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## Lighting up the sky



The City of Somerville's annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration took to the skies last Thursday night at Trum Field. Pictures are on page 12.

## New fiscal year, same local aid

### State budget impact on Somerville

By Elizabeth Sheeran

State lawmakers lauded passage last week of a \$32.5 billion fiscal year 2013 budget that increases state aid to cities and towns from \$5.1 to \$5.4 billion, with nearly \$900 million in unrestricted local aid. But city officials said anyone thinking that means Somerville will have more state money to work with this year will be disappointed.

According to the so-called "cherry sheets" - the detailed spreadsheets that spell out state aid for every municipality in the commonwealth - the state has committed \$42.4 million in local aid payments to Somerville for the fiscal year that began a few days ago on July 1, compared with \$40.9 million in last year's budget. That looks like an increase of \$1.5 million, or almost four percent.

But the fiscal year 2012 cherry sheets didn't include \$1.5 million in supplemental funding the state released to the city after the budget process closed last summer. In fact, Somerville received a total of \$42.4 million in

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## 'If I can vote, I can count'

### Fourth has special meaning for newest citizens

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville resident Manuel Baires is doing something uniquely patriotic this Fourth of July.

He's reviewing everything he's learned about U.S. history and government, and making final preparations to show up the next day to his scheduled appointment with an officer of the United State Citizenship and Immigration Service. If all goes as expected, he will return home a United States citizen.

"As a citizen, I can vote," said Baires, a machinist, on deciding to take the final step to become a naturalized citizen of the United States. "As a resident, I don't have the right to say anything. But by becoming a citizen, I can speak up to the government for more health clinics, more schools, more rights."

Having a voice in the political process is also important to Alma Mejia, who will have her day at the citizenship office on July 30. "For me, the first point is to vote. That's the most important thing," said Mejia, who

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These locals are ready to embrace their new status as U.S. citizens (left to right): Jose Francisco Reyes, Alma Mejia, Carlos Lenos and Manuel Baires.

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# NEWTALK

First Tuesdays is a monthly after hours event where friends, foodies and neighbors come out to meet one another and sample the culinary delights of the East Broadway Business District. All events are free and open to the public.

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Last week's early July Fourth fireworks here in Somerville was spectacular, thousands of residents came out to see probably the best fireworks display so far. It seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves and it turned out to be a true family night here in the city. Congratulations to Mayor Joe Curtatone for a great event that keeps getting better every year.

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The repaving of Magoun Square seems to be a getting done right this time. Let's hope no one wants to tear up the street for a few years now. It was inconvenient for a few days but it will have a lasting effect. Thanks to Mayor Joe Curtatone and Alderman Sean O'Donovan for standing their ground and forcing the company to do a do-over.

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We hear that Ricky Hart of the infamous Dick and Mary Hart Family is doing well after his back surgery up at Lowell General Hospital. We wish him speedy recovery. He's recently celebrated his 13th wedding anniversary with Jaime and his three kids (two boys and one girl).

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Happy Birthday this week to a few of our fans out there. First of all, good old guy James (friends call him Brian) Roche, who we hope is enjoying his ocean view at Ocean Park down east. Another good friend of the paper and popular guy around the town is our own Doug Holder. We still think we need a Poet Laureate here in Somerville and he'd make a good one. Newbie to Somerville, and a great guy at that, is Jeffrey Harrington who lives in

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to Bow Street angle-in parking pilot shows early signs of success

Boston Kate says:

OK, so we're providing MORE parking spaces, while creating safer bike lanes, to encourage people to drive less. Crazy!

tom says:

How is this possibly safer for bikes? You're still backing in as you would for parallel parking. I don't see any change in that respect. And of course 'it's working'. Did you really think the city would announce it was a mistake and scrap it? This wasn't a test, it was a 'get used to it slowly'. And they actually need more meters to generate more revenue to make up for the lost revenue where they've put all of those stupid 'bike parkers' in the city.

A Moore says:

Stupid bike things? So far I have counted at least 2 bikes total that have seen in the ones I drive by all the time. To be fair I only go by 4 of them. At least they won't be worn out.

j connelly says:

Are they that lazy or is it a true example of their harassment campaign against pedestrians and baby strollers?

