbors.

Still, Favaloro said he would vote for the project because the developers had built a proposal in line with all of the guidelines spelled out for Somerville’s plan for long-term development,

which concentrates the taller, denser buildings along the main streets in neighborhoods like Union Square. “It meets the criteria set forward by all the different visioning entities in this city,” said Favaloro.

Planning Board Chair Kevin Prior said he was also in favor of the project, but said the developer had to do more to get the support it needed to get the project approved. He said the board would vote on the project on Thursday, July 18, giving the developers one more week to make any changes in the proposal that might make it more acceptable to neighbors and Planning Board members who currently oppose the plan.

“Let me remind you tonight, you do not have four votes. It’s your job to come up with the votes,” said Prior to SCC and Cathartes representatives at the meeting. “I’m in favor of getting four votes. But that’s not going to happen unless the development team gets off the dime and starts compromising on this project.”

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August 12 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch time together. Holland Street - Greek Corner Restaurant Somerville (Indian Food). \$6.

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

Men's Club meeting August 14 - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Trip Corner:

Mohegan Sun/Foxwoods - July 30-31.

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

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

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo - September 13-15.

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24.

Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

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

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

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

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

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Walking Club - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

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

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

July 17

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B|8:45 a.m./9 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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July 18

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Blood Pressure|10 a.m.

Musical Conversation|12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Farmer's Market|1 p.m.

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

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July 19

Holland Street Center

Revere Beach

Fit-4-Life

Book Club|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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July 22

Holland Street Center

English Conversation|11 a.m.

Wii Bowling|1:30 p.m.

"Movies to Come Out To" Series "Fire" and Masala for dinner|5:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

July 23

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Positive Thinking - Free|12 p.m.

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

Caregivers Group 6 p.m.

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Cross Street Center

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

July 24

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B|8:45 a.m./9 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

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

Thursday|July 18
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Groundwork Somerville
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Good CRAFTernoon!
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Friday|July 19
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
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Central Library
Teen Canvas Bag Decoration
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936
2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|July 20
Art Beat
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Davis Square

East Branch Library
Bilingual Language Exchange/ Playgroup
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|July 23
West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Wednesday|July 24
East Branch Library
The Music Man
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Writing Workshop for Kids Ages 9-12 with Regina Hansen
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6 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Thursday|July 18
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Radio Bar
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Jenny Dee & The Deelinquents|- Gold Blood & The Associates|Eight Foot Manchild
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Larry Flint & The Road Scholars
|6 p.m.
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Jimmy’s Down
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UP: Planetoid|The Bought Low|Hey Zeus|The Scimitar \$9
Down: The Union Boys|vapid Dissent|The Mcgunks|Duck & Cover \$7
379 Summer St.

Saturday|July 20
Johnny D’s
Barrence Whitfield|The Macrotones|Truth and Rights
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jeremy Lyons Trio |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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TBA
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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Springs|HOLI MOli|Dr. Stromberg & the Nurses|Andrew Geano
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mon|Today Junior|Tik Tok 8PM,
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Donaldson|Anubis Pop
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Sunday|July 21

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam featuring the
Matthew Smart Band
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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5
p.m.
Dogs In A Pile |8 p.m.
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Up:Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m.,No
Cover |Wholly Karaoke with DJ
Gus|7:30 p.m.
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Monday|July 22

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Com-
edy Jam |7 p.m.
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Conquerors|10 p.m.
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The Burren
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.

