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Fire frenzy wreaks havoc on Calvin St.



Photo by Teresa Hohenstein

Last Thursday's multi-unit fire on Calvin St. brought firefighters from surrounding communities in to help battles the blaze that had the potential to do a lot more damage than it did.

By Harry Kane

A large fire broke out in Somerville, burning down a pair of three-decker houses, and damaging neighboring homes on Calvin Street and Beacon Place last Thursday, July 25. There were no casualties.

This marks the sixth fire in Somerville during the month of July, and the third major fire in that neighborhood, all of them occurring in the morning hours. The rash of fires is under investigation, and at this point, Somerville Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher gave no indication of foul play.

Firefighters struggled to subdue the blazing flames on Calvin Street, which ominously began in the early morning hours sometime around 6 a.m. at 19-21 Calvin St. The fast-growing fire extended to surrounding buildings, making this fire one of the biggest in Somerville's recent history.

The massive seven-alarm blaze spread through the congested area for roughly 2 hours, sending residents fleeing in terror, until the firefighters extinguished the flames, saving the rest of the nearby houses from devastation.

"At this time the cause of the fire is under investigation," Chief Kelleher said. "We believe it started in the rear of

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Cavalia rides into Somerville

Show opens next week at Assembly Row

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Five dozen horses. More than 100 semi-trailer trucks. And the largest big top tent of its kind. Cavalia has arrived in Somerville with the kind of fanfare reminiscent of the days when everything shut down the day the travelling circus came to town.

The Montreal-based entertainment company has transformed an empty lot at Assembly Row into a larger-than-life encampment befitting its U.S. premiere of *Odysseo*, a live spectacle of equestrian art and high-tech theatrical entertainment that opens August 7.

Artistic Director Normand Latourelle, a Cirque du Soleil founder who created the original Cavalia show a decade ago, said he spent eight years developing *Odysseo* as the show to top all other shows. "I thought of every detail and my goal was to beat every Cirque du Soleil show in Vegas. So we put everything in there," said Latourelle, describing the concept as "men and horses travelling

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Photo by Elizabeth Sheeran

A Cavalia crew member rests after scaling one of the 10-story-high peaks of the "big white top" to plant the *Odysseo* flag yesterday.

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NEWTALK

The Somerville Chamber monthly “After Hours” is this Thursday night. Join members and guests from Aflac, Cambridge Savings Bank, Chase, City of Somerville, Commonwealth Financial Group, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Law Office of Richard DiGirolamo, Eastern Bank, Langton & Douglas, Laurenz Financial, Legal Shield, Life Line Business Consulting, Daniel Maher Stained Glass, Misujo Realty, MIT, New York Life, Pinctada Banquet & Event Center, Redbones, Respond, Rockland Trust, Sav Mor Spirits, Smiles by Rosie, Somerville Homeless Coalition, Union Square Main Streets, Walnut Street Center, and Winter Hill Bank at the Chamber’s next Business After Hours. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 1, at Redbones-Underbones, 55 Chester Street, Davis Square. It’s an excellent networking event featuring free appetizers and a free business card drawing with cash bar. Sponsored by Rockland Trust. Hosted by Business After Hours Chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy. RSVP for “After Hours” with name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guest(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our favorite people both here in the Ville and elsewhere where ever so spread around! To Marisa Tauro, the wife of Billy Tauro, is celebrating this week, and we wish her a great day. To Patti Norton, wife of Donald, we wish also a happy and peaceful day. Grandson Corey Norton, although out in Illinois, was originally from here. Both are celebrating on the same day, a nice present for them. Also celebrating is a good friend of The News, Joe DaSilva. Many happy returns to him. Also, Alan Laurentano, who grew up here and has moved to southern NH, but is always a Villen at heart.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Bert Gay, who passed away last week. Bert was the husband of former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay. Bert was a nice guy, with strong opinions and strong convictions, and equally strong loyalty to his family, which are good qualities in anyone. He touched many people here in Somerville over the years, and worked very hard for his wife when she ran for various offices. What a beautiful tribute it was at

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Cavalia’s ‘Odysseo’ comes to Somerville

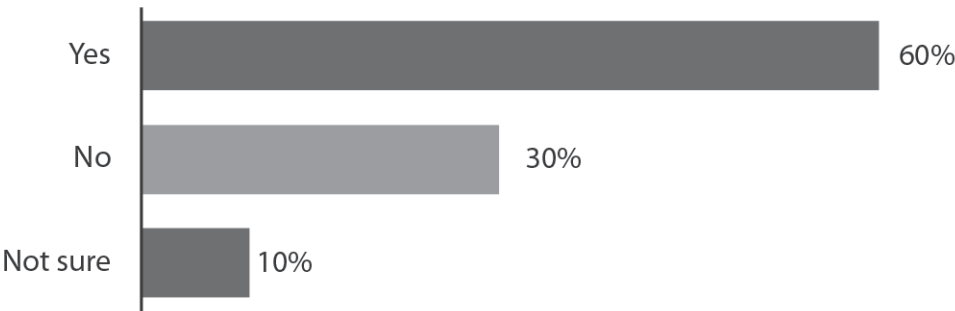
- ritepride says:
- A unique show that looks interesting and exciting, should be a good draw for Somerville and other unique entertainment type events should be looked at for the future. There also could be a side benefit from the horsie leftovers to be used by the dpw for parks/fields. Hello Mr Ed!
- noreen says:
- Unique and looks very interesting. It’s really too bad the cost of the seating is far beyond what anyone I know can afford. Seriously, if I wanted to take my grandchildren and bought the medium range seats it would cost \$360???? That’s absurd.
- amen says:
- it seems we don’t have the dining and hotel options that would bring the benefit of a show like this. What do we offer? LaQuinta? Burger Dive? going to a show you want something right nearby. So everyone will drive over the bridge and spend their money in Medford or Everett. So we get the traffic, and horse poop, and everyone else gets the general benefits of people spending on gas, food, and little things you need at Walgreens. Although the jobs available to Somerville folks will be huge.
- Barry the Pig says:
- ROFL! LaQuinta!
- Jo says:
- Not only should be able to learn exactly how much money this show really does bring in, but we should be able to learn exactly how such money is spent.
- How do you think the almost obligatory protests against animal performers will affect the show?

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on what whether or not you think Mayor Joseph Curtatone will run for Governor of Massachusetts. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you think Mayor Joseph Curtatone will run for Governor of Massachusetts?



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Somerville residents seek to design their own community

By Douglas Yu

In a civically engaged city like Somerville, people have an opportunity to point out which parts of the city should be redesigned. They are also free to join discussions with their neighbors to come up with ideas for better urban development.

Hosted by Somerville by Design and the Mayor's Strategic Planning and Community Development staff, Somerville residents grouped up at tables, marking on the visual photos and maps to sort out preferable design ideas for East Somerville.

"So many changes are brought to the neighborhood," said Director of Planning George J. Proakis. "The green line is going to be redesigned, the street-scape is coming on Broadway, and Washington Street needs an update too. So essentially, East Somerville needs a plan."

The plan includes the combination of choosing the sites that could not be developed and

managing the neighborhood's operation on daily basis, according to Proakis.

Following several crowd-source meetings in May and June, Somerville by Design adopted a new way to approach city planning. It includes reaching out to residents to hear their opinions, having conversations with people, deciding which ideas are preferable for the neighborhood and implementing final ideas.

"We have a lot of plans to make our streets more walkable and bikable," said Mike Lydon, Principal of Street Plans Collaborative. "Since 2005, people drive less and less, so they want to design the city in a walkable context."

Even though Somerville has a mixture of architectural styles, East Somerville has its own characters, Proakis pointed out.

"There are mostly families who live here for their entire life. There are newcomers from other parts of the U.S. and other countries," said Proakis. "So the



East Somerville residents took part in a planning session aimed at providing opportunities for interested parties to have a say in how the future of their community may unfold.



Executive Director of East Somerville Main Streets, Carrie Dancy, shared her ideas of what would make East Somerville a more attractive place to live and work.

Mayor's Office had this discussion before that we should handle everything contextually."

Somerville by Design has made progress in putting residents' advice into action.

"There's a lot of investment going into Broadway. There is less investment into Washington Street and the connection between the two," Proakis said. "So by doing the mapping exercise, people have a better idea of where they are at and how streets connect the neighborhood."

So far, Somerville by Design has processed the visual preference photos from the last mapping exercise meeting. Interestingly, the strongest support goes to the combination of mid-sized neighborhood houses, commercial buildings on the commercial streets and storefronts in the walkable distance, according to Proakis.

Given the fact that Somerville is one of the most populated neighborhoods in the country, strategic planning becomes necessary.

"Somerville is different from a lot of places where I work," Lydon said. "It's an old city. It has many amenities. Some of the transits are improving for the future. Streets are very active because of density."

Lydon also addressed East Somerville residents' issue with the inconvenience of getting around in the neighborhood because of many one-way streets and poor accessibility to public transportation.

"I don't think there is anything that needs to urgently improve at this time," Lydon said. "But finding opportunities along Washington Street and getting easier access to public transportations are welcomed by people, because access is the main challenge for whoever works here, lives here or just visits here."

During the group presentation, Executive Director of East Somerville Main Streets, Carrie Dancy spoke up of her favorite visual photos, a red-brick Harvard-style building with an arch and a giant

multi-functional condo.

"I really like the building with a curve," Dancy said. "It makes it easy for people to walk around here. My favorite is this giant building, because it's made of diverse materials and it maintains a lot of characters that classic buildings have."

Dancy also pointed out that the fences on Broadway need to be pulled down in order to leave more green space. "We don't just need high rise buildings, but we need appealing, safe places for kids to hang out as well."

In the late October, Somerville by Design will process all the drawings and feedback from residents and decide what areas in the city need more attention, according to Proakis.

