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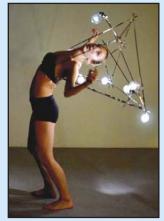
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# ArtBeat enlivens and enriches Davis Square

Somerville Jews



Art, music, and revelry ruled as ArtBeat 2012 rolled out last weekend. Story and pictures on pages 12-13.

# The rat race is on

# Somerville tackles resident pests

#### By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville generally prides itself on its diversity. But city officials have made it clear that one group of residents is not welcome here.

The local rat population has exploded this year, and the Board of Aldermen has declared war on the advancing army of rodents, enlisting the health department, city inspectors and even the city's lawyers to formulate a battle plan.

"We've been asking for things to be stepped up a notch, because it's been a real problem this summer," said Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston. "There are people in the Lincoln Park area who cannot enjoy their backyards at all."

Rats are a fact of life in any densely populated urban environment, where human animals give them lots of warm, cozy places to live, and a steady supply of food and water. But unseasonably mild winter weather this year has combined with people problems, like poor trash and property maintenance, to create an especially hospitable climate for the

# Find Shape Up Approved ratings at Somerville restaurants

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

Currently, Shape Up Approved Somerville has partnered with Somerville restaurants to assist patrons to recognize options which are healthier each time that they venture out to eat.

The Shape Up Approved logo will indicate Somerville's Shape Up Approved selections, all of which are nutritious, and they taste good, too.

Shape Up Somerville is a citywide campaign, the goal of which is to "increase daily physical activity and healthy eating" via various programs, policy work and the improvement of physical infrastructure. This initiative involves residents from each corner of Somerville, according to the city's website.

"Shape Up Approved is a Shape Up Somerville initiative. It began in 2006 under Shape Up Somerville, however in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, the mayor also included a part-time Nutritionist beginning in FY12, who assists with Shape Up Approved, and other initiatives within Shape

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## NEWSTALK

Don't forget Tomorrow, Thursday, July 26, Somerville Olympics of a Special Kind will take place at Trum Field, starting at 5:30 p.m. A rain date of August 2 at 5:30 p.m. has been set.

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Rumor has it that former Ward 5 Alderman Joe Macaluso is moving back to the city. We heard even back to Ward 5. Former Alderman Ward 5 and DPW Commissioner Stan Koty is also moving back to Ward 5. Both are nice guys and, like the present Alderman in Ward 5, Sean O'Donovan, did a great job as Alderman for the residents of Ward 5. Combined they have been Alderman in Ward 5 over 25 years going back to the early 80's.

Congratulations to Ward 4 Alderman Tony LaFuente and his lovely wife Helena, celebrating 25 years of marriage this past week. Twenty-five years and still in love. We think that's great.

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Happy Birthdays this week to our good friends here in the 'Ville and elsewhere, the ever popular Janice Delory from the Mayor's office. She's a hard worker for the mayor and the city. Also, a good friend of ours who recently moved here from NJ, John Serpico, always has fun with his name. Our own Patti Norton who is home resting from two operations is celebrating her birthday this coming weekend. Celebrating his birthday and recent successful surgery is Ricky Hart. Our own Jimmy Del Ponte is celebrating this week as well and we wish him the best. Living now in Florida but still a 'Villen is Diane Mahoney of the Highland Road fame. Also celebrating is Debbie Brune Cabral, the daughter of Eugene Brune and wife of Deputy Police Chief Mike Cabral. We wish her the very best. Patrice McClintic of Winter Hill is also celebrating her birthday this week. A good friend of many here Continued on page 8

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Gone but not forgotten

#### Conrad Steele says:

Nice piece Jimmy. Believe me, turning 70 is not that bad, you have a few good ones left, plus with your new bionic hip you'll feel like a new man!

#### Mike Bonanno says:

I hear you loud and clear buddy, Happy Birthday

#### Ray Spitzer says:

Beware of replacement hips! Google it, there have been many people who had to have their replacement replaced as there were problems with the design...

#### bill sullivan says:

nice article, i grew up in the projects{ north st} remember the pizza truck that come by every saturday, if u got to ring the bell u would get a slice, the name of the truck was Dels pizza. every sunday mornings u would hear the metal pushcarts loaded with globes. and who cannot forget the trackless trollies and get a free ride jumping on the back of them

#### Steve Keenan says:

Jimmy-keep on trucking. I just turned 62 and I know what you are saying.

I was told when I turned 60 that 60 was the new 40. It's a crock. 60 is 60. If I can get in and out of the bathtub without injuring myself, it's a good day! It's true when they say it's a shame that youth is wasted on the young.

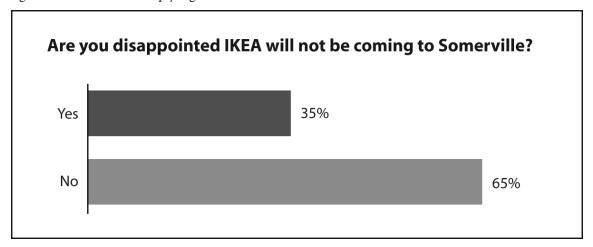
I can't complain though. God has given me much; I am blessed to have had a nice career, education, family, friends, etc. I still have a lot of living to do. It's just going to involve a lot of ibruprofen and other meds to get me through the day. But we are all alive and living in the greatest country in the world.

Take care Jimmy and all of your readers. It is a wonderful life-don't forget that!

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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 are disappointed that IKEA will not be coming to Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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## Davis Square revisited in third community meeting

#### By Emmanuel Vincent

The third meeting of the Davis Square Streettscape project was held on July 17. In this meeting, the city took the information that they gained from the public at the last meeting, Project Charette, and shared information with everyone in attendance.

"We took info and put it together with surveys and comments," explains Sarah Spicer, Senior Transportation Planner. "Then from there we put together possible scenarios." Compared to last meeting, the third one was more of a collective gathering, as the public was able to give their insights on the proposed changes of Davis Square that they were able to see visually via a map of the area.

One of the possible scenarios presented at this meeting was the installation of a new traffic table at the intersection of Grove Street and Highland Avenue. Grove Street would also have improved bike marking and parking. Additional crosswalks would be incorporated in Grove Street and Highland Avenue intersection as well.

In addition, it was proposed that Elm Street have some work done on it as well. This includes the adjusting of the curb, parking lane and road widths. This will help with the expanding of the sidewalk width at the bus area.

There were a few concerns over the proposed changes of the infrastructure of Davis Square. Although some want others to benefit form the change, they don't want it be an inconvenience to others.

There was also positive feed-back from the meeting. "I'm interested in the open space and optimistic that traffic signals will be more pedestrian friendly," said one gentleman who attended the meeting.

There will be another meeting on August 7 at 167 Holland Street.



Exchange of information was the theme for the most recent Davis Square Streetscape meeting.

#### The rat race is on CONT. FROM PG 1

Norway rats who live in Somerville.

Reported rat sightings were up more than 50 percent in the first half of the year, and came from every part of the city. "We never had a good freeze this year, so they kept multiplying all winter," said Edward Nuzzo of the Inspection Services Department, which investigates every call. "Give them food, water and shelter, and they're not going to leave."

That's not just a problem because the thought of hundreds of rats scurrying around our neighborhoods gives most of us the creeps. City Health Director Paulette Renault-Caragianes said rats are great disease carriers, since they're scavengers who travel through sewers and consume our waste. She said local rats haven't tested positive recently for any illnesses of epidemic proportions, but that can change overnight.

"At this point in our history, it's not the bubonic plague we're looking at. The imminent threat at this point in time isn't there. But they're pests. They can be vectors for disease to happen. There's a potential for a significant public health issue that can happen tomorrow," she said.

Rats can also spark electrical fires by chewing through wires, destabilize buildings with their burrowing, contaminate food supplies, and generally create a "huge quality of life issue," said Renault-Caragianes.

And controlling the rat population requires a full-out assault on all fronts, since this species can be a formidable opponent. Rats eat almost anything and can live on as little as an ounce of food a day. They reproduce in a matter of weeks. They can fit through a hole the size of a quarter, swim great distances and climb walls. They have been proven to be incredibly adaptable, even learning to avoid traps.

Renault-Caragianes said the best way to get rid of rats is to take away the welcome mat: plugging holes in walls, draining water, cutting back on vegetation, keeping food and trash in sealed containers, and keeping compost piles off the ground, with rodent-proof barriers. She said most problem spots are around residences, since the city can keep a close eye on places like restaurants, which need a license to operate. But many local homeowners may not even know they're contributing to the problem.

"Everyone's busy. People don't realize that there are these kinds of things that attract rats," said Renault-Caragianes, who said the health department is launching a campaign to proactively stop rats from spreading out, by reaching out to neighboring homes in areas around reported rodent hotspots. "Why not get rid of the stuff that's inviting to rodents before they move in?" she said.

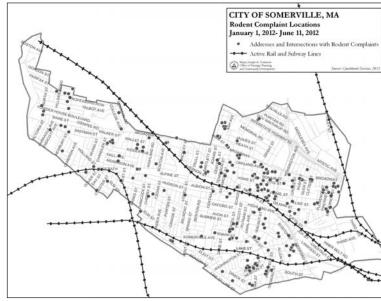
At the same time, Somerville has to tackle the problem of the rats who have already set up housekeeping.

Nuzzo said city inspectors respond to all rat complaints within 48 hours, and can order property owners to bring in exterminators if they see signs of rodent activity, which can be anything from a live rat to burrowing holes in the yard. They can also cite landowners for overgrown vegetation or trash violations.

But Nuzzo said inspectors can't enter a property unless they're invited by the owner, so they're often limited to assessing the situation over the fence from a neighbor's yard. And when property owners are hard to reach, or aren't eager to cooperate, the result is a paper trail that can take weeks, long enough for a couple more litters of rats to be born. "It makes our job more difficult," said Nuzzo.

Alderman Heuston said absentee landlords are a big issue in Ward Two, where there's a lot of rental housing, and tenants are often new to the city and not even aware of the tough trash guidelines put in place a few years ago to combat the problem.

She said she has constituents whose homes and yards are "pristine," but who are at the mercy of a handful of neighborhood properties that have been serving up a veritable all-you-can-eat buffet for lo-



This map shows rodent calls to city hall during the first half of the year.

cal rats, with debris-filled yards, overgrown plants, untended fruit trees, and over-flowing bird feeders.

At a recent meeting of the Aldermen's Public Health and Safety Subcommittee, members agreed the city needs to be more aggressive with inspections and legal actions. The committee asked the city's legal department to put together an action plan to deal with property owners who don't cooperate, including a way

to challenge the law that prohibits inspectors from going onto property without an invitation.