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Stump! Team Trivia
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Radio|No Cover Charge featuring
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Latanision and special guests
Down: Existence Establishment
presents:Gnawed|Yosh Ohara|A
Snake in the Garden|Tovarish|Ara-
go’s Wheel|Bombings \$8
379 Summer St

Tuesday|July 23

JohnnyD’s
Kobo Town
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Big City Ramblers
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

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

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

PA’S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt,
Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by
Tony Amaral
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1557

Precinct Bar
Full Scene Ahead Presents|The
Devils Twins|Shutehens
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-
ing Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

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Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-
625-8200

Radio Bar
Up: Wholly Karaoke with DJ Mag-
ic Gus 8:30 p.m-11:30p.m
Down: Orca Orca|Coma Cinema|-
Julia Brown| Mutual Benefit, 8PM,
21+, \$5
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
I’ll read You Yours, If You Read
Me Mine: a Bit of an Experiment
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 24

Johnny D’s
Mark Kilianski & The Moonshine
Ramblers
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.
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The Burren
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776
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On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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The Nephrok All Stars
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6045

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Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-
625-1131

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

9177

Radio Bar
Fantastic Liars, Nowhere Lights
|No Cover
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Singer-Songwriter Event: The
Loop
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|July 17

Central Library
Simple Toys Origami with Arline
Ann Cassesso|617-623-5000
x2950
7 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Citizenship and Governance in
Somerville: a panel discussion
with Tufts Professor Susan A.
Ostrander
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
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|w-
www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|July 18

Central Library
Boston Local Food Alliance
Carly Nix|217 855 3519
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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

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Saturday|July 20

Art Beat
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Davis Square

Bagel Bards

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meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-
48 Holland St

Sunday|July 21

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

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

Monday|July 22

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

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

Central Library
Book Group: Books-into-Movies
Discussion Group
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 High-
land Avenue

Tuesday| July 23

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

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland
Ave

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

Wednesday| July 24

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Just as an example, to get a \$25 Gap gift card, it will cost you 27,000 Green Stamps. Boy, what a deal! Here's a great quote: It took thousands of stamps and tons of spit to get anything worthwhile!

I bet if you look around your house, and you have a good memory, you will find an item or two that was obtained from dozens and dozens of books of

S&H Green Stamps.

Sitting around the kitchen table helping my mom stick those stamps into the books is one of those great old memories.

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday July 24, Stainless and The Sunsetters on Hall Ave! Stainless, the pop rock band with Jimmy Del

Ponte Jr., Joey Del Ponte and Lance Mahon will play at 7 p.m. before the Sunsetters performance. Come celebrate director Jimmy Del Ponte's birthday with this special double feature show!

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'Phantomaton' invades Nave Gallery

By Martynas Limantas

Organized by the painter Joe Keinberger and the sculptor Skunk, NAVE Gallery Annex located in Davis Sqaure, opened its doors with a new exhibit starting July 10. *Phantomaton* is an exploration of the world "through influences of alchemy to biotechnology and whatever lies in between."

The show includes works from both artists who have created an alternative world of rabbits and robots and scarcely-there beings. The showing runs through July 28, presenting art in mediums of acrylic, ink, pencil, pastel, charcoal, nuts and bolts and solder. Other works on display are by Torey Akers, Joshua Baptista, Dagan Barret, Michela Carlson, Joanne Desmond, Kris Hatch, Pauline Lim, Nita Penfold, Pawel Przewlocki, and Maria Shik. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday 2 to 8 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

According to Keinberger, the inspiration to host such an exhibit came from the surrounding area and its rich New England past, the tradition, the ghost stories, the mystical side of things. "Growing up here in New England, there is a connection to the folklore, folktales, Salem, supernatural. It's such an old part of the country, it was ingrained in me early on and shaped things

into favoring more of a dark and gory side of things," said Keinberger in an interview.

Speaking of his work, Keinberger said, "Nowadays we have outgrown the beliefs in witches and demons and have replaced them with cynicism and skepticism. It's healthy in a way, but sometimes it feels that it takes the fun out of things and makes them dry." He tries to create the world that would reflect the other side of things. "It's good to be scared in the dark once in a while. We have come to a point where fear of each other should be replaced by the fear of the unknown," continued Keinberger.

"It's less about the technological side of things and more about the angst, loneliness, disconnect, sorrow, and loss," elaborated Keinberger about his fictional characters. They appear to be experiencing solitary and questioning way of life. "May the Wind cut you, May the Ice bite you, May the Snow blind you," reads one of the captions of his displays.