"People are demanding different kinds of housing. We also want more business to move in the neighborhood and create more jobs," Proakis said. "I definitely hope the mapping exercise can get people involved, and eventually we come up with some practical ideas."

'Zip Trip' stops by Somerville

By Emmanuel Vincent

Despite the cold, gloomy and wet weather, residents of the city came out to Union Square as Fox25's Zip Trip made its way to Somerville this past Friday morning.

From 6:00 to 10:00 a.m., Fox25 occupied the space in Union Sq., looking to get a good glimpse at the people that make up the city as well as the atmosphere.

"Every Friday Fox 25 is taken on the road to different cities-towns

in Massachusetts," explained Maggie Hennessey-Nees, Public Relations representative for Fox25. "We try to pick a variety of cities-towns that represent uniqueness in Massachusetts."

It is not common that the Zip Trip makes its way to a city-town multiple times. The city is fortunate to have had this event take place on more than one occasion. "This is our second time in Somerville. Rarely do we repeat. The last time that we was here was 2004." Clearly the city

of Somerville has much to offer for Fox25 to have made another pit stop out here.

Throughout the event, vendors were set up at different tables giving away items such as Frisbees, t-shirts, and food. Some of the vendors included Tedeschi, Bernie & Phyl's, and Dunkin' Donuts. Firefighters of the city were also acknowledged for their hard work and dedication to serving the community. Residents of the city were happy to see Somerville

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Locals braved the elements to come catch the goings-on as Fox25's Zip Trip took Union Square by storm last week.

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Ex dragged away kicking and screaming

Police responded to a report of an unwanted female at a Ten Hills Rd. residence last Thursday. The reporting party had told police that his ex-girlfriend was banging on his back door, trying to gain entry.

Upon arrival at the residence, officers reportedly saw no one outside the home, but they noted that the back screen door had been kicked in and was bent inward.

Officers illuminated the interior of the house with their flashlights and saw that someone was inside, standing in the dark, according to reports.

The officers ordered the person to come outside, and they were answered by a female voice, saying that she would do so. There was a delay in her moving, however, and the officers judged that she might have been under the influence of some intoxicating substance. She also seemed to be speaking to someone on her cell phone.

The officers then decided to enter the building in order to remove the woman, later identified as Jenna Remy, 28, of Wayland, police said.

After crawling through the torn screen door, several attempts were made to open the main back door, but the lock appeared to be broken, according to reports.

As Remy reportedly attempted to break away from police, she was subsequently handcuffed. In the process, her phone fell to the floor and one of the officers bent down to pick it up. At that moment Remy reportedly kicked the officer in the buttocks.

Remy was then held to the wall to prevent any further assaultive behavior, and she was administered a burst of pepper spray in order to get her under control. Due to her tumultuous actions, another officer was reportedly accidentally pepper sprayed in the process.

During the subsequent attempt to remove Remy through the broken screen door, she reportedly squared off and kicked one of the officers in the groin area.

Remy reportedly continued kicking and screaming as she was carried out to the front yard area, where she would be picked up for transport to the police station.

While awaiting transport, Remy reportedly kicked the same officer she had kicked before, once again in the groin area.

In speaking with the reporting party, it was learned that Remy was his ex-girlfriend and that they had broken up more than two years ago.

When advised that the back door had been damaged, the reporting party reportedly told officers that Remy had tried to kick in the front door as well that night.

Remy was eventually taken away in the prisoner transport wagon, reportedly screaming all the way. She has been charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, wanton malicious defacement, and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Her boots have been entered into evidence as an alleged dangerous weapon.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

A juvenile, July 22, 2:43 p.m., arrested at 12 Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Donald Williams, 48, of 22 Sterling St., July 22, 3:07 p.m., arrested at 61 Cherry St. on a warrant charge of marked lanes violation.

Charles Callaway, 60, of 67 Pemberton St., Cambridge, July 23, 5:00 p.m., arrested at 66 Highland Ave. on charges of resisting arrest and abuse prevention order violation.

Mark Belski, 53, of 35 Pearl St., July 24, 4:22 p.m., arrested at 48 Joy St. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and possession of a class B drug.

Luiz Moreira, 21, of 75 Pleasant St., Revere, July 24, 4:39 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop or yield.

Kendell Bell, 30, of 43 Thurston St., Apt. 2, July 24, 8:58 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of kidnapping, assault and battery, and reckless endangerment of a child.

Kurt Muther, 30, of 21 Lowell St., July 24, 9:14 p.m., arrested at 21 Ibbetson St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Jenna Remy, 28, of 1403 Wisteria Way, Wayland, July 25, 1:52 a.m., arrested at 69 Ten Hills Rd. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, wanton malicious defacement, and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Bennie Massey, 31, of 7 St. James St., Roxbury, July 25, 2:05 p.m., arrested at 13 Boston St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Robert Gualtieri, 37, of 7 Curtis St., July 25, 3:52 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Kim Smith, 23, of 24 Charlestown St., July 25, 6:00 p.m., arrested at home on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Eric Silvers, 42, of 794 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, July 26, 9:13 p.m., arrested at 362 Broadway on warrant charges

of trespassing, assault and battery, resisting arrest, mayhem, and assault and battery on a public employee.

Jeffrey Porter, 30, of 7 Fremont St., July 27, 7:08 p.m., arrested at Meacham St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Linda Cunningham, 51, of 113 Heath St., July 28, 12:03 a.m., arrested at 155 Central St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Javier Corea, 25, of 7 Properzi, July 28, 4:14 a.m., arrested at 57 Everett Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

July 23, 8:07 a.m., police reported a theft at Day St.

July 23, 9:34 a.m., police reported a theft at Woods Ave.

July 23, 10:56 a.m., police reported a theft at 160 Washington St.

July 23, 1:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Radcliffe Rd.

July 23, 3:20 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Holland St.

July 23, 6:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

July 24, 5:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Marshall St.

July 24, 9:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Dartmouth St.

July 25, 10:28 a.m., police reported a theft at Pinckney St.

July 25, 10:43 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

July 25, 1:41 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

July 26, 4:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

July 26, 4:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Webster St.

July 26, 7:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St.

July 26, 7:31 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

July 27, 1:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Conwell Ave.

July 29, 8:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Wesley Pkwy.

Robbery:

July 23, 2:39 a.m., police reported a robbery at George St.

July 29, 10:13 a.m., police reported a robbery at Perkins St.

Breaking & Entering:

July 24, 8:37 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 1366 Broadway.

July 25, 6:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Charlestown St.

July 26, 10:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Granite St.

July 29, 10:02 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Simpson Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

July 23, 8:34 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Florence St.

Assault:

July 25, 1:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Boston St.

July 26, 2:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

July 28, 6:08 p.m., police reported an assault at 14 McGrath Hwy.

July 29, 2:08 p.m., police reported an assault at Trum Field.

Disorderly Conduct:

July 25, 1:52 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Ten Hills Rd.

July 28, 4:58 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Everett Ave.

Driving Under the Influence:

July 24, 12:03 a.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Central St.

July 28, 9:14 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Ibbetson St.

Drug Violation:

July 24, 4:22 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Joy St.

Demolition plan unsettled

By Cathleen Twardzik

The plan to demolish the Somerville Waste Transfer Station, located at Brickbottom, just off McGrath Highway, in August has still not been solidified.

The city is pondering various options for that site. "Proposals are currently being considered. Nothing is finalized at this point. Anything will be pursuant to environmental remediation to make the site safe," said a spokesperson for the City of Somerville.

Among other issues, such as the existence of elevated highways in the eastern neighborhoods of Somerville, its "industrial districts are landlocked by railroads," and the commuter rail's engine terminal in the city is 23 acres.

At present, the future use of this site has not been decided. It is unknown if it will be used for the MBTA Green Line, if or when the Green Line is extended to Brickbottom.

"Cleanup is our first step.

MassDOT is finishing up a two-year public process on conceptual redesigns for the McGrath Highway. The preferred alternative that community members endorsed is a boulevard-style roadway replacing the elevated McCarthy Overpass. That conceptual design currently includes re-alignment of Poplar Street across the Waste Transfer site to make the intersection with Somerville Avenue function better," said the spokesperson.

If the waste transfer station were razed, then the burden that its neighbors face would be lessened. The area would be more aesthetically pleasing if the structure was absent. That action will enhance the following places: Union Square, McGrath Highway, Brickbottom and Inner Belt, commensurate with Somerville's goals, which include active transportation, mixed-use development and additional green space, among other benefits.



The actual process of taking down the Brickbottom Waste Transfer Station has not yet been determined, according to City of Somerville sources.

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Bertram A. Gay loses courageous battle with cancer



Bertram A. Gay was born August 21, 1940 in Wales, the second child of the (late) Florence Bowman & Bertram A. Gay. He was the beloved husband for 49 yrs to Dorothy Kelly Gay. Devoted father of Geraldine Barker and her husband Tim of Pawling, New York, and Donald Gay and his wife Lisa of Somerville, MA. Brother of Doreen Coombe and her husband Donald of Christchurch, England. Loving Boppa of Timmy, Evan, Shannon, Melissa and Brian. Cherished godfather of Louise Noonan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews in England, Ireland, and Dubai.

Upon graduating high school, Bert entered a 5-year apprenticeship with the British Navy working on the H.M.S. Chatham Kent as a pipefitter. He then settled on his career as a skilled machinist. His life changed forever when, at an English dancehall in 1963, he met the love of his life, Dorothy A. Kelly, a nursing school student. After marriage and just over a year later, they welcomed their first child, Geraldine, into the world, the birth of their second child, Donald, however, led to health complications that only the renowned Children's Hospital in Boston could remedy. Without hesitation, the young family embarked on a new life in the New World. Within days of arrival in the U.S., Bert started a job with W.R. Grace & Company in Cambridge, MA. Shortly after taking the job, in June of 1968, Bert and family moved into a furnished apartment in Somerville. Dorothy started employment as a nurse, and the Gay family was living the American Dream. While working at W.R. Grace, Bert became active in his union, the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1596 out of Framingham, MA. He was elected shop steward for Local 1596 while employed at the Gaulin Corporation in Everett. One of his cherished roles with the UAW was to introduce political candidates who were seek-

ing endorsement to the union leadership Bert and Dorothy proudly became U.S. Citizens in 1977, but even before being eligible to vote, Bert was actively campaigning for various local, state, and federal candidates—something he continued to do with steadfast loyalty and devoted principle for the remainder of his life.