Heuston said that matters, because all it takes is one ratfriendly property to create a problem for the whole neighborhood. "In urban areas like Somerville where people live so close together, it's all about the person who lives five feet away from you. If they have rats, you have rats."



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# By Jim Clark

## Melee at a crosswalk

Police responded to a 911 call reporting an alleged assault in progress at Summer and Putnam streets last Thursday morning. Dispatchers reportedly told responding officers that three men had exited a moving vehicle and were beating up one other man.

Officers arrived at the scene and separated the involved parties while questioning them as well as a witness who had called 911.

The witness reportedly told police that she had observed the alleged victim legally crossing the street through the crosswalk, but that a vehicle making a turn at the same time had narrowly missed hitting the man as it passed by him.

Words were exchanged between the alleged victim and occupants of the vehicle, according to the witness, after which the three occupants reportedly exited the vehicle and began beating on the alleged victim.

The witness stated that she began screaming for them to stop the beating and then placed the call to 911.

The three men involved in the alleged attack reportedly substantiated the witnesses' testimony, but claimed that the alleged victim had brandished a straight razor during the verbal confrontation and that this precipitated the physical violence.

The men reportedly told police that the violent confrontation would not have occurred if the alleged victim had not threatened them with the razor.

Officers on the scene determined that all four men should be taken in and booked on rel-

evant charges.

James Halliday, 32, Michael Dacy, 28, and Reif Larsen, 18, the occupants of the vehicle, were each charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a shod foot). The alleged victim was released from custody due to extending medical circumstances, but will be summonsed to court for arraignment for assault with a dangerous weapon (a knife).

## Man helps himself to bicycle

Police responded to a reported larceny in progress at 276 Elm St. last week. As police arrived at the scene they reportedly observed a man walking two bicycles down the street.

Upon questioning, the man said that while riding his own bike he had discovered the other one in front of the restaurant unlocked. A search of the man turned up a set of bolt cutters on his

person, police said.

A witness reportedly told officers that they saw the man ride up to the location on his bike and then pull out the bolt cutters, with which he clipped the lock from the other bicycle. The suspect was questioned further and he reportedly confessed to police that he had snipped off the lock and tried to get away with the bike. He reportedly said that he had seen the bike there every day and decided that he should take it.

Rene Garcia, 37, was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a burglarious instrument and larceny over \$250.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Vivianne Barreto, 30, of 98 George St., Roxbury, July 16, 5:12 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of improper turn, failure to wear seatbelt, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Paulo Neto, 47, of 418 Medford St., July 16, 10:35 p.m., arrested at 543 Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Eulogio Cruz, 52, of 45 Memorial Rd., July 16, 10:35 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Rene Garcia, 37, of 413 Somerville Ave., July 17, 2:04 a.m., arrested at 276 Elm St. on a charge of possession of a burglarious instrument and larceny over \$250.

Evence Joseph, 40, of 19 Peirce Ave., Everett, July 17, 5:20 p.m., arrested at 18 Paulina St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Kendell Bell, 29, of 43 Thurston St., July 17, 7:32 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Robert Karnes, 29, of 15 Yale St., Medford, July 18, 9:23 a.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of assault and battery and abuse prevention order violation.

William Reardon, 52, July 19, 10:15 a.m., arrested at 92 Highland Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

James Halliday, 32, of 11 Putnam St., July 19, 11:14 a.m., arrested at Putnam St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Michael Dacy, 28, of 85 Old Ironsides Way, Charlestown, July 19, 11:14 a.m., arrested at Putnam St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Reif Larsen, 18, July 19, 11:14 a.m., arrested at Putnam St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Jamil Bowden, 20, of 166 Washington St., Malden, July 19, 5:48 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a school or park, drug possession to distribute, possession of a class D drug, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Charolette Kennedy, 21, of 19 Harvey St., Everett, July 19, 5:48 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a school or park, drug possession to distribute, and possession of a class D drug.

Alex Dejorge, 37, of 15 Hudson St., Watertown, July 20, 5:48 p.m., arrested at 26 Loring St. on a charge of receiving stolen property and on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250 by false pretenses.

Wilfredo Velasquez, 31, of 103 Gilman St., July 21, 9:56 p.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of trespassing and violation of city ordinance open container.

Francisco Rosa Aponte, 19, of 153 Alewife Brook Pkwy., July 21, 9:56 p.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of trespassing, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Edwin Grossett, 28, of 17 Dennis St., Dorchester, July 21, 9:56 p.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of trespassing and violation of city ordinance open container.

A juvenile, July 21, 9:56 p.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of trespassing and violation of city ordinance

open container.

Erin Sullivan, 32, of 12250 Main Campus Dr., Lexington, July 22, 10:08 a.m., arrested at 532 Medford St. on a warrant charge of utter false prescription.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

July 17, 12:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Middlesex

July 18, 1:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.
July 18, 5:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

July 18, 7:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave. July 19, 8:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

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July 20, 11:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

July 20, 2:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.
July 22, 8:47 a.m., police reported a theft at Dartmouth St.
July 22, 1:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.
July 22, 2:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

July 22, 6:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland

Ave.

July 22, 10:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Heath St.

#### **Breaking & Entering:**

July 18, 12:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at River Rd.

July 20, 7:02 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Sturtevant St.

July 20, 10:19 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Otis St.

July 20, 6:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

July 21, 1:00 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Glen St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

July 17, 6:04 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Boston St.
July 22, 12:57 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Garrison Ave.

#### Assault:

July 18, 8:40 p.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.
July 19, 11:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Putnam St.

#### **Drug Violation:**

July 22, 6:59 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Blakeley Ave.



## **IKEA** says no to Somerville

## IKEA tells city it will let Assembly Square permits expire

The following is a press release from the City of Somerville.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today that he had received a letter from officials at international furniture retailer IKEA informing him that they have decided not to proceed with construction at Assembly Square. Mayor Curtatone indicated that IKEA would have little difficulty finding a buyer for their 12-acre site, which is adjacent to the MBTA's Assembly Square Orange Line station and Federal Realty's 45 -acre Assembly Row development, both of which are already under construction.

"We anticipate that there will be considerable interest in this prime parcel, which will now be developed in accordance with the same transit-oriented, mixed-use, smart-growth principles that characterize Federal Realty's approach at Assembly Row and – more important – that reflect our community's vision of the way the entire district should be developed. We're sorry to lose IKEA as a partner, and they've been very responsible landholders, but frankly, I think we're going to end up with something even better."

"It is regretful that IKEA will not be able to take advantage of this great location. They have been a great partner," said Don Briggs, President Federal Realty Boston. "Assembly Row is moving forward and in fact, has gained significant momentum over the past year – a T Stop is under construction, residential and retail building foundations are forming and preparation for the waterfront park redevelopment has already begun".

The July 19th letter from IKEA, signed by the company's U.S. real estate manager, Doug Greenholz, explained that IKEA had concluded "that the immediate needs of our Bostonarea customers are being served effectively by the existing Stoughton store and that a second Boston-area location (including one in Somerville) is not

needed for the foreseeable future." The letter continued, "We cannot commit to a timeframe for building a Somerville store", adding that IKEA "will begin considering other non-IKEA options for the land, with the intent of selling it."

"IKEA operates on a global scale and a business plan may look very different in Stockholm than it does in the United States," said Curtatone. "A modified big-box IKEA store would have been successful here, but the local factors all continue to work in favor of the mixeduse, multimodal model that is already taking shape at Assembly Square. Retailers, restaurant and entertainment businesses, office and residential developers who understand the benefits of that model are going to be very interested in this site. That's why the City will exercise its authority under the Assembly Square district zoning to ensure that any buyer of the IKEA site will develop uses even more consistent with our zoning regula-



tions than the IKEA big box would have been."

IKEA had originally purchased riverfront property on the Assembly Square site in 1999. In 2009, the company completed a land swap with Federal Realty that gave IKEA a parcel behind the Somerville Home Depot. The City issued special permits for construction on the new site in 200\_ and renewed them in 2011; they were scheduled to expire next month.

"IKEA has been an honorable and cooperative partner to the

City over the years, and I'm very grateful for that," said Curtatone. "Even though they are not going ahead with their plans, they've already played a very constructive role in transforming Assembly Square for the better – and I expect that role to continue as they look for the right type of buyer for their land."

A PDF copy of the letter from IKEA can be downloaded from our website at http://www.the-somervillenews.com/IKEA\_letter.pdf

## Find Shape Up Approved ratings at Somerville restaurants CONT. FROM PG 1

Up Somerville," said Rachael Plitch, Shape Up Somerville (SUS) Coordinator.

It must be noted that, "Shape Up Approved does not serve meals." Rather, "The Shape Up Somerville Coordinator and Nutritionist work with restaurant owners and chefs in a number of ways to help them understand the goals of Shape Up Somerville and Shape Up Approved, work with them to post signage within their businesses related to healthy choices, and where possible, reprinting menus to display the 'Shape Up Approved' items, among other areas," said Plitch.

"Somerville is a uniquely diverse community with a varied and vibrant restaurant scene that offers exciting cuisine from countries around the world. In tagging approved menu items, Shape Up Approved allows residents to take advantage of this resource, while maintaining their health. The mayor and his administration are committed to making sure that Somerville is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, and part of that mission includes our commitment to a healthy community," said Jackie Rossetti, Deputy Director of Communications of the City of Somerville.

The heart of Shape Up Somerville celebrates active living, including an increased focus on recreation programming for youth and adults, alike, School Food and Nutrition Services, as well as additional items.

"SUS Approved is a branch of that commitment, and we are working on expanding and reinforcing this program throughout the city by utilizing educational resources and training with the SUS staff and nutritionist," said Rossetti.

"A lot of our menu is healthy, including salads and wraps and prepared vegetables and meats. We don't serve processed foods. The city asked us to be involved [in Shape Up Approved Somerville], and we were happy to do it," said Christina Theophanis, General Manager of Dave's Fresh Pasta.

The most important part of offering Shape Up Approved Somerville meals is "fresh, handmade, tasty food that also happens to be healthy," said Theophanis.

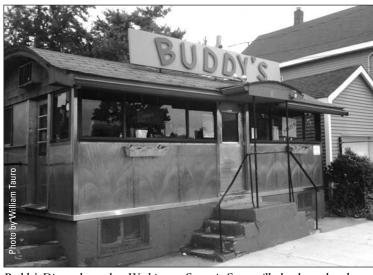
Specifically, wraps, different types of tomato sauce, wholewheat pasta and various kinds of salad make up the establishment's Shape Up Approved Somerville menu items.