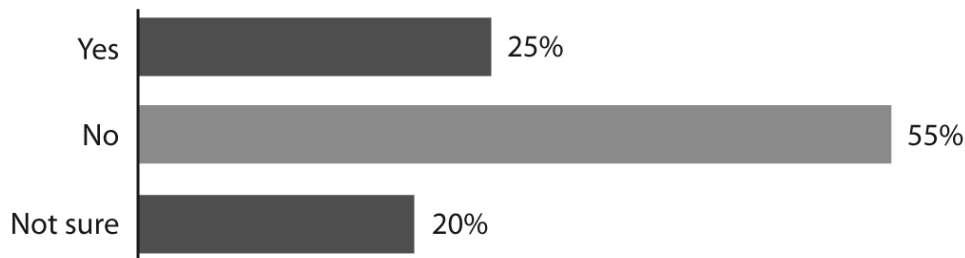
It was reported on the Somerville Pundits, that at a meeting the Pundits attended, the cyclists want the bike lane/path to travel through the mini-mall in Davis Square between Elm St & Herbert St. which is private property. Either SOME of these people lack common sense or are in serious need of some medical attention or need to be locked up.

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

## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you would like to see more schools in Somerville become Innovation Schools. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Would you like to see more schools in Somerville become Innovation Schools?



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# Mayor and DPW battle pigeons under overpass

By William Tauro

Last Friday, Somerville DPW workers power-washed pigeon feces with high power equipment under the McGrath Highway Overpass.

After numerous complaints by abettors of dozens of dead pigeons, a ground covered in white pigeon feces and rats actually running with and feeding on pigeon carcasses, Somerville City Hall decided to clean the mess that Mass DOT has neglected to do so. Mass DOT is responsible for the area under the ailing overpass

that falls on state property and is under the state's jurisdiction.

"The entire area around the overpass has been overtaken with the city's growing problem of rat infestation. The city addressing the pigeon problem under this bridge is a major victory in the battle against the rats" said John Neilson an abettor of the bridge. Neilson continued to say that he "applauds the mayor, with the help of Ward 2 Alderman Hueston, and the DPW's efforts for taking on this battle that Mass DOT has turned their backs on."



Photo by William Tauro

## 'If I can vote, I can count' CONT. FROM PG 1

lives in Somerville with her two sons and cleans homes for a living. "It's to make myself count. To say there is one more person here. If I don't vote, even if I have citizenship, I don't count. If I can vote, I can count."

Baires and Mejia are both from El Salvador. But they are navigating the same naturalization path to American citizenship followed by legal immigrants from all over the world.

Immigrants can apply for citizenship if they have been lawful permanent residents for at least five years (three if they're married to a U.S. citizen). They must show they are "of good moral character," have a working knowledge of English and are committed to the values of the U.S. Constitution. And they have to pass a civics test that can include anything from the number of seats in the House of Representatives to which Constitutional amendment gave women the right to vote.

For Baires, Mejia, and dozens more of their fellow aspiring citizens, preparing for their interview and test meant ten weeks of classes at CORES, a Somerville non-profit whose origins go back two decades to when documented human rights abuses in El Salvador led the U.S. Congress to create a

legal immigration path for Salvadoran refugees.

CORES director Marcos Garcia said the center now offers all kinds of services to immigrants from Central America and elsewhere, but the citizenship classes taught by student volunteers from Tufts University are among the most important. "This program is preparing them for something big. To become a U.S. citizen. It's the final step for them," said Garcia.

He said committing to classes for eight hours a week can be a daunting proposition for people who are already working long hours to make a living, and who may have had little formal education in the past. But those who stick it out show just how determined they are to become full citizens of their adopted country.

"It's difficult, but not impossible," said Jose Francisco Reyes Rodriguez, a retired mechanic, speaking in Spanish. As a senior citizen, he was subject to a less stringent level of testing, but he said he still struggled with memorizing all the information he was asked to learn about American civics. In the end, his dedication to the classes helped demonstrate his commitment to the ideals of U.S. citizenship, and he was approved in June on

his third trip to the citizenship office. "Me lo dieron, gracias a Dios," said Reyes: "They gave it to me, thank God."