There was no candidate that Bert was more proud, supportive, or worked harder for than his wife. He tirelessly journeyed side-by-side through campaigns for Somerville School Committee, Governor's Council, Lieutenant Governor, and Mayor of Somerville. He was her top advisor, chief consultant, seasoned strategist, unrivaled troop motivator, loving, loyal husband, and best friend. Theirs was a bond that only a fortunate few will ever know. When you saw Bert in the Red Crown Victoria, code-named "GC-6," you had better be ready for action! His litmus test was your support for his wife. If you demonstrated that, you could do no wrong! In addition to his political activism, Bert was a devoted family man who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren whom he considered his pride and joy. Bert died

July 24, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Facing his situation with typical aplomb, he cheerfully attended to his duties during the many long and debilitating procedures that followed. He downplayed his condition with self-deprecating humor, stating his chemotherapy treatments saved on his haircut bills. Throughout his ordeal, he maintained his public demeanor with style and grace, still meeting his friends, attending lodge meetings, and going out to dinner with Dorothy at his favorite restaurant, The Independent. Bert was an active member of the King Solomon Masonic Lodge and UAW Local Union 1596.

Bert's family wishes to acknowledge the exceptional care both physical and emotional provided to him by his doctors, nurses and everyone he met at MGH. His family will be forever grateful.

Donations may be made in Bert's memory to the Mt. Auburn Hospital Development Office, 330 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 or The Hopes Program c/o Mass General Development Office, 165 Cambridge St. Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.

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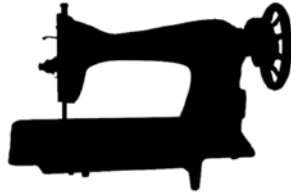
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Fire frenzy wreaks havoc on Calvin St. CONT. FROM PG 1

number 19-21 Calvin St.” It’s being investigated by members of the Somerville Fire Investigation Unit, Somerville Police and the Office of the State Fire Marshall.

Two firefighters were injured in the blaze, but neither was critically wounded. An Everett firefighter suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken to Mass General Hospital, where he was treated for respiratory problems and later released. The other member, a Brookline firefighter with a knee injury, was taken to Cambridge Hospital and released after being examined and treated.

When the fire department arrived on scene, the fire had already spread from the rear of 19-21 Calvin St., a three-story wood frame building, to the neighboring structure at 23-25 Calvin St. “Both of those buildings were destroyed,” Chief Kelleher said. The two dwellings were later demolished during the evening, and into the morning of the next

day, the fire chief added. Before long, the fire spread to the houses adjacent to the initial outbreak. Plumes of smoke billowed from the windows while firefighters battled to douse the flames. It was a race against time.

“We were able to make a stand in there...”

At 27-29 Calvin St. the blaze was contained, and the house was narrowly saved due to the manpower and determination of the fire departments. The building has extensive damage to the exterior rear and the third floor roof space, according to the fire chief.

“That was kinda the next building in line to go,” Chief Kelleher said. “We were able to make a stand in there, because we had amassed enough troops to get up there and

open up the ceilings.” On the other side, the building at 15-17 Calvin St. had broken windows, and most of the siding was completely melted. A small shed in the backyard caught fire. Two wooden houses located behind Calvin Street, at 22 and 24 Beacon Place, took the wrath of the raging fire, too. The siding buckled and portions were singed. “Another few minutes and that could have potentially gone,” Chief Kelleher said.

In total, 23 engine companies arrived on the scene from Somerville and nearby communities to battle the inferno.

In regard to the estimated cost of damage, Chief Kelleher said that he didn’t have any figures, but a “wild guesstimate” of the loss would be at least two million dollars.

Alderman Maryann Heuston lives around the corner from where the fire occurred. “I could see smoke from my backyard,” she said. Heuston ran towards the street and found distraught



Demolition at the site of last Thursday’s fire has already begun.

residents milling around, in a state of shock.

“It’s very scary,” Heuston said, “because there were a lot of trees around, and I think part of what might have saved us, too, is it wasn’t a bone-dry area. At the time, I think we had just had some rain. I’m thinking, if it was during those days where we had the hot weather, and we hadn’t had rain for about two weeks, who knows what would have happened.”

If there’s a silver lining in this tragedy, Heuston added, it’s that there were no casualties, and residents were well protected by the valiant firefighters of Somerville and nearby communities.

“Somerville is fortunate to have the best first responders in the state with the fastest response time,” Mayor Curtatone said, “and I thank them for continually putting their lives on the line to protect and serve this community.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:
In the early morning of July 25th a seven-alarm fire raged through a section of Ward 2 displacing 44 residents and destroying 2 buildings with damage to 4 others.

Thanks to the extraordinary response and efforts of the Somerville Firefighters there was no loss of life and a raging fire, which could have had far worse consequences, was contained.

As I watched them tackle the blaze with along with a large group of residents, more than one person expressed their pride and appreciation for the heroic efforts of the Department. But of course the Firefighters did their job as if it was all in a day’s work, just content that they were able to keep a community safe. They deserve our thanks and

gratitude and I want to publicly thank them for their efforts that morning.

Thanks also go out to the Somerville Police for their support on the scene. Their presence was a comfort to residents and allowed firefighters to do their job.

EMS personnel as well as Firefighters from many area cities and towns including: Medford, Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Brookline, Malden, Belmont, Winchester, Waltham, Revere, Stoneham, and Everett responded and their efforts are to be commended.

Displaced residents were assisted by the American Red Cross and they did a fantastic job working out of the Argenziano School to help displaced residents, many of whom were not from the area and needed

assistance with housing, food, contacting relatives and friends and just general comfort which the Red Cross does so well.

After the fire was out, Somerville Inspectional Services worked to make sure that buildings were properly dealt with and the always reliable DPW insured that the streets were cleared and cleaned.

I only have pride and thanks for the men and women who risk their lives every day to keep us safe. We must always remember their commitment to this city and thank them and support them. This is one public official who will never forget.

Sincerely,
Maryann Heuston
Ward 2 Alderman
115 Beacon St.
617-492-5331

Fire safety and prevention tips

Chief Fire Engineer Kevin Kelleher and the Somerville Fire Department remind all residents that with higher temperatures and dry weather comes the increased risk for fire hazards, and ask residents to take necessary preventive steps in your home to decrease this risk.

- The following is a list of steps to consider in your home:
- Check batteries and operations in smoke detectors.
 - DO NOT use grills on porches, on any floor of your home.
 - If you use air conditioners, be sure they are plugged into updated and secure sockets or surge protectors. Only plug extension cords into one outlet, and do not run cords under any rugs.
 - Avoid smoking on porches, or while sitting in bed or on couches.
 - Remove overstuffed furniture from porches.
 - NEVER clean with gasoline, or store it in warm places.
- In the event of a fire, be sure your family or your roommates are prepared by discussing evacuation routes and planning a meeting area outside the home.

“In recent weeks, a number of fires have occurred throughout the city, however no injuries were reported thanks to updated and functioning smoke detectors and other actions taken by homeowners,” said Chief Kelleher. “It’s important to be proactive about fire prevention and fire safety, particularly in extreme heat or, conversely, in extreme cold when space heaters and other similar factors come into play. We are thankful that no one was seriously injured in these recent fires, but it is important to remind everyone that fire safety is important and necessary year-round.”

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let's get out there and see how the game is really played.

The View From Prospect Hill



In between the rainstorms, heat waves, and other general mayhem doled out by Mother Nature these days, we can enjoy that particularly sweet spot of the year known as summer.

Vacations, outings, visits to and from friends and family, all play a part in structuring the season's schedule of things to do. Another sublimely satisfying way to pass leisure time is by attending outdoor sports events, and one doesn't have to drop a week's pay at Fenway or Gillette in order to let the family take in some top-notch action on the field.

Our own Somerville Alibrandis baseball club has proven itself year after year as being a first-class team, always offering spectators a thrilling experience at a fraction of the expense of a trip to any one of its major league counterparts. Current leaders of the Ted Williams division of the Yawkee Baseball League, attending one of their games is a sure fire way to enjoy the sport the way it should be enjoyed: up close and personal. Find their schedule at <http://yawkeybaseball.com>.

Similarly, consider enjoying the free-spirited energy of Little League play in the city. These youngsters, some of whom may become our sports heroes of the future, deserve our attention and support. Organized sports can play a vital role in shaping the values and sense of accomplishment for these kids, so we really need to get out there for them and show that we back them up all the way. Check out their schedule of events at <http://www.somervillelittleleague.org>.

Also, Somerville Youth Softball Organization is getting kids of all ages involved in the sport and getting out to watch some of these games can be very rewarding, for both participants and spectators alike. More information about their activities can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/somervilleyouthsoftballorganization>.

Additionally, Somerville Recreation's affiliated programs provide a wide range of activities in various sporting events such as soccer, boxing, and hockey. Look for info at <http://www.somervillerec.com/info/affiliated>.

Yes, it's true that small town pleasures can still be enjoyed in this fast-paced modern world we find ourselves in today. So slow down, take a look at what is good and noteworthy in your own backyard. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

the Chapel ceremony at Mount Auburn Cemetary from his family and friends. Bert will be sorely missed by many, but more especially his best friend and wife Dot.