Dave's Fresh Pasta customers' favorite Shape Up Somerville Approved menu items include whole wheat pasta and veggie hummus wrap.

The restaurants in Somerville which are presently participating in this initiative may be found on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/sha peupapprovedsomerville/app\_4 949752878, and they are as follows: Amigos Market, Basil Tree Catering, Cafe Belo, Cantina La Mexicana, Dave's Fresh Pasta, Diesel Café, Farmers' Bounty, Fasika, Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, Holland Street Café, Lemon Thai Cuisine, Martsa on Elm, Mr. Crepe, Neighborhood Restaurant, On The Hill Tavern, Out of the Blue, The Paddock Restaurant, The Pulse Cafe, Rodizio, Ronnarong Thai Restaurant, Sabur Restaurant, Sherman Café, Sherman Market, Snappy Sushi, Sweet Ginger Thai Cuisine, True Grounds, Valentim and Wang's.

Interested restaurant owners who would like to be added to the list may contact the Shape Up Approved Somerville program at shape-upapproved@gmail.com.

# Somerville icon seized



Buddy's Dinner, located on Washington Street in Somerville, has been shut down and now displays an orange sign that indicates the seizure was executed and issued by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

– William Tauro

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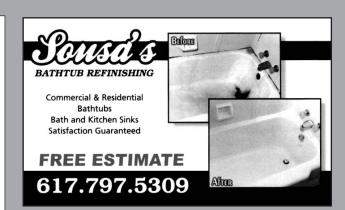
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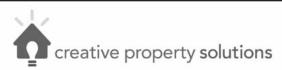
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# The Somerville Olympics 'of a Special Kind'



The Somerville Olympics of a Special Kind will take place on July 26 at Trum field. To restart this popular summer event it will be sponsored by; The Somerville School Department, Walnut Street Center, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs.

The games will be opened by Mayor Curtatone and ceremonies will include a parade with the honor guards from the Somerville Police, Fire and Sheriffs' departments. Jimmy DelPonte will coordinate some entertainment showcasing songs by the Sunsetters.

The Olympics will feature five events for teams to compete in.

The Olympics of a Special Kind are an opportunity for children and adults with developmental disabilities to get outside and enjoy the summer sun in a safe fun environment. It is a great event to bring along family and friends to come and watch success and achievement in its best form.

In past years, the event was an annual spectacle featuring a helicopter entrance by former mayor Gene Brune, appearances by local celebrities and elaborate opening ceremonies. Event organizers wanted to

restart the event as a way to open up more volunteer opportunities with the community, and to bring back a cherished Somerville tradition.

We urge all Somerville residents to attend and bring family and friends to this great event. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kathleen Houghton at khoughton@k12.somerville.ma or call 617-625-6600 Ext 6487. The event takes place on Thursday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Trum Field, with a rain date of August 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

# DCR on damage, cleanup control



On Friday morning Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) work crews, along with prisoners on a state work release program from the Department of Correction, cleared downed trees along the Mystic River in Somerville after a Wednesday evening micro-burst wreaked havoc in Somerville.

– William Tauro

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# 'Seize the Summer' at SomerStreets on Highland Ave

Seize the Summer will take place on Sunday, July 29, from noon to 4 p.m. between Walnut and Cedar Streets on Highland Ave. For this unique street fair, where "roads are closed to cars and open to you," programming includes: a "Kidical Mass" bike ride to Davis Square; Cambridge Health Alliance health and fitness fair; family-friendly activities; health workshops including an American Red Cross blood drive; arts and craft vendors; live music, and more.

SomerStreets is the centerpiece of the city's Open Streets Initiative, which closes sections of roadways one Sunday per month to promote and support

Seize the Summer will take place active living: walking, biking, on Sunday, July 29, from noon running, dancing, and more.

"SomerStreets has really taken off as a way to celebrate the pleasures of urban living," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Based on the popularity of ArtBeat, I concluded that Somerville's residents would respond to an opportunity for outdoor activity in a safe, family-friendly environment. Think of it as a series of big block parties. Somerville has always loved its block parties."

Along Highland Ave., local businesses and organizations including the American Red Cross, Cambridge Health Alliance, Kidical Mass, the Center for Arts at the Armory, the Somerville YMCA, the Somerville Public Library, and the Somerville Fire Department, among others, will partner with the city to provide activities for children and adults of all ages. Activities will include, but are not limited to:

- · The Flying Word Fair and children's yoga
- · "Kidical Mass" Bike Parade
- · American Red Cross Blood Drive
- · Live music and arts & crafts vendors
- · Health & fitness fair
- · Face painting, food, and familyfriendly activities

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## TALES OF SOMERVILLE

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



## The View From Prospect Hill

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in...what?

We've had our expectations piqued for an elegant, new, exciting, and ultra-trendy IKEA store for so long now. The news that the retailer giant will not be following through with its one-time plan for setting up shop at the new and improved Assembly Square

Ring out the old and ring development has left a great void to be filled. Well, one heck of a huge piece of commercial real estate to be filled with something, anyway.

Now begins all the fuss and ballyhoo as interested individuals and institutions push for their own preferred solutions. Shall it be another mega-retailer? A soccer stadium, complete with a ready-made team? What about another public "green space" for our enjoyment?

Each idea has potential merits and drawbacks. It's now up to the city and its citizenry to evaluate and ultimately approve some sort of a plan for the so rudely abandoned property. May all concerned look for the best possible answer for the betterment of our community.

This property has the potential for adding a lot of much needed tax revenue for the city. Likewise, the right tenant can add much to the quality of life here.

We all hope for the best as the search for a new plan for this site commences. This is an important issue that deserves our complete involvement as concerned residents of a city we love.

Let us proceed with confidence that we can and will succeed in making the Assembly Square project a complete and fully functioning force in our city's economy and in our professional and personal lives.

#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

at The News, Joan Campo McKenna is celebrating as well. Happy birthday to our good fried Ron Aylward, who is celebrating in the 'Ville this week. To all these and many other July birthdays we wish everyone a great day for themselves.

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Well, a small group of us had breakfast at the Neighborhood Rest. last week, and ate out in the natio. The service was great, the food was excellent and there was plenty of it. We hear that they are adding something delicious to their summer plans: ice cream on the patio from 5 to 9 p.m., and we hear its Brigham's. Great ice cream and the best vanilla in the free world. Go Neighborhood!

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So, we hear that the former Little Vinny's is going to be a Brazilian Restaurant in Magoun Square. We also heard through the grapevine that the Paddock is for sale. We're wondering if the Rosebud Diner is going to be on the block soon or has it already been sold? Galley may finally want to retire after many years of running a great diner. He has done wonders putting that fine little

place back into shape. He also has spent a small fortune on restoring the Somerville landmark.

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We hear that the new building on Grove and Summer is having difficulty renting to commercial tenants. We don't understand if that's true. It's a nice looking building for its size.

Now, how's this? A real mouth watering treat. Bourbon Chocolate Pecan Pie at Petsi Pies on Beacon Street. Another well-hidden Somerville gem.

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It's been a long time (since those 25 cent days) but the Somerville Theater sold out the opening night of The Dark Knight Rises and that includes the balcony. Local comic guys at Comicazzi bought three rows so their fans wouldn't miss it. Isn't a great idea?

M3, which replaced Alfresco on the corner of Cutter Avenue and Highland, is serving a unique Southern style menu in Davis Square. If the packed house for

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brunch is any sign, it must be real good food. It's not easy to find catfish locally, but now you can.

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Our sincere condolences to the family of Joe Emond on his recent passing. Joe was a very nice man and a very good friend to a few of us at The News and he will be missed by many.

ArtBeat in the city here this past weekend probably saw the largest turnout ever. Everyone had lots of fun with many booths, bands and items for everyone. What a great tradition started here in Somerville and getting stronger every year. Hats off to the city for a fine job putting this together.

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This weekend the July installment of the City's seasonal SomerStreets festival, "Seize the Summer," will take place on Sunday, July 29 from noon to 4 p.m. between Walnut and Cedar Streets on Highland Ave. For this unique street fair, where "roads are closed to cars and open to you," programming includes: a "Kidical Mass" bike ride to Davis

Square; Cambridge Health Alliance health & fitness fair; family-friendly activities; health workshops including an American Red Cross blood drive; arts and craft vendors; live music, and more. SomerStreets is the centerpiece of the City's Open Streets Initiative, which closes sections of roadways one Sunday per month to promote and support active living - walking, biking, running,

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Somerville's Georgia Beckmann and Mattie Barber-Bockelman will perform onstage at the Regent Theater when the Arlington Children's Theatre presents its 2012 Summer Season Saturday, August 3, through Sunday, August 12. The season features three major musicals: "Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr.," "13: the Musical," and "Spring Awakening"directed by a professional staff. The Regent Theatre is at 7 Medford Street in Arlington; tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the box office Wednesday through Saturdays 12-6 p.m. and one hour before shows or online at http://www.regenttheatre.com/tick-



## COMMENTARY

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## Goodbye IKEA...and thank you



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Back in 1999, when IKEA bought prime riverfront property near the largely derelict Assembly Square Mall, Somerville was struggling to find the best way to unlock our city's stalled economic potential. We knew that the 45-acre Assembly Square sites would be one of the keys to our economic future, but we weren't sure exactly how to make it work.

IKEA saw Assembly Square as the logical location for a flagship store in a highly desirable market. Many Somerville residents saw IKEA as a welcome neighbor: it was a store that offered products that were popular with city dwellers and its presence would provide desperately-needed commercial property tax revenues to a community that was trying to build its business base after years of decline in large-scale business activity. An IKEA store also offered the promise of a jump-start for the redevelopment of the entire Assembly Square area as a regional retail center.

But from the moment it bought land in Somerville, IKEA was caught up in a long, complex, sometimes heated debate over the best possible use for this unique riverfront district. For many city residents, including the members of a community advocacy group called the Mystic View Task Force, Assembly Square wasn't a good location for any big box stores, no matter how popular. In their view, the highest and best use of Assembly Square would be the creation of a sustainable, transitoriented, mixed-use neighborhood. This smart-growth vision was possible because the MB-TA's Orange Line already ran

right through Assembly Square: all that was needed was a new stop along an existing line.

For IKEA, the problem was that the site they had purchased would cut off the heart of the development area from the best location for a new T station and the IKEA site also occupied a big chunk of what could be a beautiful riverfront park that would add tremendous appeal to a new Assembly Square neighborhood.