Mejia said the test was intimidating at first. "When I started, I didn't know anything about the history. Nothing. The Constitution. Congress. Amendments..." But now she feels more than ready, and more up-to-speed on civics than her sons who were born here. "Now it's easy. I know the book. I'm ready to go," said Mejia.

For Baires, the decision to start the process was the hard part, but once he did, he found the classes interesting. "It was good to study the history of this country, and all the levels of government, because every country is different," said Baires. He joked that he's been able to stump his native-born American friends. "They didn't know who John Boehner was," he said.

Classmate Carlos Lenos, a local carpenter, said he found it surprising to learn about the different branches of government, and who does what. "I have a lot of friends who were born here who tell me, 'maybe you know more about the history than me,'" said Lenos.

Like Baires and Mejia, Lenos said he can't wait to get in front of a citizenship officer to

demonstrate what he knows about U.S. history and government. And he's serious about what it means to be a good citizen.

"I don't want to miss the opportunity to be a citizen because I feel like an American, and I respect the rules of this country," said Lenos.

Baires said good citizens know the laws and follow them. Mejia said it's important to be willing to serve on a jury. Reyes said if he were a younger man, he would serve his new country in the military.

And all of these citizenship

class alumni spoke of the right to vote as both a unique privilege and an important obligation of citizenship, and said they looked forward voting in the national election this November.

"I want to participate. I want to decide who's going to be the next president. One vote makes the difference," said Lenos.

And what about Independence Day this year? Does it feel any different?

"Now that I have studied the history, I understand the importance," said Baires. "I have more happiness in my heart for the Independence of this country."

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Make his decaffeinated, please

Police responded to reports of a disturbance at the Starbucks at 711 Somerville Ave. last Sunday. Upon arrival they reportedly encountered a highly distraught man who was yelling profanities as he wielded a small wooden bat.

The manager at Starbucks contacted police after repeated attempts to order the agitated man from the premises were unsuccessful. The manager told police that the man had been cursing at customers and behaving in a threatening manner.

Officers led the man, Rahkeen Gray, 38, out of the Starbucks and informed him that he would have to leave the premises. Gray reportedly continued cursing and spitting on the ground as he was led out of the store in handcuffs.

Officers on the scene noted that there an incident occurred earlier that same day involving Gray. Police were dispatched to his residence at Evergreen Square at the request of neighbors who said that Gray was yelling obscenities and making noises suggesting that he was breaking things inside his home.

Gray was reportedly confrontational and uncooperative with police during the earlier incident, but he was not placed under arrest at that time.

As officers instructed Gray to leave the Starbucks parking lot area he reportedly complained that did not get any sugar for his coffee.

Police released Gray and insisted that he leave the area or else he would be placed under arrest.

Gray reportedly went inside the nearby Cumberland Farms gas station/convenience store where he commenced to glare out at the police officers as he continued to yell and make obscene hand gestures at them.

The officers momentarily left the scene hoping that Gray would calm down and leave the area. However, upon returning shortly thereafter to check the situation Gray was reportedly found once again to be in front of the Starbucks yelling and threatening customers with the wooden bat. Staff and customers of the nearby Laundromat were also reportedly intimidated by the man's behavior.

Gray was placed under arrest and taken to jail, charged with disorderly conduct, trespassing, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Alleged bank robber: ‘The other girl did it’

Police patrol units were issued a “be on the lookout” advisory after a woman reportedly robbed the East Cambridge Savings Bank at 285 Highland Avenue last Friday morning.

The woman had reportedly passed a demand note to a teller stating that she had a bomb in her possession. The woman was given some cash and she immediately left the bank, according to reports.

A witness tip led police to the bike path at Lexington Park where they soon spotted the suspect. As police approached the woman she reportedly kept looking back over her shoulder at them and tried walking away from them at a faster pace. She reportedly said to the, “I didn't do it.” as she walked away.

Once stopped by the officers for questioning, the woman, Crystal Geary, 22, reportedly began crying and said, “I didn't go in the bank it was another girl.”

The officers noted that a wad of money could be seen sticking out of the pocket of Geary's jacket, police said.

As she was told that bank employees would be brought to the scene to make an identification she again insisted, “It wasn't me, the other girl did it,” according to reports.