At the Fox25 *Zip Trip* show the other day, there was, in spite of the rain, a good showing and a great show. Congressman Mike Capuano was asked to name the various hills here in the city. He must have been camera shy cause we know he knows them, but somehow didn't mention Spring Hill, Ten Hills and only Winter Hill when reminded by VB. But he did mention Clarendon Hill twice. Maybe that's because he is in Ward 7 a lot, actively campaigning for his son who's running for Alderman. All and all he did a great job. Better than most. Very few can name all the hills correctly.

Maryann Heuston was the only Alderman present at Fox25 *Zip Trip*, maybe because we heard that some made remarks that Fox 25 was too conservative. We imagine the liberals

- in particular the progressives - politicians decided that to appear on Fox 25 some of the constituents might get the wrong idea. Guess that's liberal thinking nowadays? By the way, Mayor Joe Curtatone was his usual happy self to have Fox 25 here in the city. Joe was asked several times if he's running for Governor. He would just smile a lot. We think he's running but something tells us you're going to hear real soon. Like real soon! What do you think if Joe runs for Governor?

The Somerville News can now be followed on Twitter at @somervillenews.

Starting this Thursday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., continuing through the end of August - Monday to Thursday same time - Somerville Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading practice will be held at Foss Park. Pop Warner is celebrating its 50th anniversary, so come join in the greatest family in Somerville youth sports. Families must fill out registration packets and supply

SPW with a 2013 dated physical, a copy of the child's last report card, and an original birth certificate. All children are welcome, from ages 5 to 15. The registration fees are \$20 per child, scholarships are available. Registrations at the baby pool all this week are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The campaign kickoff for Mike Nionakis, who is running for School Committee in Ward Two, will be next week, Tuesday evening, 5-8 p.m. at Sally O'Brien's in Union Square. He's a nice guy from a great Somerville family. We think he will do a great job on the School Board. Hopefully, he will see a nice showing of support.

What a great job the Somerville Fire Department did at that huge fire over on Calvin Street. Congratulations to our Fire Department for a job well done. They deserve a big thank you from the city. It could have been much worse with all those houses built so closely together.

Assembly Row Affordable Housing Lottery application deadline is August 8. Applications can be picked up at Avalon at Assembly Row's Leasing Trailer located at 74 Foley St. in Assembly Square and should be returned to the same location by 5 p.m. on August 8. Applicants must meet income guidelines to be eligible for the lottery. Applicants who live or work full-time in Somerville, and applicants on the Somerville Housing Authority wait list will receive preference. If the applicant is claiming a preference, they will need to provide additional documents along with their application. To obtain an application or additional information about the affordable housing lottery at AVA Somerville and Avalon at Assembly Row, contact Avalon Bay at Phone: 855-211-8154, MABlueSkies@AvalonBay.com or visit the Leasing office at 74 Foley St., Somerville in Assembly Square. Mailing address for applications is Avalon at Assembly Row, P.O. Box 45377, Somerville, MA 02145.

COMMENTARY

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New life breathed into East Broadway and East Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

In the last decade, we have seen some incredible transformations across the city, from the new neighborhood springing up in Assembly Square, to construction for the new Green Line station in Union Square, to the addition of bike lanes and improved streetscapes citywide.

Until recently, East Somerville has waited for similar transformative projects to help boost its notoriety as one of the best regional gems for local business and cuisine. At last, East Somerville's time is now.

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the transformation of the neighborhood, already underway, with a ribbon cutting at the new Chuckie Harris Park and with a tour of the East Broadway Streetscape project. The remarkable transformation of Harris Park from a concrete lot into a dynamic space, along with the ongoing renovation of lower Broadway into an urban boulevard,

is a microcosm of our community's evolution as we revitalize neighborhoods for families and businesses alike.

I've been to a lot of groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings as the city has renovated or built more than 25 parks or open spaces in the last seven years, but I cannot recall ever seeing a turnout like the crowds at the ribbon cutting for Chuckie Harris Park. WBUR called Chuckie Harris Park a "quiet revolution in play design," but it was anything but quiet at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Kids laughing and running up the park's "mountain" to shoot down the

slide, running under the rain-style water-wall feature—which doubles as a movie screen—and taking a ride on the swings said as much, if not more, than anything I and other public officials had to say.

The ongoing reconstruction of East Broadway continues another revolution underway in Somerville, creating an environment that's healthy for residents and the business community alike. When complete, the city will have installed 43 attractive new benches, 20 bike racks, many new lamp posts and, yes, even some pretty nice looking trash bins. That's alongside the

138 new street trees that will transform lower Broadway into an attractive boulevard where the community will want to spend more time gathering, dining, shopping, or simply taking in the street life from a favorite bench. We want to bring visitors to this neighborhood, and a new road design that favors short trips over long trips will make East Broadway a destination, not a cut-through for I-93.

We're reclaiming East Broadway for our community, and we are reclaiming it for all residents. All of our policy decisions are made with an eye on promoting accessibility *Continued on page 17*

Lost opportunity on Washington Street

By Tim Talun

It was once believed that the harm caused by building the elevated McGrath highway was justified by the collective benefit it would provide. Today it has been agreed that this overpass will be torn down and reconfigured to fix this mistake, but a few hundred feet down Washington Street an even more questionable argument has been made that the collective benefit provided by a housing development is more important than the concerns of those that live around it.

On July 18, the controversial development proposed by the Somerville Community Corporation on the site of the Boys and Girls Club (181 Washing-

ton Street) and by Cathartes Private Investments on the adjacent Cota Funeral Home (197 Washington Street) was approved by the Somerville Planning Board. It was approved over the objections of nearly everyone living around the project, who simply asked for buildings they could be proud to live next to in a project that meets the goals of the Union Square Zoning Ordinance and the Somerville Comprehensive Plan. This wasn't just NIMBY's opposed to change, but real suggestions for improving this project. Everyone should be concerned if this is the precedent for future development in Union Square and around Somerville.

In order to gain approval from

the Planning Board which asked the developers to respond to the concerns of the surrounding community and meet the minimum requirements of zoning, the size of the proposed buildings was reduced, removing 10 units from the original 84. This is a significant change, but does not address the majority of concerns about the project. The real problem has been a lack of vision in conceiving what buildings on this site can and should be.

Since this project was first proposed, neighbors have struggled to have their voices heard. The Somerville Community Corporation calculated that they would be better off treating their future neighbors as opponents, excluding the community's ideas

and concerns from their plans and doing the absolute minimum required by zoning while making minor concessions at the end as "payback" for these failures. If their primary goal was simply to get the most housing units built, this calculation was correct. But if their goal was to create the best possible housing integrated into the surrounding neighborhood, this calculation was wrong.

While cities such as Seattle and Portland are deliberately slowing and decreasing traffic on their residential side streets to make them friendlier for kids to cross and play on, this project will deliberately route traffic through the residential streets of prospect hill that are full of chil-

dren and families.

Innovative affordable housing projects around the country are finding new ways to provide active public space that brings residents together – Via Verde, recently constructed in the Bronx, provides a landscaped courtyard and rooftop with communal garden plots and groves of fruit trees that will let tenants grow their own fruits and vegetables. But here in Somerville, the project on Washington Street will take the existing green space at the historic Cota funeral home and turn it into a parking lot.

In spite of resident concerns and the recommendations of the Design Review Board, the sunken plaza at the SCC building entrance *Continued on page 17*

Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville High School - Class of 1981 turns 50 years old



Hello Somerville! Here is a great article from a good friend of mine who is a true Somerville kid! But before you read his story I just want to congratulate The Sunsetters, for who I have the pleasure of being the director. They performed on Fox 25's Zip Trip last Friday and were a big hit! It's too bad someone actually called the police on them while they were doing a show on Hall Ave. the Wednesday before. Maybe the irate neighbor would rather have had the teenagers hanging on the corner, or breaking windows, or drinking or doing drugs. For the

past five years I have met some of Somerville's finest kids who work their tails off singing and dancing, and entertaining the people of Somerville. I would also like to thank Thalia Tringo of Thalia Tringo & Associates for providing pizza and soft drinks at Wednesday's Sunsetters performance on Hall Ave. To the neighbor who called the cops I say...nay nay, they didn't stop the show!

Between last year and this year, the alumni of Somerville High School's Class of 1981 will have turned 50 years old. Last year my friend and classmate Angela Sperduto sent me a Facebook message suggesting we do something to celebrate

this once in a lifetime event. I thought it was an awesome idea, so in March of this year I put the idea in a post on our Facebook reunion group. The responses were overwhelming. So, this past April a group of us from Somerville High School's Class of 1981 met at Casey's Bar in East Somerville. How fitting that the class of '81 returns to Somerville.

In our years since graduation, my classmates have had varied and storied tales to tell. Some of us have gone on to become quite successful and yet others have had life's struggles dropped in their laps. Some have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, quality inspectors, printers, chefs and politicians, just to name a few. A few

are also proud members of Somerville's police and fire departments. Others, on the other hand, have dealt with divorce, the loss of a child, the loss of a spouse, cancer or other illnesses. Saddest of all is that there are 30 members of our class (that we know of) that have passed on. In other words, like anyone else, we've had our share of life's ups and downs. Some of us have had it good and some of us... well, not so good.

So, on April 27 (to be exact) a group of us gathered at Casey's on Broadway in East Somerville. I knew the turn out wouldn't be like a regular reunion, but we got a good crowd. The majority of the crowd was my *Continued on page 16*

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on five roll calls and local senators on four from the week of July 22-26.

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. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

OVERRIDE VETO AND APPROVE MILLIONS IN TAX HIKE (H 3535)

House 123-33, Senate 35-5, overrode Gov. Deval Pat-

rick's veto of a transportation package that proponents say will raise \$500 million through tax hikes. Some opponents of the measure dispute the projections and argue that the total in tax hikes will be substantially more than \$500 million. Patrick said he vetoed the package because it did not raise enough revenue. The Legislature previously had rejected the governor's amendment that would impose an additional gas tax hike, estimated at between 3 or 4 cents per gallon, in 2017 if the tolls from Newton to the New York border come down as planned, eliminating \$135 million in tax revenue.