IKEA wasn't opposed to becoming part of this alternative vision, but the company knew that anything it built would be unavoidably - a big box store. Those who embraced the transit-oriented, mixed-use vision of Assembly Square thought that an IKEA store would be incompatible, and also maintained that the existing mall should be torn down as well.

When I campaigned for Mayor in 2003, I promised that I would "get Assembly Square moving again." I realized that, as in so much of life, all sides were going to have to compromise on their expectations to get most of

what they wanted - and I had already become a believer in the desirability of the mixed-use, smart-growth model.

The way forward turned out to be the recruitment of an experienced and pragmatic smartgrowth developer - Federal Realty Investment Trust - that could use the renovation and rehabilitation of existing mall as a revenue-producing launchpad for an adjacent (and much larger) smart-growth development. This solution was not universally popular, and the Mystic View Task Force argued it gave away too much of the site for more traditional retail concepts, but - in the end it was an approach that cleared the way for the creation of a new Assembly Square plan.

There were other crucial elements in getting to "yes" on Assembly Square. Former Conservation Law Foundation President Doug Foy negotiated an historic agreement between Federal Realty and the Mystic View Task Force; Federal and IKEA offered contributions to the cost of building the Assem-

bly Square Orange Line station (for which Congressman Capuano had already secured \$25 million in federal transit funds) - and, when the recession hit and the economy slowed, the Obama and Patrick Administration teamed with the City to provide \$130 million in public infrastructure financing to lock in a \$1.5 billion private investment.

But one of the most important factors in making Assembly Square possible was IKEA's willingness to enter into a land swap agreement that moved IKEA's footprint to a site behind the current Home Depot. That move connected the T stop to what will now be known as Assembly Row, and allowed Federal to develop an optimal riverfront park.

Last week, IKEA announced that changing economic models and forecasts convinced them that they no longer needed another store in the Boston area, and that a Somerville IKEA, although likely to be successful, would have undermined the business at their Stoughton store in era

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## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Another one bites the dust



In the last few years I have seen a lot of my old neighbors selling their houses. These are families that were already living on the

street when my family got here in 1961. Just last week, I found out that the house next door on my left is up for sale. And you can bet your bottom dollar that it will be turned into a CCC. A cookie cutter condo. You know what I'm talking about. Stainless appliances, marble countertops, a parking space or two, central A/C, and those storage cages in the basement. They buy up the houses, gut them, and sell them for astronomical prices.

For me, it's just sad to see a family's house go that route. It usually means the parents are either gone or in poor health, and the kids have their own homes so they sell, and split the profits. I know one family who are circling their mom's house like vultures just waiting to sell and divide the spoils. Sometimes they have to use the money to care for their parents as in some of my friend's cases.

It's just sad to see these houses fall into the hands of the condo developers or house flippers. Hey, they have the resources to buy these houses and remodel them for a profit and no one is begrudging them that. I'm speaking strictly from my heart when I say it's just too bad to see the end of an era. I hate progress...sometimes.

Two houses directly across from me have recently been sold. What a difference. I was friends for over 50 years with one family. I am looking at that house right now out my window and it still isn't finished after many months of remodeling. They sold the bottom floor but they have added two dormers to the top floor and it just drags on and on.

The house next to that one is huge. They sold that three family for over a million bucks. I remember many smiles and exchanges of small talk over the years with the original owners, their kids, and then their grandkids. The original owners are deceased and it was their son who finally sold and moved. I haven't met the new owner yet. I will miss celebrating Greek Easter in my friend's yard. They moved to Stoneham and I hope they don't forget my address and phone number when Easter rolls around. That was some good eating and some great fun!

I always hope we get good neighbors when a house is sold near us. So far we have been very lucky. I can honestly say that most of the people who have moved into my old friends' houses are very nice. I have deliberately started walking my dog up the street instead of down to College Ave. and up towards he park so I can meet more new neighbors. It's a great Somerville street. At one time we had three D-Day veterans on the street. We have a guy who plays the organ and piano and if your windows are open you get a nice serenade. He just moved here around ten years ago so hopefully he will stay for a while.

It's always a little stressful when a house is sold next door or across the street. Here are some of the things that stink about these conversions. They usually have a rickety old, oil leaking, run down, truck hauling out and returning dumpsters. Are there no new dumpster delivery trucks in this state? They have ruined the streets with the oil slicks they leave behind. I always worry about the nails that inevitably end up on the street. I am vigilant about scanning for stray nails. The work trucks use up all the parking spots on the street.

You never know if friendly people are going to move in or if you will get an introverted loner, a nut, or a weirdo. Luckily I can relate to all of these types. One of

the good things is that the workers usually have good taste in the music they blast while working!

As I speak, there are two conversion projects going on in my neighborhood, and one house up for sale. It's a nice oneway street with a history grounded in family values. If I ever decide to sell to the condo people I'm going to hold out for a bundle. But if I ever did sell, I would never be able to drive down the street again. I couldn't bear to see the house where my family grew up, and my children learned to play music. So I guess I will just pass the house onto the kids and they can decide what to do with it. I will make sure that I sign the proper documents that stipulate that they can't sell until I'm either in an assisted living situation, or gone.

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## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on four roll calls and local senators on five roll calls from the week of July 16-20.

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 MID-DLESEX. - 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.

#### **HABITUAL OFFENDERS (H 3818)**

House 139-14, Senate 31-7, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a conference committee version of the bill that denies parole eligibility for third-time violent felons for certain crimes.

Other provisions include requiring a two-thirds vote of the parole board to grant a prisoner parole while serving a single life sentence; preventing parole eligibility for felons serving multiple life sentences based on separate incidents; and reducing mandatory minimum sentences for certain non-violent drug offenses.

Supporters said this long overdue bill will take many violent offenders off the streets. The measure is dubbed "Melissa's Law," named for Melissa Gosule who was raped and murdered in 1999 by a repeat offender.

Some opponents said states that have moved away from mandatory minimum sentences have seen a reduction in crime. Others said the bill goes too far and does little to promote rehabilitation for non-violent offenders and prevent repeat offenders. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

#### \$10 MILLION FOR PAY RAISES FOR HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS (H 4200)

House 152-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's \$10 million veto reduction (from \$20 million to \$10 million) in funding for human service workers earning less than \$40,000 per year. The \$20 million total would have provided an average \$635 permanent pay hike for each of 31,500 workers.

Supporters of the additional \$10 million said this would provide long overdue pay increases for hardworking, underpaid human service workers who provide valuable services to thousands of vulnerable citizens including the homeless, seniors, abused children and individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

In his veto message, Patrick proposed using the additional \$10 million to pay for an ongoing but unfunded overhaul of rates the state pays for services of human-service agencies. He also wanted to use the original \$10

million for a one-time \$300 bonus per worker instead of a permanent pay raise. (A "Yes" vote is for the additional \$10 million.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### \$1.75 MILLION FOR FIRE SERVICES (H 4200)

House 152-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto reduction of \$1.75 million (from \$18.513 million to \$16.763 million) for fire services. The funds are used for administration of the Department of Fire Services, including the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Override supporters said the cuts would hurt the Fire Marshall's Office, the ability to respond to dangerous hazardous material situations and the training of recruits to become firefighters.

In his veto message, Patrick said he is "striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended." (A "Yes" vote is for the \$1.745 million.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### WAMPANOAGS AND CASINOS (H 4259)

House 113-39, approved the casino compact negotiated by Gov. Patrick and the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe to build a casino in Southeastern Massachusetts. The state would receive 21.5 percent of any casino revenue.

Supporters said this casino would be a big boost to Taunton, which has already approved a casino, and would generate millions of dollars for the state.

Opponents said the deal should include a deadline for the tribe to receive federal approval for placing the future casino land into trust - a key to the building of the casino. (A "Yes" vote is for the casino compact. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

## DECREASE SALES TAX FROM 6.25 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT (S 2350)

Senate 5-31, rejected an amendment reducing the 6.25 percent sales tax to 5.6 percent on August 1, 2013 and then to 5 percent on August 1, 2014.

Supporters of the reduction said this increased sales tax is hurting consumers and retail operations, especially those on the state's borders. They noted the reduction would stimulate the economy and save taxpayers \$1 billion.

Opponents said the state cannot afford the loss of revenue and predicted this tax cut would result in reductions to local aid, education, health care and human service programs. (A "Yes" vote is for reducing the tax to 5 percent. A "No" vote is against the reduction.)



## Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

## TWO-DAY SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (S 2350)

Senate 6-31, rejected a motion to delete a proposal that would allow consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on Saturday, August 11, and Sunday, August 12.

Supporters of the tax holiday said the holiday would boost retail sales and save taxpayers an estimated \$20 million. They argued the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the holiday said it actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years. (The roll call was on deleting the tax holiday. A "Yes" vote is for deleting it. A "No" vote is against deletion and favors the holiday.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**EXPAND BOTTLE BILL** - The Senate quietly, without debate and without a roll call vote, approved an amendment that would expand the state's existing bottle bill law requiring a deposit on beer and soda containers. The measure would also require deposits on bottles of water, ice tea, juice and sports drinks.

## FLYING FLAG AT HALF MAST (S 1573) - The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation re-

Senate approved and sent to the House legislation requiring the state flag to be flown at half mast following the death of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.

#### NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 4073) -

The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents and school employees; companies advising employees of work schedules; correctional facilities advising victims about their offenders; municipalities and state government; and health care companies delivering a healthcare message.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS (S 2265) - The House approved legislation that would designate the month of May as Blue Star Mothers Month. The organization provides support for mothers who have sons or daughters in active service in the war.

#### REGULATE AUTO GLASS REPAIR COMPA-

NIES (S 2216) - The House gave initial approval to a bill regulating auto glass repair companies and requiring them to register with the state's Division of Standards. Other provisions require the companies to have a physical address in Massachusetts and to keep a record of each vehicle on which they work.

## ALLOW SOME STORES TO OPEN ON THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS (H 4173)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing retail shops that sell foods and goods labeled in a foreign language, which make up more than 50 per cent of the shop's items, to be open on Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day. The store would have to receive permission from the municipal licensing board where it is located.

Supporters said the measure is aimed at allowing stores like Super 88 that serve the Asian community to be open on these holidays. They said many Asians do not celebrate these two holidays and should be allowed to shop at their supermarkets on those days.

MARRIAGE THERAPISTS (S 72) - The House gave initial approval to a measure adding licensed marriage and family therapists to the list of licensed mental health professionals required to be recognized by health insurance companies. The current list includes psychiatrists, psychologists, independent clinical social workers, mental health counselors and nurse mental health clinical specialists.