As to future plans, there are definitely works in the making for other exhibits. This coming fall he plans to collaborate with a few artists on themes such as paganism through the mid-winter realm. "With so many great artists in the Cambridge and Somerville area, we always try to reach out and have more shows," said Keinberger.



"May the Wind cut you, May the Ice bite you, May the Snow blind you" - Joe Keinberger

Solving transportation problems CONT. FROM PG 9

classification of the Mississippi River bridge that collapsed in Minnesota in 2006—are located here in Somerville or on nearby routes into and out of the city.

Our legislators need to let cold, hard budgetary math guide their decision, based on real dollars and what we know today about what will happen tomorrow. If we don't budget with a long term vision and account for the potential loss of toll revenues, after pitiless winters, cities and towns will face deteriorating roads that cost residents money when they blow out a tire in a pothole. Commuters will be stuck on a creaking, strained public transportation system that keeps them from getting to work on time, stymieing a waiting workforce that simply wants the opportunity to get to work and earn a living for their fami-

lies and themselves. Drivers will ceaselessly encounter frustrating lane closures and restrictions on bridges for repairs needed just to keep it going for a few more years. Or, in a worst-case scenario, a bridge collapses at rush hour leading to a tragic—and preventable—loss of life.

Some may call for more reforms in state government or the MBTA and they would not be wrong. We should never hesitate to cast a critical eye on ourselves. That does not preclude, however, the hard math that says we're not doing all we can in the most critical areas. We cannot afford to tinker around the edges. We either invest in our future or we tread water, and it is impossible to tread water forever.

When Gov. Patrick introduced his original \$1.9 billion plan for transportation and education

funding, 87 state business leaders signed a letter to the governor supporting his plan, recognizing how that funding is critical to their industries'success. Fifty-seven economists signed a statement saying the chronic underfunding of Massachusetts' education and transportation systems threatens our ability to stay competitive in a cutthroat economy that ignores state and even national borders, and asks one question: what can you produce?

We've survived the Great Recession. We can continue to simply survive, taking for granted what we have now until the bus route is cut or the highway bridge is closed. Or we can make the bold choice, the right choice, to remain unsatisfied with merely getting by and choosing not to follow in the new economy, but to lead.



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Tuesday July 23

Big City Ramblers 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday July 24

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

Thursday July 25

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday July 26

Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m.
SuperSka 9 p.m.

Saturday July 27

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.
Ryan Taylor Band with Greg Klyma \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday July 28

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.
Pat Wallace presents Natalie Flanagan, Asa Brebner & Friends, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.