Provisions of the Legislature's package include a 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax, which, beginning in 2015, would also be indexed to inflation. Other provisions include a \$1 hike in the current \$2.51-per-package cigarette tax, an increase in the tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco, a change in the way utilities are classified for tax purposes, and the reinstatement of tolls at exits 1 through 6 on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Western Massachusetts. The legislation also imposes a new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as services to modify prewritten software.

Supporters said the bill is a reasonable and responsible package that will provide \$805 million in revenue by 2018 to begin to solve many of the structural and financial problems that plague the state's transportation system. House Speaker Robert DeLeo said, "I think that we have provided a good piece of legislation providing proper financing for transportation for many years to come."

Some supporters said they reluctantly voted for the package as the lesser of two evils. They said they would rather vote for these hikes than vote to sustain the governor's veto and have the process start from scratch again with the looming prospect of passage of an even bigger tax package.

Sixteen Democratic legislators who voted in favor of the tax hikes last week had previously voted against them when they were first approved by the House 106-47 and the Senate 34-6 on June 26. One of these legislators, Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), said "This override was a vote against the governor's push for even higher taxes. It's as simple as that." MassGOP Chairman Kirsten Hughes had a different spin. "(Some) Democrats caved in to the Beacon Hill bosses and voted for a massive tax hike that even some Democrats said will hit middle class families hard," said Hughes.

The 16 Democrats who initially voted against the tax hikes and later voted for them include: Sens. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) and James Timilty (D-Walpole); Reps. James Arciero (D-Westford), Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow), Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy), Sean Curran (D-Springfield), Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), Stephen DiNatale (D-Fitchburg), Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen), James Dwyer (D-Woburn), Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), Paul Heroux (D-Attleboro), Thomas Petrolati (D-Ludlow), Walter Timilty (D-Milton) and Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner).

Opponents said the proposed tax hikes will hurt already overburdened taxpayers and businesses and urged the state to live within its means. House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) said, "Today's vote in the House of Representatives is about one thing and

one thing only -- a crippling tax increase. Massachusetts taxpayers should not be lulled into a false sense of hope that the \$500 million tax increase approved by House Democrats is better than the nearly \$2 billion increase being pushed by Gov. Patrick."

(Both roll calls are listed. A "Yes" vote is for the tax hikes. A "No" vote is against them.)

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

\$200,000 FOR POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION (H 3538)

House 156-0, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of \$200,000 for a post-partum depression pilot program.

Override supporters said this program would be helpful in getting a handle on this serious illness that can occur after childbirth, miscarriage and stillbirth.

In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because it was not consistent with the budget he filed.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200,000.)

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

\$177 MILLION FOR LOCAL AID (H 3538)

House 156-0, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of \$177 million in funding for unrestricted local aid.

Override supporters said this local aid is crucial for local cities and towns who depend on this to fund many important local services.

An aide to Gov. Patrick said local aid provided one lump sum from which the governor could make a single cut, versus having to make smaller cuts to many different programs to achieve the cost-savings needed. The aide added that cities and towns have a lot of discretion as to how local aid is spent so they have greater flexibility to move the funds around as needed.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$177 million.)

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

\$200,000 FOR PROSTATE CANCER (H 3539)

House 156-0, Senate 40-0, overrode the governor's veto of \$200,000 for a prostate research program aimed at improving early detection of aggressive prostate cancer, eliminating unnecessary biopsies and reducing health care costs.

Override supporters said one out of every five men will get prostate cancer and argued the \$200,000 will help save lives.

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In his veto message, Patrick said he vetoed the \$200,000 because it authorizes “additional funding that is non-essential.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$200,000.)

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

AUDIT WELFARE DEPARTMENT (H 3556)
House 46-108, rejected an amendment requiring the state auditor to audit the welfare department.

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

Amendment opponents said a newly created fraud bureau will be conducting audits.

(A “Yes” vote is for the audit. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LIST CARBS IN SCHOOLS (H 130) - The House gave initial approval to legislation requiring that public schools list the amount of carbohydrates contained in all food products served to diabetic children, teachers and faculty. The House gave initial approval to the proposal last year but it did not advance any further in the Legislature and died.

POTLUCK DINNERS (H 1997) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit state and local departments of public health from regulating the serving food brought to a potluck dinners sponsored by a group of individuals or by a religious, charitable or non-profit organization. Supporters say some local boards of health have gone too far by attempting to regulate this time-honored harmless tradition. Opponents say there is real danger of diners getting a food-borne illness and noted people have become sick and even died from the food at these events.

BIRTH OF A GAS TAX - Rep. Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk) had some fun combining the birth of an heir to the British throne and the gas tax hike approved by the Legislature. Winslow unveiled a framed announcement in front of the House chamber proclaiming, “Know all Persons, that on this the 24th day of July in the year of

our Lord 2013, the Democratic monopoly government in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has imposed a permanent increase in the gas tax that will automatically rise based on the Consumer Price Index without any further votes or political accountability. Such taxation without representation would make even King George blush.”

TWO POSSIBLE 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of possible ballot questions in the November 2014 election are facing their first deadline in the long process to get their proposed law on the ballot. Sponsors have until August 7 to submit the proposal and the signatures of ten citizens. Attorney General Martha Coakley’s office will then determine whether the measures are constitutional. If they pass that hurdle, the next step is to gather 68,911 voter signatures by November 20.

Supporters of increasing the minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$11 per hour and requiring employers to offer paid sick days have announced that they will take the first step and are ready to do battle and get their questions on the ballot unless they are approved by the Legislature.

The voters in 2012 approved ballot questions that allow medical use of marijuana and require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools. They rejected a proposal to allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.

HEALTH BENEFITS FOR EX-PRISONERS (S 537) - The Health Care Financing Committee held a hearing on legislation requiring the state to set up a system that would provide MassHealth benefits to eligible ex-prisoners on the day they are released. MassHealth is the state’s Medicaid program that provides health care for qualified low-income and disabled persons.

GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM (H 3316) - A bill pending before the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee would establish a statewide firearm buyback program. Anyone who turns in a gun would receive cash and/or a gift certificate. The proposal prohibits authorities from asking anyone for his or her ID and also gives them immunity from prosecution for possession of that firearm.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“This proposal would hit the economy like a wrecking ball ... Massachusetts will have tens of thousands fewer jobs, which means fewer opportunities for workers on the lowest rungs of the ladder.” – *Bill Vernon, Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)*

Massachusetts, on a proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$11 per hour.

“Bogus, fraudulent and misleading. These are the same stupid arguments we’ve heard since I was in the Legislature.” – *Steven Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, on the NFIB report criticizing the minimum wage hike.*

“It’s an opportunity to be one of 2,000 people, because that’s what I’ve read, only about 2,000 tourist visas are given each year to get into North Korea. What other people read about in the news, I’ll be able to see firsthand.” – *Rep. Paul Heroux (D-Attleboro) on his upcoming trip to North Korea.*

“Folks, we have a chance today to stop the death of the tech industry in Massachusetts.” – *Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) urging colleagues to vote against a tax package that includes a new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as services to modify prewritten software.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?
Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly enough or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that are filed. They note that the infrequent and /or short meetings which the Legislature holds during its normal sitting time often prompt irresponsible late-night sessions and urgency to act on dozens of bills in the final days of each year.

During the week of July 22-26, the House met for a total of six hours and 53 minutes while the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 42 minutes.

Mon. July 22	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
Tues. July 23	No House session Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:07 p.m.
Wed. July 24	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 3:49 p.m.
Thurs. July 25	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 4:46 p.m.
Fri. July 26	No House session No Senate session

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'Zip Trip' stops by Somerville

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being portrayed as the wonderful city that it is. "It's good to see Somerville being represented as a great city with a lot of arts and restaurants," said Cheryl Winter, a lifelong resident of the city. "Honestly, it is just a great place to live."

Other highlights of the event included appearances by Danny Bua, Executive Chef of The Painted Burro as well as Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. During the

Taste of The Town segment, Bua informed the audience that The Painted Burro won an award, the best Mexican Restaurant of Boston award, for a second consecutive year. He also gave a demonstration for the preparation of a particular dish.

The mayor spoke briefly on the upcoming Green Line expansion and the arrival of arrivals of vendors Nike and Brooks Brothers in Assembly Square.





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SPORTS

Hits galore as Alibrandis improves to 22-3

By Mike Stoller

Seventeen hits, including five doubles, propelled the Somerville Alibrandis baseball team to a solid 11-3 victory over the host Savin Hill Hornets last week. A 3-3 game was put out of reach when Alibrandis scored two in the second inning, three in the fifth, two in the sixth, and one in the seventh.

"It was a confidence builder to get all those hits this late in the season," said Alibrandis assistant coach Cam Lynch, whose squad improved to 22-3 in the Yawkey League.

Alibrandis had a number of hitters who drove the ball well as the Somerville team scored in every inning except the third and fourth.

Mike Maguire, Teddy Dziuba, Steve Rogers, and Bobby Barrett all drove in two runs while having terrific nights at the plate. Maguire went for 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles; Dziuba also had

two doubles while going 2-for-3; Rogers went 3-for-5 with a triple; and Barrett also had three hits in five tries.

"It's good to have Bobby back at 100 percent now," said Lynch, noting Barrett had injured his elbow earlier in the season.

Lynch also praised Rogers for his strong presence in the lineup.

"He's starting to really hit," the coach said. "It's definitely good to have his bat going."

Also contributing were Logan Gillis and Justin Crisafulli. Both players went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

John Morse, meanwhile, improved his record to 7-1 on the hill. Morse allowed three runs on six hits in five innings of work. He struck out seven and walked only one.

"After a shaky start, he bounced back and pitched a good game," Lynch said.

Ryan Cosmopolos gave up just one hit in two solid innings of relief.