**SABBATICALS (H 3805)** - The House gave initial approval to a proposal reducing from seven years to six years the period of time a faculty member must work at a state university before being eligible for a sabbatical.

Supporters said this would make faculty sabbatical qualifications at state universities consistent with those used by private colleges.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"There are appurtenances like lights and signs that it would be good for us to be replacing more than currently we have the resources to do. But within the resources we have, we feel we are maintaining a safe transportation network." – Mass Department of Transportation Highway Administrator Frank DePaola at a press conference following the news that a light fixture fell onto a ramp leading to

the Tobin Bridge.

"It's not a surprise that the Senate would hear the voice of 77 percent of the public. It's certainly not a surprise that such a widely supported common sense measure would be adopted." – MASSPIRG Executive Director Janet Domenitz on Senate passage of an expansion of the bottle bill.

"We cannot continue to allow career criminals to terrorize and victimize our friends, loved ones and public servants." – House Speaker Robert DeLeo on passage of Melissa's Law that denies parole eligibility for third-time violent felons for certain crimes.

"It's not a bad bill, it's just not as good as it could have been." – Gov. Patrick on Melissa's Law.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of July 16-20, the House met for a total of 15 hours and 16 minutes while the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 28 minutes.

House 11:06 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Mon. July 16

7	Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.
Tues. July 17	House 11:01 a.m. to 3:48 p.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Wed. July 18	House 1:04 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Thurs. July 19	House 11:04 a.m. to 3:31 p.m. Senate 12:59 p.m. to 9:46 p.m.
Fri. July 20	No House session No Senate session

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## Goodbye IKEA...and thank you CONT. FROM PG 9

when more customers were already shopping online.

IKEA will put their 12-acre parcel on the market, and the City will ensure that future development at the site conforms to the mixed-use, transit-oriented approach that characterizes the rest of the Assembly Square development district.

Throughout their long association with the City, IKEA remained an honest and excellent partner. Even though they're not going to build here in Somerville, they made a lasting and positive contribution to the evolution and ultimate success of the Assembly Square redevelopment effort. They would have been good

neighbors, but their departure opens up their prime 12-acre site for the creation of something even better - and more closely aligned to our shared vision of a thriving new mixed-sue neighborhood.

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# Somerville's ArtBeat 2012: Migration

On July 20 and 21, the city of Somerville presented one of the area's largest and most innovative arts festivals, complete with two stages of music with over a dozen bands, dance troupes, 75 craft vendors, food and migrationthemed activities.

Migration evokes many ideas: movement, immigration, Monarch butterflies fluttering en masse and New England snowbirds heading to Florida's balmy shores. Artists were encouraged to explore migration in various ways. Visual artists examined how forms morph and move-like atoms within a molecule, for example. Dancers explored flight patterns of migratory birds. Other ideas included an interactive map project in which Somervillians trace their migratory route to Somerville. The migration theme was also explored from environmental, geo-political and intergalactic angles.

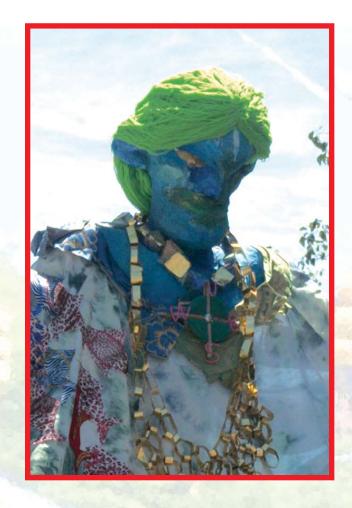






















Photos by Bobbie Toner

## **SOMERVILLE SPORTS**

## Somerville's win streak ends at eight-straight

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis' impressive winning streak has finally come to an end. Somerville started July with a two-game win streak already intact and kept their foot on the gas throughout majority of the month and got it up to eight games. Somerville defeated the AlThomas Athletics 6-3 to extend the streak, but it eventually concluded with a 10-5 loss to the Brighton Braves.

Somerville did something against the Athletics that they rarely allow to happen, get behind early. The Alibrandis have been notorious throughout the season about scoring in the early innings, but in this matchup Al-Thomas took a 1-0 lead after the first inning.

Somerville would get on the board in the fourth inning with three runs and then added to their lead with one run in the fifth and two runs in the sixth with a two-run home run by Mike Maguire. The Athletics would score a run in both the sixth and seventh innings, but it wasn't enough for a comeback.

Anthony Del Prete picked up his second win of the season, go-

ing all seven innings and allowing two earned runs while walking three and striking out four. Maguire led the offense, the only Somerville batter with multiple hits, runs and RBI.

Somerville would get behind for the second straight game after allowing three runs to Brighton in the second innings. The Alibrandis would get a hold of the lead in the fifth inning and led 5-4 going into the bottom of the sixth inning. This is where the wheels come off for the first time in nearly a month. The Somerville pitching would implode, giving up six runs in the inning on several hits, walks and hit by pitches. Down 10-5, Somerville couldn't produce a rally in the seventh inning and took the loss.

Chris Foundas, who has been very good this season, was given the loss after allowing nine earned runs over 5.1 innings of work. Jay Wisner recorded the final two outs in Brighton's big sixth inning. David Scioli was one of the bright spots in the Somerville lineup, producing three hits and driving in three runs.

The Alibrandis will look to put the loss behind them when



The Somerville Alibrandis snapped their impressive winning streak with a loss to the Brighton Braves last week.

they take on the Medford Maddogs on Monday at home. Somerville will travel to Brighton on Thursday, but to

face the Black Sox and not the and the Stoneham Sabers. Braves. The Alibrandis will also play Friday and Saturday against the Forest Hills Force

There are only a handful of regular seasons games remaining and every win is crucial.

## Somerville natives represent Metro **Softball and Baseball Metro Region**

By Allison Caloggero

The 2012 Bay State Games were held July 9-13 at Bentley University and the Veterans Field Complex in Waltham. The softball and baseball competitions wrapped up on Friday July 13th. Somerville natives Jonathan Santana Arias (Somerville HS), Jennifer White (Somerville HS) and defeated the West region by a programs each year.

Courtney Casey (Arlington Catholic HS) represented the Metro teams.

The Metro baseball team fell out of medal contention loosing to Coastal 8-3 after tying the game at 3 in the top of the fifth. The Metro softball team captured the bronze medal despite a one-run lead in the first inning by the West team. The Metro

score of 5-2.

The Bay State Games are an Olympic style athletic event for some of the best amateur athletes in Massachusetts. The Games have over 25 sports and are made up of divisional teams from different regions of the state. More than 30,000 people from 300 cities and towns participate in its

# Ms. Cam's

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- 3. Why do leopards have all those spots?
- 4. Who was the Paper Lion?
- 5. What was officially adopted as the name for artificial silk?
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- 7. In a cocktail called Bellini what is the fruit

- ingredient?
- 8. What fastener did Whitcomb Judson patent in 1893?
- 9. Where does the Hang Seng index follow the listings from?
- 10. Beside the Children's TV show, what other profession did Mr. Rogers have?
- 11. What piece of jewelry does Mr. Clean wear, as shown in his commercials?
- 12. What is calcium carbonate normally known

Answers on page 21

# Arts at the Armory Café



The Arts at the Armory Café announces its new summer hours. Starting May 29, the Café is open Monday through Thursday noon to 6:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, noon to 8:00 pm; and Sunday noon to 5:00 pm., serving a menu that includes flatbread pizzas, sandwiches on artisan breads, soups, quiche, fresh baked desserts, craft beers and delicious wines.



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## **Luminarium Dance Company at the Armory**

#### By Tatiana Kombo

After a successful presentation at this year's Somerville ArtBeat Festival, the Luminarium Dance Company begins its second season of non-traditional, thought-provoking performance and installation art by presenting its projects at the Armory from July 29 to August 4.

The Luminarium Dance Company is an outlet for the performing arts, but also a "think tank, a museum, a gallery for for contemporary dance and contemporary ideas." Merging dance with film, music and video production, Luminarium is a true interdisciplinary gem.

Last January, the Luminarium Dance Company received a grant from the Somerville Cultural Council that allowed it to collect donated objects from the local community which were then utilized to construct an installation art piece. The latter will be used as a set in the company's performance of *Mythos: Pathos Project* at the Armory.

Kimberleigh Holman, one of Luminarium's artistic directors and choreographers says, "Hopefully Somerville, as an art appreciating community, is ready to explore my work just as I have been exploring it for the past few months." Beyond its main production which will explore figures of Greek mythology, the company's residency at the Armory will include master classes, talkbacks and gallery hours for the local community to learn more about the intersections of

...Luminarium shows how limitless the art of choreography can be

movement, sound and light.

In offering these activities, Luminarium shows how limitless the art of choreography can be. Merli Guerra, Luminarium's second co-founder and artistic director describes *Andromeda Solo*, one of the company's pieces, as "a new interpretation of the story of Andromeda, though unlike most versions of the myth, we are beginning her story at the end...when she wakes up in the sky as a constellation."

The company will continue gathering materials from the Somerville community through the end of July in order to combine the objects and form new installation art pieces.



Luminarium Dance Company sheds light on the art of choreography and movement.

# Mayor Joe and his sons on a morning Mystic River cruise

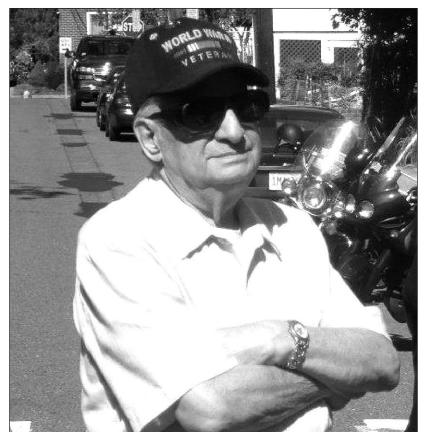


Somerville's Mayor Joseph Curtatone and his four sons Cosmo, Joseph, Patrick and James enjoyed this weekend's fantastic weather with a Sunday morning canoe ride on the Mystic River. Canoes can be rented by the public at Blessing of The Bay Boathouse located at 32 Shore Drive in Somerville. Boat rentals are available, so you can take a peek at the world from the water. Paddle around on the Mystic River for \$10/hr. per boat, or half day/whole day pricing is available. If you've got a big group, call Somerville Recreation Department at (617) 625-6600 and ask about pricing and amount of people needed for group rates. There is a free parking lot adjacent to the building. Tables and benches are available that you can eat lunch at. Enjoy a nice summer day paddling on the Mystic River.