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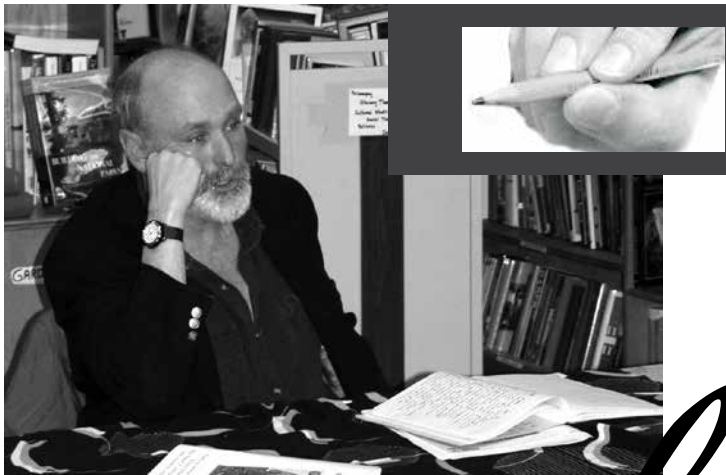
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues and Innovations
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:00pm	Basic Buddha
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	9:30pm	The Struggle	7:00pm	Energy Theater
11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, July 19		8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:00am	Shrink Rap	10:30pm	Couch's Corner
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Culture Club	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, July 21	
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	10:00am	Energy Theater	12:00am	Free Speech TV
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	11:00am	Culinary Kids	6:00am	Program Celebrai
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	Drawing with Mark	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	International Church of God
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:30am	Basic Buddha
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	Noon	Play by Play
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	12:30pm	Physician Focus
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Inside Talk
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
10:30pm	The Literary Scene	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
11:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
Thursday, July 18		8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:30pm	Outside the Lines	7:00pm	African Television Network
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	8:00pm	Telemagazine
6:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	Saturday, July 20		9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Culinary Kids	Monday, July 22	
10:00am	Basic Buddha	7:30am	Rooster Tails	12:00am	Free Speech TV
10:30am	Eckankar	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Healthy Hypnosis
11:00am	Dead Air Live	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:30am	Physician Focus
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Eckankar
1:00pm	African Television Network	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:30am	Perils for Pedestrians
		10:00am	Bay State Biking News (timeslot)		
		11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes		
		12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
		1:00pm	Ablevision		
		1:30pm	Art at SCATV		
		2:00pm	Culture Club		
		2:30pm	Paths to Wellness		
		3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max		
		3:30pm	Esoteric Science		
		4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		
		5:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading		
		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)		
		7:30pm	Play by Play		
		8:00pm	Chef's Table		
		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade		
		10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley		
		11:00pm	Somerville's Most Interesting Places		
		Tuesday, July 23			
		12:00am	Free Speech TV		
		6:00am	Road to Recovery		
		7:00am	The Struggle		
		7:30am	Ablevision		
		8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
		9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading		
		10:00am	Tele Kreyol		
		11:00am	Gardening Programs		
		12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
		1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy		
		1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez		
		2:00pm	Chef's Table Series		
		3:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority		
		3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents		
		4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		
		5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)		
		5:30pm	The Literary Scene		
		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)		
		6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show		
		7:00pm	Art at SCATV		
		7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)		
		8:00pm	Dead Air Live		
		9:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers		
		11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	12:00am:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium
Wednesday, July 17		12:30pm:	Family Fun Day	5:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	2:00am:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
9:00am:	The Spirit of Somerville	12:40pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	6:00pm:	An Evening of Song	9:00am:	SHS Spring Concert
12:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:10pm:	African American History in Somerville	8:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	12:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00pm:	kid stuff - National Night Out	1:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards
2:00pm:	Congressional Update	2:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	3:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School
2:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert	Spring Concert	
7:00pm:	Family Fun Day	7:30pm:	Family Fun Day	11:00pm:	Brown School Music Fest!	4:30pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
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8:00pm:	The Spirit of Somerville	8:10pm:	African American History in Somerville	12:00am:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	6:30pm:	Brown School Music Fest!
8:15pm:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:00am:	Brown School Music Fest!	7:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
8:45pm:	BOA Finance Meeting 6.11.13	9:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	1:30am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	8:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
Thursday, July 18		Monday, July 22		9:00am:	El Sistema Benefit Concert	9:50pm:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
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9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:30am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	6:30pm:	2013 SHS Graduation	8:00am:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	Taste of Somerville	8:30pm:	El Sistema Benefit Concert	9:05am:	ESCS @ Cummings Memorial Day Assembly
12:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 7.11.13	10:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City	9:30am:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly
1:40pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	3:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	10:30pm:	Brown School Music Fest!	12:00pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
3:10pm:	Family Fun Day	7:00pm:	Special Olympics 2013	11:00pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	1:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
7:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	8:00pm:	Congressional Update	Friday, July 19		2:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
8:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	8:30pm:	Harris Park Dedication	12:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	2:30pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS
9:00pm:	Harris Park Dedication	9:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	1:00am:	An Evening of Song	4:05pm:	An Evening of Song
9:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	Tuesday, July 23		8:00am:	ESCS African American History Month	6:00pm:	East Somerville Community School
10:00pm:	Special Olympics 2013	12:00am:	Special Olympics 2013	9:00am:	An Evening of Song	Spring Concert	
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2:00am:	Harris Park Dedication	9:00am:	Talking Business	2:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	11:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
2:30am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	Tuesday, July 23	
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2:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	9:30am:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
7:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	7:30pm:	The Spirit of Somerville	11:00pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony	10:30am:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.
8:45pm:	The Spirit of Somerville	7:45pm:	Somerville By Design	Saturday, July 20		11:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
9:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7.16.13		12:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	1:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
Saturday, July 20		10:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	1:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	2:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School
12:00am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	Wednesday, July 24		2:30am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	Spring Concert	
1:45am:	The Spirit of Somerville	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	3:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show
2:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:30am:	The Spirit of Somerville	1:30pm:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly	4:30pm:	Voc Ed Fair
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9:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:00am:	ESCS Spring Concert	7:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	9:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert
Sunday, July 21		11:00am:	Brown School Music Fest!	8:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	10:10pm:	Our Schools, Our City
12:00am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	9:30pm:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly	11:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Doug Holder: The State of Poetry My Perspective of the Ever Changing Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