The Alibrandis' lead in the playoff hunt gets longer as their record improves to 22-3 as the regular season winds down.

Alibrandis also had a good night on the bases, as Gillis and Rogers each swiped two bags.

"We play aggressive," Lynch said. "At least four of our guys all have the green light, to go whenever they can get a good jump, especially Mike Maguire.

He's on his own. He's probably one of the best base stealers in the league. When he knows he can go, he goes."

Alibrandis played only one game last week due to rain-outs. The Somerville squad has four more games on the

slate this week, visiting the East Boston Knights, Brighton Minutemen, and Al Thomas Athletics on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, respectively, before returning to Trum Field on Friday to host the Stoneham Sabers.

Youth, law enforcement basketball tournament

Law enforcement officials, youth services workers and local teens will join together for the Sixth Annual Metro Mayors Basketball Tournament on Saturday, August 3, in a show of solidarity among youth and those who fight for their safety.

Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop will send teams to a five-on-five tournament hosted by the Metro Mayors Coalition as a way to promote safe summer activities and kick off the coming school year.

The Metro Mayors Coalition, facilitated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), is a collaborative group that brings together 13 mayors and city and town managers from the Greater Boston area to find common solutions to shared problems.

The tournament takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Somerville's Trum Field, located at 541 Broadway, between Ball and Magoun Squares. Play begins at 10 a.m., with lunch during the tournament from noon to 1:00 p.m. There will be a three-point contest and a DJ and

dance component. Referees and entertainers will volunteer their time, and local businesses have donated supplies such as food and basketballs for the event. The rain location is the Somerville High School Gymnasium, 81 Highland Ave. in Somerville.

The tournament is funded in part by the Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative, a state grant program supported by the legislature and the Governor, which promotes a regional approach to addressing youth and gang violence throughout Massachusetts.

Shannon Grant funds provide resources to support both prevention and enforcement measures in the battle against youth- and gang-related crime. The Metro Mayors Shannon Grant Community Safety Initiative includes community partners such as Teen Empowerment in Somerville and Roca in Chelsea.

These groups use the funding to support programs offering at-risk and court-involved youth the opportunity to turn their lives in a new direction. Police departments across the region also use the funding to

support the Metro Gang Task Force and "hot spot" patrols on urban streets.

The public is invited to come and cheer on their local team. For more information, contact MAPC Government Affairs Specialist Charlie Ticotsky at 617-933-0710 or cticotsky@mapc.org.

Visit mapc.org/regional-collaboration/metro-mayors-coalition for more information.

Community partners by city/town:

- Cambridge: Cambridge PD, Cambridge Youth Services
- Chelsea: Chelsea PD, Roca, Jordan Boys and Girls Club
- Everett: Everett PD, Everett Public Schools and Everett Boys and Girls Club
- Malden: Malden PD, City of Malden
- Quincy: Quincy PD, Quincy Recreation Department
- Revere: Revere PD, Police Athletic League, Revere Cares, and Revere High School Connect
- Somerville: Somerville PD, Teen Empowerment
- Winthrop: Winthrop PD, Casa

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1. What famed ranch can you see from Ranch Road No.1 near Stonewall, Texas?	7. What is the score given to a forfeited baseball game?
2. What was the motto President Harry S. Truman kept on his desk?	8. Where is the Prado Museum located?
3. Who was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.?	9. What was the capital of Persia in the seventeenth century?
4. Where did the word "Yankee" come from?	10. What is "Alf's" home planet?
5. How long was Johnny Carson the host of <i>The Tonight Show</i> ?	11. What nickname was given to Martha Stewart while in prison?
6. What college did Helen Keller attend?	12. What is a yellow shafted flicker?

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SomerStreets' summer seizure a sure success

Seize the Summer, the July installment of the city's seasonal SomerStreets festival took place Sunday, July 29 between Walnut and Cedar Streets on Highland Ave.

Seize the Summer is the second of the 2013 SomerStreets celebrations, with the first event having drawn more than 3,000 attendees in June along East Broadway. For this unique street fair, where "roads are closed to cars and open to you," programming included: a family bike ride, health and fitness fair, live music, family-friendly activities,

craft vendors, food and more.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally-renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the city and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.



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Monday August 5

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.
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Tuesday August 6

Carre McFerron 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday August 7

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

Thursday August 8

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday August 9

Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m.

Saturday August 10

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m.
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Sunday August 11

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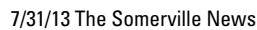
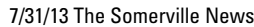
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Cavalia rides into Somerville

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together around the most beautiful landscape in the world.”

“The challenge was to do a perfect marriage between the performing arts and the equestrian arts,” he said. “So we gave ourselves the resources and the technology to realize that.”

The result is the world’s largest touring show; twice the size of anything else on record. Performing alongside Cavalia’s 63 four-legged stars are four dozen artists of the two-legged variety: riders, acrobats, aerialists, dancers and musicians from 13 different countries. Backing them up behind the scenes are 120 full-time employees who tour with the group, close to 100 local workers hired for the set up, and another 100 or so locals who will work throughout the run of the show at everything from ticket sales, to bartending, to stable help.

Cavalia’s mainstage tent, dubbed the “big white top,” is itself an engineering innovation. The 2,000-seat performance space rises 10 stories high and covers the area of two football fields. The canvas structure is supported by four masts and three arches, and tethered to the ground with 3.6 miles of steel cable. Eighty tons of sound, light and mechanical equipment are suspended from above, so as not to block the view.

As workers put the finishing touches on the big top frame yesterday, bulldozers set about moving up to 10,000 tons of dirt to build the mountain landscape of Latourelle’s vision. The world of *Odysseo* will be brought to life by state-of-the-art visual effects, including a high definition 3D backdrop the size of three IMAX screens. And in the few days that remain before opening night, crews will prepare the stage surface for the show’s grand finale, when the horses and their human friends will frolic in 80,000 gallons of water.

“What you see as the public is almost a six-dimensional experience,” said Latourelle. “You enter for two hours of show to make you travel, to make you have fun, and to make you dream.”

And he said the fun isn’t all reserved for the humans. “We want the horses to feel when they come onstage that it is not a workplace but a playground,” said Latourelle. He said *Odysseo* is unique in that its horses perform a great deal of the show without bits in their mouths, even though half of them are notoriously hard-to-train stallions. When the horses arrive in Somerville tomorrow, they’ll be fresh off a two-week vacation at the company’s farm in southern Quebec where they’re “on holiday, just eating grass and having



Cavalia is using heavy equipment to build a mountain landscape under the “big white top.”

fun,” said Latourelle.

Cavalia has so far announced two weeks’ worth of performances in Somerville, but similar engagements have typically been extended by six weeks or more. Mayor Joseph Curtatone said the city was ready to host *Odysseo* for up to three months and beyond, and the longer the run, the greater the benefits to Somerville residents.

Along with the money Cavalia and its patrons will spend here, the mayor said the com-

pany is partnering with the city to ensure that excess tickets go to moderate and low income Somerville families who may not otherwise be able to afford the admission price, which starts at around \$50 for adults.

“It’s a moving show and it’s important for everyone to have that opportunity to see it,” said Mayor Curtatone. He said his office will work through city departments and social service agencies to coordinate opportunities for more Somerville residents

to experience *Odysseo*, and will publicize those opportunities on the city website.

Said Mayor Curtatone, “We’re excited to have the world’s biggest stage, holding what’s probably the greatest show touring the world today, right here in Somerville.”

Cavalia will open Wednesday, August 7 and is currently scheduled to run through August 18, with an extension likely. Ticket information is available at www.cavalia.net, or 1-866-999-8111.

New life breathed into East Broadway and East Somerville

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for active living. Every sidewalk, ramp and crosswalk will be fully ADA compliant so that everyone can enjoy East Broadway regardless of their physical abilities.

East Broadway will also continue our commitment to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as well as mass transit. We have already earned recognition as the 10th most walkable city and 8th most bikeable city in the nation, but we won’t be satisfied until we’re number one. We have seen the impact of these investments. By our counts, biking is up 56 percent over the past two years in Somerville. And this re-

construction project will make it easier for bikers and pedestrians to commute to work without a car, to get to the T at either Sullivan Square or the new Green Line stations in Gilman Square and at Washington Street.

Improved pedestrian infrastructure, revitalized bike-friendly streetscapes, parks and all other amenities for active living is not just social infrastructure, however. It is economic infrastructure, helping encourage private investment and business development. Businesses are on board because these improvements increase the

foot traffic that’s so essential for local businesses to thrive. That also attracts developers, who see a vibrant, active city with bustling streets filled not with faces seen through car windows, but out walking or biking.

I thank each and every business on East Broadway for their patience and cooperation during this project. And I want to remind everyone to support these businesses during construction to help reduce the impact the construction will have on them. Remind your friends and family too and together as a community, we can keep East

Broadway thriving right until ribbon-cutting day.

This area is sure to thrive because we are creating a sustainable city by fostering wellbeing, creating a healthier workforce, and leveraging those resources to drive the economic development necessary to sustain them. Renowned restaurateurs, developers and executives have already recognized East Somerville’s potential and new restaurants and businesses have cropped up over the last several months, and I expect much more to come as East Broadway’s reconstruction comes to completion in 2015.

We are re-painting the canvas of East Somerville and creating new spaces and places and ways for us to all come together as a community. But the heart of East Somerville is already here. East Somerville is home to so many families with long-running ties to this area as well as to the city’s largest population of new immigrants and the highest concentration of kids. What a great mix. And, with the East Broadway project and Chuckie Harris Park, what an exceptional place this is and will continue to be to live, work, play and raise a family.

Lost opportunity on Washington Street

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has not yet been revised to address concerns about safety and visibility. Retail space is still too small, and there is still no street level bicycle parking proposed for the SCC building, making bicycle transportation less viable for these residents. While the project has been approved, some of these changes still can and should be made.