William Tauro

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## Person of the Week



Meet Danny Spinosa, a lifelong Somerville resident, businessman, and family man, who served his country with distinction and valor during World War II. He came home after the war and together with his best friend and wife for many years, Mary, started a family and raised five children, five grandchildren and now have five great grandchildren. If you know the Spinosa family, all of them have the same qualities of Danny and Mary, good ethics and high standards were instilled in them growing up. Danny is a self-made successful businessman here in the city in several different businesses, all of which added something special to the city. Danny, who was very active politically in the 50's, 60's and early 70's, was involved in a couple of administrations early on. In particular, his friend former Mayor Jim Brennan. Every time you see this guy he's always got a smile and a great sense of humor. He has fond memories of the past here in Somerville as well. He's got a lot of friends to this day here. Everyone who knows him will tell you he's a great guy and we wish him all the best here at The News. When you see him around the city say "Hi" and talk to him. You'll have a great conversation with a great guy.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS** OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** MAYOR

**PLANNING DIVISION** 

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

844 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2012-10) Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Talp II, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and two equipment cabinets. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

331-333 Broadway (Case #PB 2012-11) Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Anthony K. Paone, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and one equipment cabinet. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.

6 Kensington Ave: (Case #PB 2012-12) Applicant Katie-Rose Wagner and Owner George Hatzis seek a Special Permit under SZO \$6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the existing building including new signage, and to legalize recent alterations including new windows and the infilling of a garage door. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

ASQ Block 4: (Case #PB 2011-15-R1-7/2012) Applicant AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc. & Owner Street Retail Inc. seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A # PB 2011-15-R1 (7/2012) under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to construct an additional tier of parking for a total of 539 parking spaces. The original permit was for final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 for Block 4. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article \$16.8.3 and \$5.2, to construct a 5-story, approx 439,660 gsf project including approx 253 residential units, approx 43,975 gsf of a mix of retail, restaurant and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP, along with approx 505 parking spaces, two loading bays, and associated service areas. The residential development was subject to inclusionary housing requirements under §13.2. The Applicant and Owner also sought a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade. A waiver was required under SZO \$6.4.12 and \$16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under \$9.16.3 and \$9.7.

ASQ Block 5: (Case #PB 2012-13) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Assembly Sq, LLC- Assembly Square Mall, Federal Realty Investment Trust & others seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 206 spaces to serve retail in Blocks 1, 3 & 4, ASMD, PUD-A Zones, Ward 1,

ASO Block 6: (Case #PB 2012-14) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Assembly Sq, LLC- Assembly Square Mall, Federal Realty Investment Trust & others seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 225 spaces to serve retail in Blocks 1, 3 & 4. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1. Somerville

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





Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI 12D2682DR

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Francine Allard

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

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**Ibson Leao Do Nascimento** 

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your answer, if any, on or before 08/30/2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 19, 2012

> Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate**

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**LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

30 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2012-56) Applicant and Owner Peter Heller seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make façade alterations to the existing nonconforming single-family structure and to convert the existing attached garage into living space. RA

32 Hinckley St: (Case #ZBA 2012-58) Applicant and Owner Middlesex Enterprises, LLC, seeks Special Permits with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 to construct a second principal structure on the lot containing three additional dwelling units, resulting in five total dwelling units at the property. RB zone.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant Published in Somerville News on 7/18/12 & 7/25/12.

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP # 13-15

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for the lease of commercial space to be used as a police substation serving the neighborhood of West Somerville.

A Request for Qualifications (RFP) may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, via email: <a href="mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov">purchasing@somervillema.gov</a> or online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids on or after: Wednesday, July 25, 2012. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The preferred space will be large enough to accommodate a vestibule/reception area and two offices for a total of approximately 900 ft<sup>2</sup>. The space should also include a restroom facility and additional basement storage space of approximately 1000 ft2.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director**

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## An evening with Klezwoods at Johnny D's

By Max Sullivan

Johnny D's will be rocking with an Eastern flare this coming Sunday night as Klezwoods bring their unique take on traditional klezmer music.

Klezwoods are not your traditional klezmer group. While rooted in the traditional Jewish musical form, the group's members have a fascination with all Eastern music. Balkan, Egyptian, Polish, Arabic, Israeli, Gypsy- all of these flavors have crept into the Klezwoods sound. There is even a hint of Americana in there. Sam Dechenne, the band's trumpet player and booker, grew up with a personal love of Dixie-land jazz.

Along with the unique and upbeat sounds of the Eastern klezmer music, Klezwoods also often features belly dancers to move to the music. This Sunday, the band's friend - AKA "Hybrid" - will be the featured dancer. Belly dancing is not aswith traditional Klezmer music, but as stated before, this is not a typical klezmer group. It is a melting pot of Eastern music. Dechenne said the group thought it would be a good fit to incorporate the Gypsy tradition of belly dancing into their shows.

"The communication between the music and the dance is a really interesting thing because belly dancing is not a klezmer tradition at all," said Dechenne. "But, because our band is not a traditional klezmer band, we fuse so many styles together, and one of those styles is Arabic music and music that has that gypsy music feel to it, so we're open to new things."

Dechenne said the belly dancing adds a great deal to the experience. The dancing and the music, he said, meshes seamlessly together for an interesting effect.

"She interacts with the musicians really, really well," said Dechenne, "And we interact with her really well in a magical way that makes here really fun visually and you can almost see the music through her dancing and vise versa."

Klezwoods came together at Christmas time in 2007. Originally, the bandleader, Joe Kessler, was approached by the Atwoods Tavern in Cambridge about putting together a different sort of Christmas performance.

"It was kind of funny, a Jewish, Klezmer Christmas," Dechenne.

That night, the band came together, incorporating Kessler's musical friends as well as some of the best local Klezmer talent in players like accordion player Michael Mcglaughin. Since then, the band has stuck around.

Klezwoods will be playing music from their upcoming second album, 30th Meridian: From Cairo to St. Petersburg with Love. The name derives from the concept of following the 30th Meridian from Egypt to Russia, traveling through the different lands "where all of our music is from," said Dechenne.

"We talked about making this CD kind of special and not just making a CD to make a CD," said Dechenne. "A real album that kind of tells a story. So we put together this album with a mix of songs that, everything we do is on that CD, and I'm very, very proud of it."

After the show on Sunday, the band will be kicking off a CD release tour at the Regatta Bar in Boston. The tour will extend down to New York and up to New Hampshire.

While some of the members have been playing klezmer music their whole lives, like Kessler, Dechenne was not introduced to the music until more recently. However, he



Klezwoods play Johnny D's this coming Sunday night.

was not totally unfamiliar with Eastern music tradition. In high school, Dechenne had a good Egyptian friend who showed him the music of his country. Dechenne became completely fascinated with Arabic music.

"I grew up listening to a lot of Arabic music and loving it, actually, and playing it," said Dechenne. "For me personally I've always been attracted to melodies and the harmonies of a lot of music from the Middle East."

Accompanying Klezwoods are Tickets are \$10.

their opening act, Cirkestra, a group that Klezwoods are extremely proud to bring with them, said Dechenne. In fact, the two groups share tuba player Jim Gray. Led by Berklee professor Peter Pufano, the group plays their own original circus themed music with flavors of klezmer sounds, boxcar blues and others.

See Klezwoods and Cirkestra Sunday night, July 29, at Johnny D's in Davis Square. The show starts at 8 p.m. with Cirkestra. Klezwoods goes on at 9:30.

## City breaks ground at Chuckie Harris Park

Roche joined members of the Harris family - the park is named for son/brother Chuckie Harris - staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Ground View Landscape Architects, and more than 50 East Somerville residents and community members for the groundbreaking on Cross Street on Friday, July 13.

The park, named for a young Somerville resident who lost his life in an accident in 1970, currently consists of a concrete lot, but will incorporate design elements for residents of all ages when complete. From months of community input,

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone final design plans include a wa- design of Chuckie Harris Park, and Ward 1 Alderman Bill ter feature which doubles as a and I look forward to our grand movie screen, innovative play structures for all ages, cafe seating areas, community gardens, integrated lighting and 80 new trees. It is slated to open in spring 2013.

"Residents of East Somerville have long awaited the renovation of this parcel of land on Cross Street, and I know everyone looks forward to the addition of a dynamic, green playspace that incorporates elements for kids and adults of all ages," Mayor Curtatone said. "I want to thank Ground View Architects, Alderman Roche, and members of the East Somerville community for all of your input into the reopening and ribbon cutting next spring."

"This groundbreaking was the culmination of many positive meetings involving direct abutters, neighborhood families, elder representatives from the neighborhood, and community organizations like Teen Empowerment. In fact, one of the meetings was dedicated to involving neighborhood young children in designing their own park. This park was truly a product that resulted from direct neighborhood involvement," said Alderman Roche. "The groundbreaking was a proud event, bringing



Members of the Harris family, with Mayor Curatone and Ward 1 Alderman Bill Roche, at the site of the future Chuckie Harris Park.

the Harris family together with the community to keep Chuckie's memory alive through the renovation of

this park in his name."

For more information on the project, visit www.somervillema.gov.



## 'VILLENS ON THE TOWN •

#### **FOR CHILDREN AND** YOUTH

#### Wednesday July 25

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool: Sweet Dreams: Favorite Bedtime Fairy Tales with Diane Edgecomb

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

#### **Central Library**

Kidstock: The Velveteen Robot 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Sunsetters Performance** Hall Ave|7 p.m.

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

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

#### Thursday July 26

#### **Central Library**

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Sunsetters Performance**

Special Olympics|Trum Field|5:30

#### SomerMovie Fest

The Muppets(2011) (PG-13) Dusk|Seven Hills Park|Davis Square

#### Friday July 27

#### **Central Library**

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

**BUSY** 

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

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

#### Sunday July 29

#### Seize the Summer at SomerStreets: Noon-4:00 P.M. (Rain or Shine Event) Highland Avenue: Walnut Street to

#### Cedar Street Monday July 30

#### **Sunsetters Performance**

9 Ames Street | 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday|July 31

#### West Branch Library

Preschool Garden Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

#### **Central Library**

Earth Myths from Around the World: Cherokee Deer Story 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Sunsetters Performance** Bryant Manor 7 p.m.

Wednesday August 1 East Branch Library

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

#### **Sunsetters Performance**

Capen Court VNA (@ VNA - indoors)|7 p.m.