The victim bank teller was brought to the scene and made a positive identification of Geary as the perpetrator of the robbery.

Geary was placed under arrest and charged with unarmed robbery and false bomb threat.

## Casual smoker revealed as alleged dealer

Members of the Somerville Police Gang/Anti-Crime Unit observed what they deemed to be suspicious activity at the Rite Aid Pharmacy on Broadway last Friday night.

Four individuals reportedly entered a vehicle and proceeded to the other side of the parking lot, near the former Star Market, where the car was then parked.

Officers then reportedly observed activity consistent with use of marijuana, such as rolling marijuana cigarettes and thereafter smoking them.

Police officers converged on the vehicle and reportedly detected the odor of burning marijuana, police said.

A search of the vehicle and its occupants was conducted and various quantities of a substance believed to be marijuana was found.

Justin Smith, 20, of Malden, was placed under arrest on a warrant charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jamil Bowden, 20, of Malden, was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Edward Cottier**, 44, of 37 Harvard St., June 25, 4:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing.

**Robert Kneeland**, 60, of 78 Boston Ave., June 25, 8:42 p.m., arrested at 80 Boston Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Jamie Nucci**, 60, of 11 Sylvey Pl., June 26, 12:43 a.m., arrested at 10 Wellington Ave. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Debra Ward**, 56, of 10 Winter Hill Cir., June 26, 3:14 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Craig Thomson**, 49, of 50C Memorial Rd., June 26, 2:27 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

**Samuel Socobasin**, 32, of 10 Canal Ln., June 26, 6:06 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Crystal Geary**, 22, June 27, 10:37 a.m., arrested at 285 Highland Ave. on charges of unarmed robbery and false bomb threat.

**James Calo**, 32, of 10 Tyler Ct., Malden, June 27, 11:52 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on multiple warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation.

**Vincent Delgado**, 46, June 27, 9:15 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Justin Smith**, 20, of 373 Salem St., Malden, June 27, 9:27 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a warrant charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Jamil Bowden**, 20, of 166 Washington St., Malden, June 27, 9:27 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

**Hendy Jeanniton**, 33, of 142 Pearl St., June 28, 5:28 p.m., arrested on a charge of possession of a class B drug and on a warrant charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Cedric Scott**, 27, of 90 Camden St., Boston, June 28, 5:28 p.m., arrested at 15 Memorial Rd. on charges of trespassing and carrying a dangerous weapon.

**Robert Echevarria**, 35, of 32 Irving St., Cambridge, June 29, 12:42 a.m., arrested at 162 Central St. on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

**Dwane Moss**, 23, of 63 Waverly St., Everett, June 29, 1:03 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct and threat to commit a crime.

**Rahkeen Gray**, 38, of 40 Evergreen Sq., June 29, 7:15 a.m., arrested at 711 Somerville Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Louann Wright**, 41, of 153A Alewife Brook Pkwy., June 29, 2:59 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

June 26, 1:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Main St.

June 26, 2:27 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

June 26, 3:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 130 Highland Ave.

June 27, 6:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

June 28, 11:23 p.m., police reported a theft at 11 Bow St.

June 28, 7:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Ibbetson St.

June 29, 7:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Puritan Rd.

June 30, 12:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Boston Ave.

**Breaking & Entering:**

June 27, 3:41 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Avon St.

June 30, 5:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Evergreen Ave.

**Vehicle Theft:**

June 28, 6:32 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave.

June 28, 6:56 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Joy St.

**Assault:**

June 26, 3:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Winter Hill Cir.

June 26, 11:52 a.m., police reported an assault at Temple Rd.

June 27, 9:15 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

June 29, 1:21 a.m., police reported an assault at Kelly Pkwy.

June 30, 12:39 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

**Drug Violation:**

June 28, 5:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Arlington St.



# Davis Square Streetscape: Project Charette

By Emmanuel Vincent

In order for a project to be efficient, it must be well thought out and carefully executed. Such is the case with Davis Square Streetscape. The follow-up event to the Davis Square Streetscape Kick-Off Tour, Project Charette, was held this past Tuesday at the Tab Building on Holland Street. Members of the community came together once again in the next phase of the process to offer a few suggestions on how the square could be improved. This time, visual maps of Davis Square were implemented to show their concerns.