It’s unfortunate that the SCC and their supporters

who say they care about housing for working families preferred to fabricate a conflict over the merits of “affordable housing” rather than starting this project by advocating for the best possible model of family housing.

Those who truly care about “affordable housing” need to question the outdated vision behind this project. Does the demand for income-restricted

housing justify spending every dollar to create the maximum number of housing units or is it more important to create buildings that provide common areas to encourage community and outdoor spaces and buildings that encourage active and healthy living?

Mayor Curtatone’s vision, shared in their own way by just about everyone, is a Somerville that is an “excep-

tional place to live, work and raise a family.” The values that guide this vision have been set out in the Somervision Comprehensive Plan. These goals guide many wonderful things happening throughout the city, but actually achieving this vision also requires making sure that new development does more than simply pander to these values, and finds ways to realize them.

The ‘Innovation City’ needs innovative developments that don’t take away from what is already great about the neighborhoods they are built in. These buildings are more than the ideas used to justify them – they will be with us for just as long as the McGrath highway overpass. It’s critical we make sure what is built today isn’t regretted in the same way 50 years from now.

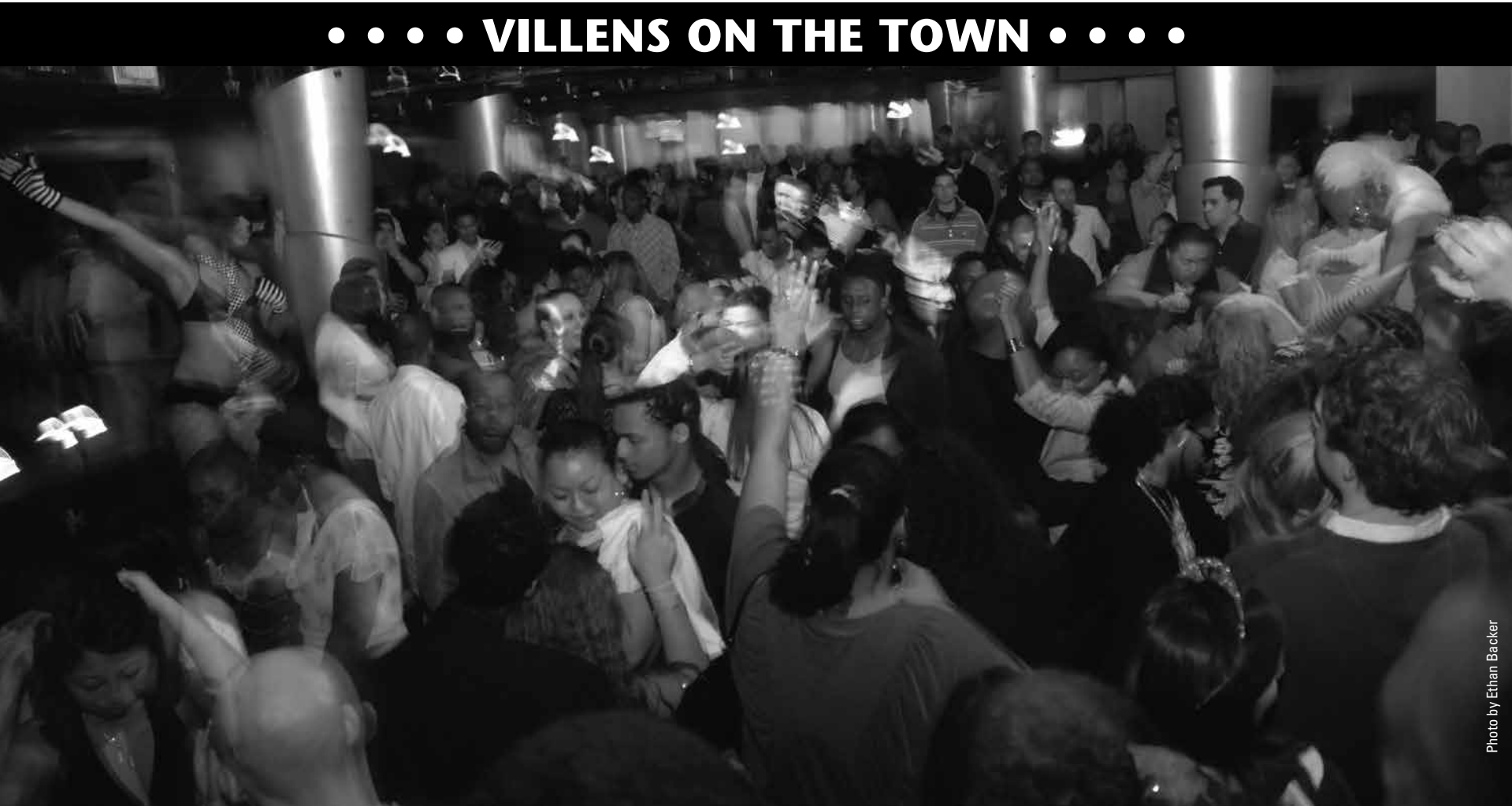


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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday| July 31

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

West Branch Library
Fairytale Storytime & Craft
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

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

Thursday|August 1

SomerMovie Fest
Philadelphia|PG-13
Dusk|Powderhouse Park

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

West Branch Library
Groundwork Somerville
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday| August 2

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

Central Library
Teen Program
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936
2:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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

Monday|August 5

Central Library
Sing-along with Steve!
Cathy|2950|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|August 7

East Branch Library
Live Animal Presentation
11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Simple Toys Origami with Arline Ann Cassesso|617-623-5000 x2950
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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Wednesday|July 31

Johnny D’s
The Wedding Band Showcase
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Taiwan Typhoon|Hard Soul|Tape Off The Radio|Brooke Merkin
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar
UP: Fantastic Liars|The Ways & Means Committee|Family Photo No Cover
Down: Sonny Vincent|classic

ruins|JJ Rassler
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Rick Drost and Licia Sky
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 1

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Eric Andre
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Thursdays |7:30 p.m.
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Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Radio Bar
The Cattle Walk|Here We Just Dream|The Lawsuits|Billy Wine
21+, 8PM, \$7
379 Summer St

Friday|August 2

Johnny D’s
The Jammin Divas|The Blue Ribbons

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Birds of Play |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Team Shred Presents|Zac Mac Band|Bedford Davis
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DJ starting at 10 p.m.
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Joshua Tree
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Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
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Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
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Radio Bar
UP: The Milling Gowns
Down: The Modifiers|Reverse|Riot Fox
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Roots Music from three New England singer/songwriters
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|August 3

Johnny D’s
Izzy & The Catastrophics|Cannibal Ramblers|Ten Foot Cats
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Honkytonk Masquerade |6 p.m.

Daniel Reinstein & the Recognitions, Sub Par Co-Star, Zevon Helm |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
TBA
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:Parasoma|Solo Saloon|The Bailen Brothers|Erie Blue|Age of Soul
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
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On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
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Down: Mistrence|Sleep Crimes-|PowerSlut|Viva Gina \$5
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Sunday|August 4

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Radio Bar
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379 Summer St

Monday|August 5

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
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Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
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8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Tuesday|August 6

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

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Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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Down: Xothogua-montreal|Show of bedlam-montreal|Faces of Baylon \$7
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Wednesday|August 7

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Sports Trivia
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7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|July 31

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

Thursday| August 1

Central Library
Drop-In Meditation
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library
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(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.
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Third Life Studio
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Friday|August 2

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

Saturday| August 3

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

Sunday| August 4

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

basement.

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

Monday|August 5

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

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

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

Tuesday| August 6

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

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

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

Wednesday| August 7

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

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

Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

Book Club - August 2 at 10:00 a.m. Next book is "Illumination Night" by Alice Hoffman. New members welcome.

LGBT Events

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

August 26 - "Movies To Come Out To" - "The Love Part of This" with dinner from Greek Corner Restaurant. RSVP a must. \$6.

September 8 - "Be Breast Aware" An interactive workshop for lesbian, bisexual and friends to explore ways to prevent breast cancer. This is facilitated by a health educator from Fenway Health. 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. FREE.

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

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

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 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.

Trip Corner:

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

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

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo - September 13-15.

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24.

Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

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

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

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings

July 31

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Holland Street Center

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

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Cross Street Center

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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August 1

Lowell Spinners

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Blood Pressure|10 a.m.

Waiver Programs|12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Farmer's Market|1 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Blood Pressure|9:30 a.m.

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet & knitting|10:45 a.m.

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August 2

Wenham Museum

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life

Book Club|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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August 5

Holland Street Center

English Conversation|11 a.m.

"Travel Around The World"|11:30 a.m.

Wii Bowling|1:30 p.m.