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating

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

#### MUSIC Wednesday July 25

#### Johnny D's

Quarteto Olinda 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Dermont Byrne wth Florian Black & Padraig Rynne with Ryan McGiver 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### PA'S Lounge

Unrighteous Creature|Cause a Rockslide|Wolf Blitzer|Analog 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Precinct Bar**

3penny Open Mic 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

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

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Rosebud Bar

Kat Givens|Old Hat|Personal Finance 381 Summer St

#### **Arts At The Armory**

Chris Wilson plays Arts at the Armory 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday July 26

#### Johnny D's

Township|Bow Thayer & Perfect Trainwreck|Cask Mouse 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Scattershot 80's Night 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Skippy Skip|Lousy Instruments|Hello

#### 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Precinct Bar**

**Private Party** 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### **Rosebud Bar**

Grace Askew Featuring Davis Cohen|Last of the Independents | Moonstone Lady 381 Summer St.

#### **Somerville Theatre**

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

#### Arts At The Armory

Arts at the Armory Dance Party featuring Somerville's own Sal Islam! 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Cantina la Mexicana

The Roy Sludge Trio featuring Duke Levine 8 p.m. 247 Washington St.

#### Friday July 27

#### Johnny D's

The Flies|The Bristols|Piranha Bros|Sourpuss|The Hired Men 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Radioactive Rustlers | 6 p.m. Shady Grady & The Nobodies, Hail Laveau \$5 cover |9 p.m. 35 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### **Precinct Bar**

Hear Now Live Presents:Skyfoot|The Jauntee|Jammin' Toast|Moxa 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### PA'S Lounge

Corey R-J|Melt Alaska|LT and the Gypsies|Luna La Sun 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

#### 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's**

Jess Tardy Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

#### **Rosebud Bar**

Battle of the Bands|Beta Phase 381Summer St

#### Casev's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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

Arts At The Armory Olivia Brownlee presents a Back-In-Boston Concert-in-the-Cafe 7:30 p.m.|Cafel191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday July 28

#### Johnny D's

The Dogmatics|New Frustrations||Lenny Lashleys Gang Of One|Lucky 88's|White Dynomite 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Max Jeffers, Dan HL, Luke Mulholland Band \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren Red Square

**Precinct Bar** Hear Now Live Presents:Private Shapes|Skinny Cleveland|The Townies|Craig Martinson & The Heartbeats|Fantastic Liars

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Karaoke 65 Holland St

#### PA'S Lounge

Moontowers|Your 33 Black Angels|Yankee Power 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Paddy Saul Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

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

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Rosebud Bar

Anarchangel|Melt|The Chris Allen Power Trip|The Voluptuaries 381 Summer St

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### Cantina la Mexicana 8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

#### Sunday|July 29

Johnny D's Open Summer Blues Jam|4:30 p.m. Klezwoods|Cirkestra|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

#### Grunge Brunch|11a.m.-3 p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave 617-776-1557 Precinct Bar Random AKA Mega Ran|open Mike

eagle|Shane Hall|Robot Sex Music

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### **Rosebud Bar** Karaoke

381 Summer St

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Arts At The Armory Bands

#### Highland Ave

#### Johnny D's

Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m. Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors 9:30 p.m.

Bur Run|6:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**PA'S Lounge** 

#### **Precinct Bar**

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

#### 6045

JohnnyD's

**IOTrio** 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Panda Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### On The Hill Tavern

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

#### Amaral 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

**Highland Kitchen** Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of

#### 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

Karaoke

#### 381 Summer St

the month

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

#### 8200

#### Wednesday|August 1 Johnny D's

Federator #1|Berklee Bob Marley Ensemble 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Free Poker, lots of prizes 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Sports Trivia

Mira|Butterknife|Crinkle Face

#### 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Precinct Bar**

3penny Open Mic 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

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

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

#### Rosebud Bar

Sour Doo Dahs|Stereofidelics 381 Summer St

Arts At The Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday July 25

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

#### Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Thursday July 26

#### West Branch Library

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

Final Fenway Fiction Reading

#### 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** 

**Swirl and Slice** 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday July 28

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

**Union Square Farmer's Market** 

#### Holland St Sunday July 29

**Unity Church of God** 

#### 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Family Groups

basement.

Monday July 30 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### (Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

646-712-2736

**Central Library** Writing Our Life Stories, part of a Six-Part Memoir Writing Workshop Mike Alvarez

6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Beginning Hawaiian Hula 6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

#### Tuesday July 31 **Central Library**

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Third Life Studio Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-

#### 628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com Wednesday August 1

The Art of Singing Group

#### **Central Library**

Third Life Studio

Book Group: Mystery 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Game Night

Seize the Summer Youth Battle of the

#### Monday|July 30

#### 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

#### 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

#### Tuesday July 31

Sally O'Brien's Bar

#### Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

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

Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 **Rosebud Bar** 

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PA'S Lounge

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

THINGS

## PLACES



#### ENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Musical Conversation with Alan is July 26 at 12:30 at Holland Street. A great time is always had by all. Don't miss out and it is free.

NEW EXERCISE CLASS: Yoga for Balance with a great new instructor, Muire. The class is from 1:20 pm - 2:30 pm. \$5 per class. Great class to stretch, strengthen and relax. Holland Street Center.

You asked! We responded! Additional Zumba gold class at Ralph & Jenny on Tuesdays from 11:30 - 12:30. Come join Sue for a great class.

Get your ticket to the Annual Mayor's Picnic by calling our office at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. The picnic is August 8.

We have a great book club that is open to everyone. It meets the third Friday of every month. Call Janine at

Our Swinging Singing Seniors have been renamed "The Moonlighters." Come Mondays at 10:30 to Holland Street.

It is Bingo and Supper time at Holland Street. Join us for a great afternoon of Bingo and a wonderful early

Farmer's Market - Every Thursday at Holland Street from 11:00 a.m - 1:00 pm. 55+ -half price.

Shear Madness - July 31. Come join us as we go to see Shear Madness. Voted "Best Comedy of the Year" seven times by the Boston Globe. Come for dinner, transportation and great show. RSVP soon.

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

#### Do you crochet or would you like to learn?

Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

**Knitting Group** - Knitter extraordinaire Sandy Costa is volunteering her time and talents to run a kitting group and share her knitting know-how with anyone who is interested. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 for more details.

**Exercise tip of the week:** Dust your house! Any nonstationary activity for 20 minutes improves your

#### **Trip Corner:**

Shear Madness - July 31.

Suffolk Downs - Live horse racing - August 1.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival - Walking, eating, shopping - September 9.

**Suffolk Downs** - Live Horse Racing - September 19.

Twin Rivers - September 25.

Winnipesaukee Turkey Train - Turkey Dinner, Train Ride, Shopping and more October 2.

Penn Dutch Country - An Amish Experience October 8

Foxwoods - Beatlemania! - September 25.

Join us in our exercise classes:

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Yoga for Balance - Monday at 1:30. Holland Street. \$5. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - new class - Tuesday 11:30 - 12:30 Ralph & Jenny. \$5. All levels welcome

Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street. \$5. All levels welcome. Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street.

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 -

2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers. Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

Indoor Exercises/Walking Club - all three centers. Walking Club has begun again. Check at each center for the schedule.

#### July 25

#### Hanscom AFB

#### **Holland Street Center**

NO QiGong this week! Try Zumba! Flexibility @ Balance|9:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

Closed

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### Farmers' Market

#### **Holland Street Center**

Current Events Group 10 a.m. Indoor Exercise/Walking Club|11 a.m. Farmer's Market - half price for 55+|11 a.m. MusicalConversation with Alan - free 12:30 p.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. Supper 3 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

Indoor Exercise/Stretching|10:30 a.m, Bingo|12:45 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### July 27

#### **Springfield Museums**

#### **Holland Street Center** Indoor/Walking|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed on Fridays for the summer 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Center Closed 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

**Holland Street Center** 

#### 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x. 2300 **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation 10:30 a.m.

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

Swinging Singing Moonlighters |10:30 a.m.

Yoga for Strength and Balance 1:30 p.m.

#### July 31

Closed

#### **Shear Madness**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercises 9:15 a.m. SHINE by appt|10 a.m. Line Dancing |3 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x. 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Flexibility & Balance 10:30 a.m. Zumba Gold|11:30 a.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### August 1

#### **Suffolk Downs**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. QiGong|1:15 p.m. Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

#### **Cross Street Center** Center Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

**Computer Tutorial** - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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

## Moonlighters at the ball game



The Somerville Swinging Moonlighters had the honor of singing the National Anthem at the Lowell Spinner's baseball game July 20. Jimmy Del Ponte conducted the group. It was a beautiful night with a great crowd cheering the singers on.

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## 'The Dark Knight Rises' - a third act to a trilogy

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The Dark Knight Rises is more in line with Star Wars' Return of the Jedi than it is an offspring of Spiderman 3 or X-Men 3, typical comic book fare. This movie removes the third installment curse of the genre and presides over a terrific denouement to the tale of the Caped Crusader.

A local Boston institute security officer, Sakhonh Kheuamun, goes as far as to say that it is "the best in the trilogy, a satisfying ending to the saga which brings the story full circle." Sakhonh barely made it in time for the movie over the weekend as seats filled up fast, eventually selling out.

Unlike Return of the Jedi, a pack of ravenous teddy bears does not kidnap the princess. Instead the reveal of the princess' true identity is the first of a series of special twists that close the film in vignettes of a beat-by-beat montage. At the start of the film, Nolan assumes that the avid viewer has already been initiated into the life and times of Bruce Wayne, vigilante by night, the Batman. For further reading of the secret princess' origins, check out the graphic novel Batman: Son of the Demon, only after having seen this movie, which is at the height of the comic book movie genre game.

This chapter plays out like a third act to Dark Knight's soulful Empire Strikes Back and Batman Begins' hopeful New Hope. Ironically, that first film contains the mirrored brilliant mise en scene of beat-by-beat introductions to this comic book opera. Begins foretells with its own montage the satisfying book end that plays out in Dark Knight Rises' closing minutes. The very ending propels the movie into the top 100 movie endings.

With respect to a movie more in tune with flights of fantasythe Man of Steel trailer went up before The Dark Knight Rises prints-the audience sat silent as the high end yield of depth of field Terrence Malick-esque footage of the young Superman whetted appetites for Nolan's return to graphic novel filmmaking; this time his role is producer, but a watchful eye nonetheless over the usual kaleidoscope of cinematography that is normally a part of director Zach Snyder's work. The trailer features Lord of the Rings music, and comes in a pair of Kevin Costner/ Pa Kent



The Dark Knight Rises is now playing at the Somerville Theater in Davis Square.

and Russell Crowe/Jor-El voice-overs.