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Do Blondes have more fun? Poet Tiffany McDonnell ponders this question. She wrote to the *LYRICAL*: "Poetry was my focus as an undergrad in creative writing; my BA is in English. I did a lot of readings up in Vermont and hosted the WBTN poetry hour; a local radio station for the colleges in the area."

Blondie

Do you look inside or do you just see my
blonde, blue eyes.
Do you see the pain inside or just know I'm fine because I am
blonde, blue eyes.
Do your eyes turn green as I walk in the room because all you
see is
blonde, blue eyes.
Do you anticipate how I talk or judge the way I look just be-
cause I am
blonde, blue eyes.
I know that you hate me. You don't even know me. You hate
genetics
because I turned out this way.
Blonde, blue eyes.
How would you feel if every girl, every boy, every woman, every
man judged you before you
opened your mouth or tried to better yourself, applied yourself
with your
blonde, blue eyes.

— Tiffany McDonnell

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I remember coming to Boston to go to college in 1973. Back then you basically had (according to my recollection) the academic poetry crowd, fed by the plethora of universities and colleges in the area, and the alternative crowd of non-academic barbarians in the *Stone Soup Poetry* group founded by the late Jack Powers. Before 1998, at least for me and many others I knew in the world of the small press, you made poetry chapbooks the old fashioned way. This was a xeroxed affair, with actual cutting and pasting the text on the page. You would take your primitive booklet to the old Copy Cop on Boylston Street in Boston and hand your baby to the clerk. You hoped for the best. Our first issue of *Ibbetson Street* was handled by a friend of mine Jim Resnick—an employee of Copy Cop. Also during the 70's and 80's poets were generally unplugged, not hooked up, for the most part low-tech creatures. They were not adorned by earphones, Google Glasses—their fingers did not expressively dance out text messages. A poet would walk down the street—taking it all in—a regular *Walker in the City*—as Alfred Kazin aptly put it.

Well, I am going to do something that poet shouldn't do and use a well-worn cliché—The times are a changing. All the books, etc. that we publish now are basically done digitally. No more ungainly paper manuscripts to mark up. Everything is in digital files; electronic word documents, the graphics and formatting etc. are done by my tech savvy designer Steve Glines. Although we still do traditional print runs, many of our books are print-on-demand. We now publish books when they are actually needed. Before, we would order a whole bunch, and they would wind up collecting arcane species of mold in some nook in the basement. I remember at the Mass. Poetry Festival some years back, a rather haughty editor of a tony literary magazine turned her nose up at our POD books. Today many of that editor's ilk are embracing POD technology.