One of the concerns that the public had was with Highland Ave and the fact that it does not have a bike lane. Many felt that this does not make for a friendly commute experience for many bikers as vehicles are constantly switching lanes.

Another issue that residents expressed concerns over was a crosswalk light on College Ave. They claimed that its stop and go cycle was too short. As a result, there were concerns that in-



Residents and city planners share concerns over the proper development of Davis Square and its environs.

dividuals would be more tempted to jaywalk, putting themselves in harms way.

The back of the Davis Square Plaza was also a focus in this meeting. A few people thought that there were ways to improve the area so that both the members of the community and businesses could benefit from it. Some believe that this could be achieved by providing more outside seating as well as shaded areas. In addition, a welcoming sign was thought to be a good way to create a more lively atmosphere.

Residents seem to care about their community and it does not go unnoticed. "Concerns reflect how much people care," insists Sarah Spicer, Senior Transportation Planner.

The city tries to be aware of its resources and wants to make sure that everyone is taken into consideration as they try to make improvements. "This is a dense city," said Sarah Spicer. "We have to be careful on how we use space as it benefits all users."

The next meeting will be in the same location on July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

## City's first Innovation School approved

At their June 27 meeting, the Somerville School Committee unanimously voted to authorize the designation of the Winter Hill Community School as an Innovation School. Innovation Schools are in-district public schools that operate with greater autonomy and flexibility, providing opportunities to share best practices and provide ongoing planning and implementation support.

In 2010 Patrick signed the Achievement Gap Act that created Innovation Schools. Currently, there are 28 approved schools across Massachusetts, with 27 more in planning stages. Innovation Schools aim to raise student achievement and lower the state's achievement gap.

The School Committee action coincided with another event Wednesday, as a group of Somerville educators joined the governor and state education officials at Boston's Museum of Science to launch the Innovation School network. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is launching a network which aims to give educators and administrators who will be operating in



Somerville educators recently joined Gov. Patrick in helping to launch the Innovation School network.

Innovation Schools a platform to share best practices and support.

In attendance at today's Innovation School Network meeting were seven members of the Winter Hill Community School Innovation Team. This teacher-led team has been developing an Innovation Plan for the Winter Hill Community School for the past three months.

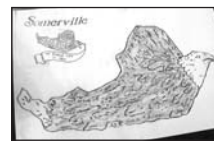
According to School Committee Chair Paul Bockelman, the Innovation Plan represents a significant step forward for the Somerville schools. He said, "This is a strong vote of confidence that our professional edu-

cators, working with families and community members, will build a dynamic, student-centered school. It is exciting to be on the leading edge of substantive educational reform in Massachusetts."

School Committee member Christine Rafal, who worked closely with the Winter Hill Team in the development of the Plan, commented that it "has been such a privilege for me to participate on the innovation planning team and get to know the caring, dedicated teachers at the Winter Hill even better. They made considerate and considerable

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## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



### Eagle feathers #4

#### Play Ball!

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

This year marks the 100th birthday of Fenway park, the beloved home of our favorite baseball team. And with summer underway, what better time to celebrate Somerville's influence on our nation's favorite pastime? So, let's start with the home team. While named the "Boston" Red Sox, the team has many connections to Somerville. Charles Taylor, founder of the Boston Globe, was a Somerville Alderman who raised his family on Belmont Street. Taylor had a son that was not particularly good at staying out of trouble so, in an effort to keep him on the right track, he did what any good old-fashioned working-class father would do and went out and bought him a baseball team. The team, called the Boston Puritans, played in Huntington yard, which is the area now occupied by Northeastern University. As you might imagine, paying the rent for an entire baseball stadium is not exactly easy to swing (no pun intended, of course). So Taylor eventually mentioned to his son that he owned some perfectly good marshland over in the Fenway area, and that he saw no reason why they shouldn't just clean it up a bit and build a stadium. And that is just what they did. Taylor's son, John, did not like the team's name, so he changed it from The Boston Puritans to the Boston Red Sox. The reason for the odd spelling is that he did not want to completely plagiarize the name of his favorite team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings.