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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August 6

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

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

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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August 7

Mayor's Picnic - All Centers Closed

Except for Zumba at Holland Street at 5:15pm

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Summer Wind at COA



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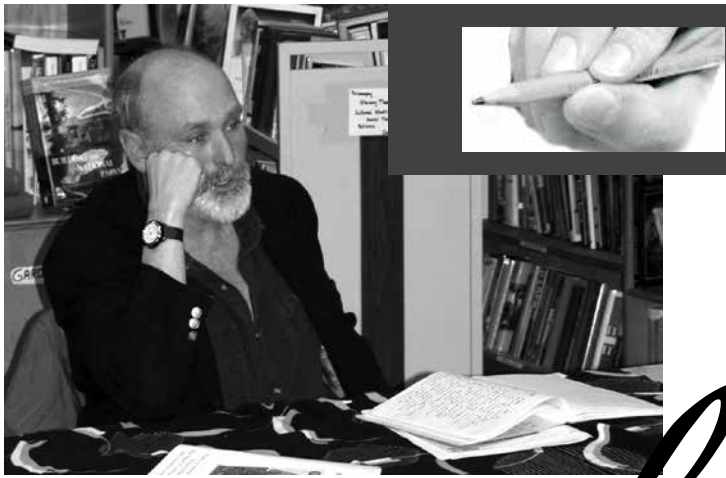
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	4:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues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

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		8:30pm:	Congressional Update	Wednesday, July 31		8:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
Wednesday, July 31		9:00pm:	Shape Up Somerville: La Cantina Mexicana	8:00am:		9:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
9:00am:	Somerville By Design – Davis Square	9:20pm:	Voices of Somerville	10:00am:		9:30pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
10:30am:	Special Olympics 2013	9:40pm:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	12:00pm:		10:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium
12:00pm:	Welcoming Greentown Labs	Sunday, August 4		2:00pm:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections		Sunday, August 4	
12:30pm:	Congressional Update	12:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	3:00pm:		12:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
1:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30am:	Congressional Update	5:30pm:		2:30am:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
1:30pm:	African American History in Somerville	2:00am:	Shape Up Somerville: La Cantina Mexicana	6:30pm:		8:00am:	2012 SHS Highlander Football Highlights
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	2:20am:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:		9:00am:	SHS Lady Highlander Basketball
7:00pm:	ArtBeat 2013	2:40am:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	9:00pm:		10:00am:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
8:05pm:	SomerStreets – Seize the Summer	9:00am:	Congressional Update	10:45pm:		12:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
8:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Thursday, August 1		1:30pm:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
9:10pm:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit	1:00am:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections		3:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards
9:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	1:00pm:Welcoming Greentown Lab Press Conference		8:00am: WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony		5:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee
Thursday, August 1		1:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	9:00am: Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly		6:00pm:	2012 SHS Highlander Football Highlights
12:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	2:10pm:	Somerville By Design – Davis Square	9:35am:		7:00pm:	SHS Lady Highlander Basketball
1:05am:	SomerStreets – Seize the Summer	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:		7:30pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
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2:30am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	8:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	3:00pm:		Monday, August 5	
9:00am:	Congressional Update	9:10pm:	Somerville By Design – Davis Square	3:30pm:		12:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Monday, August 5		6:00pm:		2:30am:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee
12:30pm:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	6:35pm:		8:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
1:40pm:	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit	9:00pm:		9:00am:	Baseball vs Medford
2:00pm:	Shape Up Somerville: La Cantina Mexicana	1:00am:Welcoming Greentown Lab Press Conference		10:00pm:		11:30am:	Healey School Talent Show
7:00pm:	Art Beat 2013	1:30am:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	11:00pm:		12:30pm:	kid stuff - National Night Out
8:05pm:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville	2:10am:	Somerville By Design – Davis Square	Friday, August 2		1:00pm:	SHS Lady Highlander Basketball
9:15pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	Special Olympics 2013	12:00am:		2:00pm:	Voc Ed Fair
9:45pm:	Welcoming Greentown Lab Press Conference	10:00am:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	1:00am:		2:30pm:	Multicultural Fair
10:15pm:	Taste of Somerville	12:00pm:	Sit & Be Fit	8:00am:		3:25pm:	ESCS Construction Tour #2
Friday, August 2		12:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	8:30am:		4:00pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
12:00am:	Art Beat 2013	1:00pm:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville	9:30am:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections		5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections
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9:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	9:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	2:30pm:		Tuesday, August 6	
12:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Tuesday, August 6		6:00pm:		12:00am:	ESCS Construction Tour #2
1:30pm:	Congressional Update	12:00am:	Congressional Update	6:30pm:		12:30am:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
2:00pm:	Shape Up Somerville: La Cantina Mexicana	12:30am:	Special Olympics 2013	7:30pm:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections		8:00am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
2:20pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:20am:	Taste of Somerville	8:30pm:		9:30am:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
2:40pm:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	2:00am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	9:30am:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections		10:30am:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.
7:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	9:00am:	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	10:30am:		11:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
8:30pm:	Congressional Update	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:30am:WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony		1:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
9:00pm:	Shape Up Somerville: La Cantina Mexicana	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit	12:30pm:		2:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
9:20pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:00pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave	1:00pm:		3:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show
9:40pm:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	1:45pm:	African American History in Somerville	2:30pm:		4:30pm:	Voc Ed Fair
Saturday, August 3		2:40pm:	E. Somerville Walking Tour	3:00pm:		6:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
12:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:		7:30pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
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2:20am:	Voices of Somerville	8:30pm:	ArtBeat 2013	8:30pm:		Wednesday, August 7	
2:40am:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	9:05pm:	Somerville By Design – Capuano Center	9:30am:		12:00am:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
9:00am:	Family Fun Day	Wednesday, August 7		10:00am:		1:00am:	Healey School Talent Show
12:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	11:00am:		2:00am:	Voc Ed Fair
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2:40pm:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	2:05pm:	Somerville By Design – Capuano Center	5:00pm:			
7:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		7:00pm:Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections			



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Christina Tedesco: Ability Amidst Disability

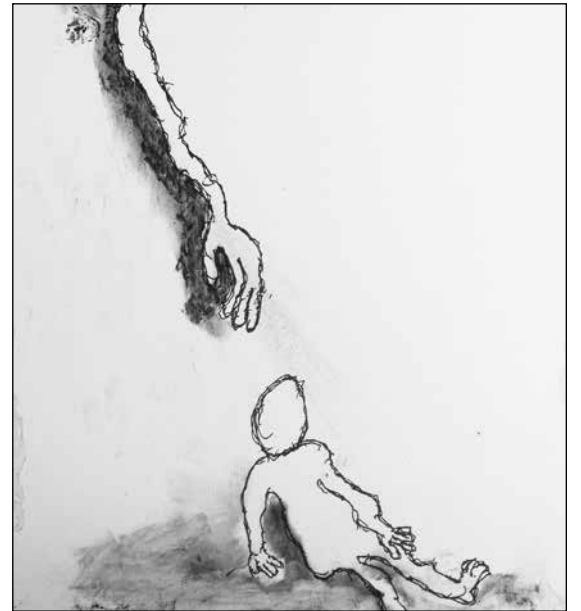
Christina Tedesco, a Somerville resident who suffers from cerebral palsy faces many challenges, but she remains a committed artist. Tedesco, who I met at my usual perch at the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square, wrote on her website that her art "...deals with the movement of the human body through space and time. Specifically it deals with the control between balance and imbalance, control and the lack thereof." "Control and the lack thereof" are issues that Tedesco faces with her own body, and in her art.

Tedesco works at the "Mad Oyster" studios on Bradley St. in Somerville. She has lived in Somerville for the past 10 years and she is a graduate of Tufts University and The Museum School in Boston. Of Somerville Tedesco said: "I love the combination of the city and the suburbs. I find the arts community very down to earth here, certainly more than say the Harrison Ave. crowd in Boston. And Somerville is very easy to get around either by foot or bus."

Tedesco said her introduction to art was due to a mistake. She wanted to get into a specific literature class at Tufts but as it turned out it was full so she opted for a photography class. All this lead to her desire to become an artist. And later, the budding artist moved on to sculpture and painting.

As for her disability-- it is hardly an asset in the art world. She said: "The people I draw have no face. I think people often look at my disability first—not my face or personality." But there are advantages according to Tedesco: "I think I have to observe more closely than the average person. I have to move at a much slower pace. I have to be very conscious of what's around me, so I don't fall. And part of being an artist is having the ability to concentrate."

Tedesco counts the artist Louise Bourgeois as



an influence. She reflected: "I feel I paint the way she did. She didn't care about detail, but yet the content is there. Many of her subjects are faceless. She's like me—concentrating on parts of the body."

Tedesco continued: "I draw in a child-like fashion. When I attempt to draw detailed faces—I feel they are not good enough."

Tedesco, who works at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston has had mixed reactions to her work. She said "Some people like it, others find it sad or scary. My new work for instance incorporates a lot of deep and dark shadows, which may off put folks."

Tedesco has participated in a lot of shows in the area. Her work has surfaced at such places as the Harriet Tubman House in Boston, the State House, and Bloc 11 in Union Square, where this interview took place.

Somerville, Mass. is a home to artists of many types. Tedesco is certainly a unique presence in the Paris of New England.

Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

Summer Cold--Sounds like an oxymoron, right? Well--poet Keith Tornheim will explain.



Summer Cold?

My hacking cough would have scared
small children—fortunately ours are grown—
a deliberate, not involuntary, explosion
in an attempt to clear the airway
of the accumulated dripping down my throat.
My head feels only mildly stuffed;
the blown debris from nasal passages,
caught in Kleenex after Kleenex,
is barely discolored and only sometimes,
less yellow than the film of pollen on the cars.
So I'd thought it was all just allergies
until I gave it to my wife.

— Keith Tornheim

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Ms. Cam's

From on page 14

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Answers

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|---|---|
| 1. LBJ Ranch | 6. Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA – she graduated with honors |
| 2. "The buck stops here" | |
| 3. Thomas Jefferson | 7. 9-0 |
| 4. Many believe it came from the Dutch "John Cheese" (Janke) – it was a mild insult used by the Dutch for English colonial settlers | 8. Madrid, Spain |
| | 9. Isfahan |
| | 10. Melmac |
| | 11. M. Diddy |
| 5. Thirty years, 1962 to 1992 | 12. A bird |

OPENAIR Circus 2013



The OPENAIR Circus will again amaze and amuse audiences this weekend. This year, the big top will be at Conway Field, halfway between Union Sq. and Porter Sq. on Somerville Ave. Performances cap off 6 weeks of summer classes offered by the circus in three Somerville parks. Over 200 children, teens, and adults have been learning and perfecting skills like stilt, juggling, acrobatics, and more. Performances dates and times are: 7 p.m. on Friday, August 2; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 3; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 4. Suggested donation is \$3. The show runs about two hours with intermission. Refreshments, souvenirs, and circus equipment will be available for purchase. The circus receives support from the Somerville Arts Council, volunteers, and the community at large. To learn more, go to www.openaircircus.org. The Circus is also available for workshops and birthday parties.

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