And there seems to be an explosion of poetry venues, camps, etc. For instance in 2004 a Somerville-based literary group the Bagel Bards (that meets every Saturday morning at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square) was founded by Harris Gardner and yours truly. The group puts out a yearly anthology and has an online literary journal, the *Wil-*



derness House Literary Review founded by Steve Glines. There are also the Carpenter Poets in Jamaica Plain, the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, which host poetry slams every Wednesday evening; the Out of the Blue Arts Gallery hosts a number of poetry and fiction readings hosted by literary activists Timothy Gager and Chad Parenteau. And of course since I love all things Somerville I must mention our new Arts Armory that houses the Cervena Barva Book Shop and Reading Series, as well as the First and Last Word Reading Series founded by Gloria Mindock and Harris Gardner.

One thing that I see that disturbs me (and this may be due to the fact that I am flirting with sixty) is how plugged in younger poets and the creative writing students I teach are today. I find they are often texting, clogging their ears with multi-colored plugs, and answering the siren call of cell phones. I always tell my students—for the most part 18 to 20 year olds, that they have to unplug to be open to their senses: sight, smell, sound, taste, etc. I tell them they need to observe—not have their head buried over the sacred cell to see what the latest LOL or whatnot is about.

But of course I always have my cell in the deep pockets of my carpenter pants, and my laptop is at my beck and call...and yes, I still write poetry. I am anxious to see what the new generations bring to the plate because after all we feed off each other, and I am glad to be part of that continuum.

Ms. Cam's

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Olio

Answers

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Franklin Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, and Winston Churchill | 7. Columbia |
| 2. Old Faithful | 8. Charles Manson |
| 3. The Prima Donna | 9. Frankie Laine |
| 4. Sweet Georgia Brown | 10. Bangladesh |
| 5. February | 11. Arizona |
| 6. "Joliet" Jake and Elwood | 12. Performing without a conductor |

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

for events and businesses, in hospitality, restaurants and bars or similar positions. Cavalia also seeks employees who can work long and flexible hours. Cavalia Inc. is applying for a permit that would allow up to

a 12-week run at Assembly Row with a target opening night of August 7 and an initial target run of eight weeks, which could be extended to the full 12 weeks based on ticket sales.

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Jamaica Plain


Open House!



71496416 \$1,185,000.
Open House
Single Family
Sunday July 21
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
235 Forest Hills Dr.

Mansfield


Under Agreement!



71518216 \$359,900.
Single family. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage. Oversized eat-in-kitchen. Spacious yard, deck, stone patio.

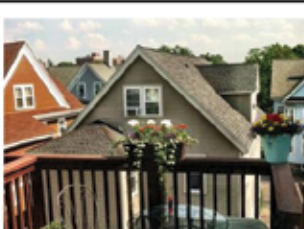
Brockton

Under Agreement!




71384850 \$189,900.
Two Family, 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large fenced yard, 2 car detached garage.

Malden



71547525 \$315,000.
Condo, top floor unit. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Private deck off kitchen. 1 car off street parking.


Somerville



71441940 \$750,000.
Single family home with barn. Zoned BA, possible 3 units, maybe up to 5 with special permit.

Somerville

Under Agreement!



71479359 \$1,175,000.
Multi family, two buildings, 1-6unit /5 rms, 3 bedrms each all sep. Utilities. 4 garages, 8 -10 parking spaces.

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Updated 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath apartment. 2 car parking. Deck. Walking distance to Revere Beach.
Available Sept 1! \$1,400.

Arlington



1 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Lower level apartment. Laminate flooring. Gas stove. Closets. On street parking.
Available Now! \$1,100.

Somerville



Updated 4 Bedroom. Stainless steel appliances, Central a/c. Harwood floors throughout. washer/dryer in unit.
Available Now! \$2,800.

Somerville



Large 2nd floor apartment in Winter Hill. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. On street parking. Washer & Dryer in unit.
Available Aug. 1! \$2,100.