But Somerville's place in the history of baseball extends far beyond just the Boston Red Sox. In 1910, President William Howard Taft took a tour of Somerville that included stops at Prospect Hill, Winter Hill (where he dedicated Paul Revere Park) and Central Hill, where Somerville residents honored the President with a Fourth of July Parade. The President loved baseball and was the first Commander-In-Chief to throw out the first pitch at the beginning of a game. At one game in particular, he arbitrarily stood up and stretched during the Seventh inning. The public must have liked his idea because everyone else stood up and did the same thing. This action caught on quickly, was repeated at games following that one and has been coined the "Seventh Inning Stretch."

In 1914, Brother Gilbert Cairns, a life-long Somerville resident until he joined the Xaverian Order at the age of 16, was coaching a baseball team in Baltimore, Maryland. One day when he was watching a game at St. Mary's Industrial School, he discovered a left-handed player that he claimed could not only tear the cover off the ball when he got up at bat, but was an excellent pitcher as well. Cairns tipped off Jack Dunn, manager of the Baltimore Orioles, that this was no ordinary baseball player. The young player trained briefly in Baltimore and before the end of the year, Babe Ruth was a member of the Boston Red Sox. In 1919, the fate of baseball was in jeopardy due to the Black Sox scandal. Because of Ruth's tremendous popularity and record-breaking exploits, he is considered by many to have saved professional baseball. So the next time you're at a ball game, remember that Somerville provided a pair of red socks, a place to use them and a star to wear them.



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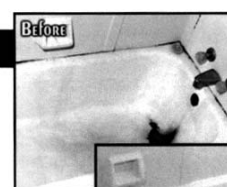
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# Bow Street angle-in parking pilot shows early signs of success

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Acting Traffic and Parking Director Matthew Dias announced that initial data suggests that the pilot program to calm traffic, promote pedestrian and bicycle safety, and increase the parking supply in Union Square is working as intended. Traffic radar data indicates that traffic along Bow Street has slowed by an average of ten percent and bicyclists report that the new bike lane makes the area safer. By nearly doubling the supply of parking, the new configuration also helps support additional customer visits, which results in added revenue for local businesses.

"We were fairly confident that, once people got used to the idea, it would make Bow Street safer, more walkable and more bikeable," said Curtatone. "But I am particularly pleased by the increase in parking supply, as it allows for additional customers throughout the day, which can result in additional revenues for our local businesses."

"We're going to continue to monitor the experiment, but so far, so good," said Dias. "Radar data shows a modest drop in average speeds, which is something we were hoping for: area residents and residents from Properzi Manor on Warren Ave had repeatedly expressed concerns about high-speeds and cut-through traffic. We've slowed things down slightly by reducing travel to a single lane, but the reality is that the pace of traffic is more consistent with what you'd experience in a mixed-use neighborhood with heavy foot traffic."

"There's also a big, big, plus for merchants and drivers alike: more parking equals more customer convenience and the potential for more revenue for local businesses," said Dias, citing a Union Square Main Streets survey that shows the average Union Square customer spends about \$50 dollars per visit. "The new spaces create the ability to accommodate about 100 additional business trips per day, and we know the spaces are getting used. That could mean, for example, an extra \$5,000 per day in added business opportunities, or over \$100,000 per month from drivers alone. We don't yet know the extent to which the added bicycle and foot traffic is also helping local businesses."

"A safe and pleasant pedestrian environment is key for the success of nearly every small business in Union Square and the changes on Bow Street are helping to create that," said Mimi Graney, Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets. "It's easier to cross the street and safer to travel on bike as the vehicles move through smoothly and at a less frantic pace. The new twist on parking is still awkward for some drivers, but as it's becoming more familiar, I'm seeing more parking in the area, especially on busy Saturdays."