If Nolan's one hindrance to Rises must be mentioned, it is that this chapter's second act doesn't hold a candle to the previous installment's operatic flourish. Rather than Gotham's mob receiving direction from a loon-the director resides on simplicity to note the developments of the mid point, which enter into a sequential art counterpart to the Batman: No Man's Land series that is brought on by Rises' first act parallel to the 90s serialized Knightfall, at the hands of a Frankenstein like Bane. Forgive the spoilers if you haven't delved into the Batman issues referenced, but in Knightfall, Batman goes head to head with the beastly Bane and No Man's Land tells of the United States cutting off Gotham from any aid when they are in dire need. The simplicity of the second act's scripting may be off putting but it serves to provide gestation for the serialized roots.

All the performances are superbly directed. But if anyone has improved since his Oscar win in The Fighter, it is Bale who reigns in his gruff, pit bull voice as Batman and inverts it into an aging, wounded animal, a corollary to the silent right hooks of Bane which Nolan feels better left unheard, like deafening blows to the spirit of the Caped Crusader. But is the role of the vigilante up for grabs? Is this journeyman's plight truly over? The Somerville Theater in Davis Square will be playing the film all day during this landmark's run.

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1. It means they died

6. It is a shawl woven from the fine down of the en-

change

2. Poppies

dangered Tibetan antelope

10. He was an ordained Presbyterian Minister

3. They act as camouflage

4. George Plimpton

7. Peaches

8. The zipper

12. Chalk

11. An earring

5. Rayon

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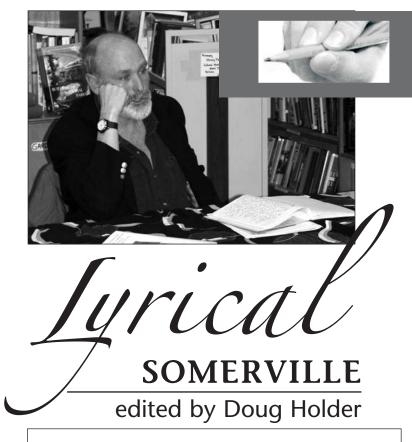
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12:00	Free Speech TV	7:30	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch	3:30	Physician Focus	12:00	Democracy Now!
6:00	Somerville Biking News Share The Road	8:00 (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30	The Struggle	1:00	Ablevision
7:00	Drug Awareness	9:30	Affordable Housing in Union Square	3:00	Somerville Biking News	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
8:00	Democracy Now!	10:00	Somerville Rocks	4:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
9:00	Abugida TV	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	4:30	Back In The Day	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
10:00	PorchFest 2012	11:00	Creepy Castle	5:00	Affordable Housing mtg. 6/6/12	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
11:00	Somerville News Reading	Friday, July 27		6:00	Somerville Idol Reaching for the Stars	3:30	Esoteric Science
12:00	Democracy Now!	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:00	David Parkman	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	6:00	Live Response	9:00	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00	Culture Club
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	7:00	Bed Bugs Summit	10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	5:30	Talking About Somerville
2:00	Culture Club	8:00	Democracy Now!	11:00	GAY TV	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
2:30	Life Matters	9:00	Truth About Drugs	Sunday, July 2	29	6:30	Perils For Pedestrians
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00	Free Speech TV	7:00	Somerville Biking News
3:30	Inside Talk	11:00	Back In The Day	6:00	Show De Faith	8:00	MDOT McCarthy Overpass
4:00	Thom Hartman show	11:30	Somerville Housing	6:30	Flipside	9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
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6:00	Al Jazeera	3:00	Brunch W/ Senator Sanders	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00	Art@SCATV
6:30	Ethanol Transportation	4:00	Neighborhood Cooking W/ Candy	10:00	International Church of God	Tuesday, July 3	1
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8:00 (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	5:00	National Wildlife Foundation	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	6:00	Anti-Drug Program
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7:00	Somerville Biking News Share The Road	11:00	Somerville Rocks	6:00	Abugida TV	2:00	Portrait of Somerville
8:00	Democracy Now!	11:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	7:00	African National TV	3:30	Active Aging
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10:00	Active Aging	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:30	Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12	5:00 (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
10:30	Jeff Jam Sing Along	6:00	Arabic Hour	9:00	Active Aging	5:30	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
11:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30	National Wildlife Foundation	6:00	Al Jazeera
12:00	Democracy Now!	8:00	Jeff Jam Show	10:00	AARP	6:30	The Struggle
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A poem for one's gallbladder--what gall! And poet Robin Stratton certainly has it.

Robin Stratton has been a writing coach in the Boston area for almost 20 years. She is the author of *The Revision Process, A Guide for Those Months or Years Between Your First Draft and Your Last,* and two chap-



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Vestigial You ~ for GB

You have been with me my whole life.
Pear-shaped pouch nestled beneath
my diaphragm; anatomically obsolete but
willing to aid in my digestion by storing bile.

Your revolt began when I was 25 and for the next 25 years you masqueraded as an ulcer; rebelling against stress and responding to antacids popped one, two, sometimes three.

Finally one night you sent me to the ER. Outlaw in my upper abdomen, you harbored stones who waged war on my narrow, irritable bile ducts.

I attempted to implement a Peace Treaty with you; I would eat less fat and you would continue to do your job. An agreement you violated within just a few months.

And so, gallbladder, I took you to see a surgeon. She said What are you waiting for? Have it out! Any normal person would have said Okay; but I resisted. Like it or not, you are part of me.

I asked my surgeon, Can we take out the stones but leave the gallbladder in? And she laughed; It's not a gallbladder issue, she explained. It's a bile issue. And suddenly I understood.

GB, it wasn't your fault; you did nothing wrong. Like a competent, efficient foreman you coordinated and monitored your part of the process. You worked hard, you've been great.

That's why I am so sad to say that you will not be rewarded for your 50+ years of service; you will be eased out through an unsuspecting orifice, and discarded.

The stones will go to a lab to be biopsied. And I will go home, belly dotted with stitches, and have to face my furious naval; its opening a startled bruised O!

– Robin Stratton

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## Poet Wendy Ranan Continues the Literary Tradition of McLean Hospital with her new poetry collection - The Quiet Room

The Quiet Room: Poems: Wendy Ranan (Deerbrook Editions POBOX 542 Cumberland, ME 04021 www.deerbrookeditions.co) \$16.95

Wendy Ranan is a psychotherapist at McLean Hospital, and is an accomplished poet. Both Ranan and I have worked at McLean, (a psychiatric hospital that has been designated a national literary landmark) for decades. At McLean Anne Sexton lead her famed workshops, Robert Lowell paced the halls of Bowditch House, and Sylvia Plath got her inspiration for her novel The Bell Jar. Surprisingly Ranan and I have never met in the flesh and have not even heard of each other until recently. But Ranan connected with me through my friends at the Grolier Poetry Bookshop in Harvard Square. She sent me a new collection of her poetry The Quiet Room, and the book has a number of poems that concern McLean. Now a Quiet Room can be a room of one's own as Virginia Woolf once wrote about, or it can an isolation room for psychotic and violent patients who are in danger of harming themselves and others. And in a sense many of Ranan's McLean Hospital poems have a a quiet contemplative sense to them, but in the background there is the buzz of inner turmoil of the patients and even at times the poet herself.

McLean Hospital is located about six miles from downtown Boston, and the grounds were designed by the great landscape designer Fredrick Law Olmsted. Ironically Olmsted was hospitalized at McLean and died there as well. On the grounds, on any given day, I have seen deer, muskrats, rabbits, coyotes, hawks, crows, geese, and in the past few years a wild turkey or two. This is to say the grounds, although much has been sold off in the past years, are quite beautiful and we are certainly not divorced from nature. And Ranan runs with this in many of her poems. Not to sound like some New Age guru - but we are all connected from the celebrated psychiatrist with all the trappings of prestige to the night janitor who cleans the floors of his office - not to mention the toad that leaps into a protective bush to evade a predator.

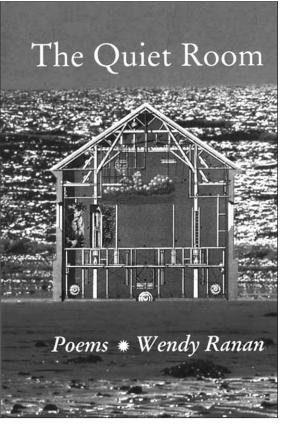
No matter how the walls of the institution separate the wards of the ward - nature has a way of connecting and providing, however fleeting, a sense of transcendence. But it can also be a reflection of one's inner distortions - nature makes no distinction. In the poem To Be Invisible Ranan gets in the disturbed head of an anorexic as she runs through a field —

.... She sees that whatever grows
is gone; pods pushed out of trees, lilac
crusted under its smothering scent,
She speeds her pace

vanishing between reeds and blue lace where no reaper can see her.

She hides in the hollow of socket, skull, anything empty enough to sing through.

And in the poem Asylum nature intercedes, clowning around, breaking the boundaries of the institution--and also providing a window for self awareness:



The new staff doesn't yet know /about boundaries,/how not to allow/the wildlife in too close/where crumbs are flung/from the ward's veranda/to crows clowning/between the growing rows/ of need. One dons a paper cup/for beak and struts disputes upright;/others settle publicly/with aplomb or loiter like birds/Hitchcock cast to attack, the first twist in song, audible/ even to these frozen/figures strapped/into wheelchairs and rolled over Olmsted lawns./...The turn of sweet birds/bloom from a warped mind wanting,/above all/to catapult viewers/into spasms of heightened awareness/wings beat back into boarded doors.

I have only chosen to focus on the McLean poems in this collection, but there is a great deal of other work to admire.

Ranan inscribed my review copy with: From another voice in the tunnels. At McLean there is a network of underground tunnels that connect the various units of the hospital. And I think in a sense working at McLean is working underground. We work with a slice of life that is often not seen by the general population. The clients we see are often underground with their pain and their lives. Ranan brings some light to the end of the tunnels through her profession and her art.

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71353759 \$419,000.
Two family, Winter Hill area. 11 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Updated roof and heating systems.
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### North Reading



71341549 \$165,000.
Condo, 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Eat-inkitchen w/ newer maple cabinets. Great complex with pool and BBQ area.

#### Malden



71407488 \$289,000.
Single family Colonial.
6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2
baths. Walk up attic,
finished but not heated.
Nice Fenced yard.

#### Somerville



71409298 \$387,000.
Single family on a dead end street. Old Farm
House with barn. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths.
Short walk to Harvard and Union Square.