One aspect of the changed configuration - the new bicycle lane - has already been well received by intended users. Judging by comments on the city's Facebook page, most cyclists are pleased with the change. A June 3 post to the city's Facebook page, by self-identified cyclist Ian Kennedy, was dismissive: "I drive and



Bow Street Angle-In Parking Pilot shows early signs of success according to initial data.

bike regularly through Union. This makes doing both more of a pain. Nice in theory but a mess in practice." Most other bike riders, however, expressed satisfaction with the change. The same day, Cynthia Conrod Finney posted: "Slower traffic and a bike lane and more parking. What's not to like?" Also on June 3, Somerville Bicycle Committee member Ron Newman noted "This should make it easier to bike through Union Square," while area resident Laurinda Bedingfield posted, "Yup, it makes it easier to bike and walk down there. If you live there it is a big improvement."

"Although we still have a ways to go, the results so far have been very encouraging," said Dias. "We continue to work on several issues, such as loading zones and congestion, but if

Bow Street continues to work as well as it has to date, I think it could be worth exploring in other business areas that suffer from cut-through traffic but

would prefer to cultivate a more relaxed, calmer, and business-friendly streetscape with additional parking spaces for local businesses and customers."

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy 4th of July, Somerville! Have a safe and fun summer.

The View From Prospect Hill



It's time once again for a little old-fashioned flag waving, backyard grilling, and taking some time to relax and celebrate life in the good old U.S.A.

Who among us doesn't enjoy the occasion? Who can resist the warm glow of good fellowship between friends, neighbors and families as the "birthday" of our nation comes around?

Great memories for the future are made each year as we attend a patriotic gathering, watch some fireworks, or just take a quiet look around and realize that America is still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. There's nothing corny about these ideas. They are concepts that live and breath as vitally today as they ever have.

We must never take these freedoms for granted, nor minimize their importance in assuring that we Americans enjoy one of the finest standards of living among all nations of the world.

Yes, we have our challenges and burdens to bear, just as all others have. But we also seem to push through successfully as we strive to solve our many difficult issues, and to soothe the afflicted among us.

For whatever exists momentarily that may divide us, there are important times like these when we can unite together in the spirit of true patriotism and national pride to celebrate the great gift of being Americans, and commemorating the sacrifices of our forebears in bringing this nation to life. We owe it to their memories to take the time to pause and reflect on what their efforts mean to us today.

Happy Birthday, America. You're looking good.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Davis Square. He's a new attorney and we're sure we will be hearing from him in the future. From the Racicot family, popular Roland Racicot is celebrating this week. You can find him over at his jewelry store in Medford Square. One of our own picks for Person of the Week, Eddie Tauro also celebrates. He's a great guy and if you're looking for auto body shop work stop in at Pats and ask for Ed. Congratulations, too, to retired banker and Lions member Tim O'Malley, also in Lions is Delio Susi and finally is Anthony Tas Tassinari'. To these and, of course, our country's Independence Day birthday, we wish everyone the best.

Thanks for a job well done to Mayor Joe Curtatone, Alderman Maryann Heuston and, of course, to the Somerville DPW who took it upon themselves to get underneath the McGrath Highway to power wash and remove dozens of dead pigeons as well as yards of pigeon feces that was posing a health risk for residents in that area. They took on a much needed task that the state neglected to do.

Our condolences to the family of Beth Bears who sadly past away this week way before her time. Beth was a wonderful woman and will be sadly missed. Beth is also the niece of Cindy and Bob Hickey here in the 'Ville.

Two Somerville residents, Evan Nolan and Margaret Swanson, appeared on the Jeopardy! TV quiz show recently. Appearing at different times, they did well. Congratulation to both.

Our condolences to the family of former Somerville Police Captain Dan Matthews who sadly passed away this week. Dan was a great guy and will be sadly missed.

Don't forget SomerMovie Fest begins Thursday, July 12. Showings are scheduled every Thursday evening at dusk, beginning with a screening of "Megamind" on July 12, at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square. Movies are shown every Thursday night through August 30 beginning at dusk at locations throughout the city, culminating with a Viewer's Choice selection, voted by attendees throughout

the summer, of one of the four following films: "A Streetcar Named Desire," "Despicable Me," "Eight Men Out," "Fantastic Mr. Fox," "Pride & Prejudice (2005)." Two of the SomerMovie Fest shows will be moved to new locations. The July 19 showing of "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I" will now be held at Blessing of the Bay Boathouse at 32 Shore Drive in Ten Hills, while the August 23 presentation of "Arthur" will now be at the City Hall Concourse, 93 Highland Ave. All other film selections, dates and locations remain unchanged. Seven Hills Park next to Davis Square remains the primary location. For a complete lineup see the city's website [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov).

Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) is offering a summertime Super-8 filmmaking workshop. Instructor Tara Merenda Nelson is a working artist with an impressive resume of screenings all over the world, including MoMA (NYC), The New York Film Festival, Boston's ICA and the Andy Warhol Museum. The 4-session workshop is just \$100, \$60 for members. Classes are Saturdays, July 7

to 28, 2012 starting at noon. To register call SCATV at (617)628-8826 or stop by the SCATV Studios at 90 Union Square, Somerville.

The Somerville Arts Council has begun another season of events in Union Square. It is proud to be launching Printmania, Saturday, July 7 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Printmania is a free event and market for all things print and paper: from zines to paper-making, from fine art to ephemera. Printmania will be a craft fair dedicated to showing off print-lovers from all over Somerville, the greater Boston area, and beyond! See new work from Muskat Studios of Davis Square and don't miss book-binding, from beginning to advanced, with Catherine Aiello. There will be interactive craft demonstrations by Fast Food Prints, a Maine-based group creating original made-to-order prints on paper and t-shirts in a flash and local artist Meagan Mary Creamer, offering a stencil cutting workshop for participants to begin their own zine! There will be live music rocking throughout the day from great local acts!



# COMMENTARY

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## Things that make you go, 'Hmmm'



By William C. Shelton

Acquaintances of mine frequently email me quotations that they find meaningful-succinct expressions of wisdom or humor, usually from philosophical, literary or comedic sources. I realized awhile back that I've never been sent a quote from science fiction.

I read a lot. I think that it's almost impossible to remain free of addiction in our society in this historical moment, and one of my addictions is novels. As addictions go, it's healthier than crack, and not as healthy as exercise.

About 80% of the novels that I read are science fiction. But at least 80% of science fiction is drivel. It's stories of men, women, and aliens who live in very different places and times, use spectacular gadgets, yet whose behavior, institutions and modes of thought are remarkably like those of present-

day Americans.

The kind of science fiction that I like might more aptly be called, "social science fiction." Some call it "speculative fiction." It posits changes in certain essential conditions and speculates on how intelligent beings' thought, behavior, and social creations would change accordingly. It can illuminate our unexamined assumptions about our world and ourselves. Through the lens of the "alien," it can acquaint us with the "ordinary."

So a couple of years ago, I started marking passages that made me go, "Hmmm," when I was reading science fiction novels. Here are some of them.

"Most ignorance is by choice, you know, and so ignorance is very telling about what really matters to people."

— Kim Stanley Robinson, *Red Mars*

"Most of the stupidity, bad behavior, and hostility of adolescents comes from being held in a state of enforced uselessness."

— John Barnes, *Candle*

"It felt like being a child again, though it was not. Being a child

is like nothing. It's only being. Later, when we think about it, we make it into youth."

— China Miéville, *Embassy-town*

"The world is full of surprises. We're all born strangers to ourselves and each other, and we're seldom formally introduced."

— Robert Charles Wilson, *Spin*

"Even though the commandment says 'You shall have no other God before me,' the Scripture worshippers put the writings ahead of God...Nature says the rock is billions of years old, but the book says different, so even though men wrote the book, and God made the rock, and God gave us minds that have found ways to tell how old it is, we still choose to believe the Scripture."

— Sheri S. Tepper, *The Fresco*

"In times of trouble the temptation to trade thought for symbol is overwhelming."

— George Foy, *The Memory of Fire*

"Truth does not become more or less true, depending on whether those who know it are

many or few."

— John C. Wright, *The Golden Age*

"Certainty is what most people prefer to truth, and it can't be kept from them."

— John Barnes, *Candle*

"We shall not be making a little desert, or laterizing the soil of a single plain; we shall be laying waste to the entire world. The survivors will hate and despise us for it...because we are motivated not by dreams of glory, but by cowardice and willful blindness. They will be right to hate and despise us, because we know what we are doing. They will know that we had a choice, and that what we chose to do was to destroy the world."

— Brian Stableford, *The Cassandra Complex*

"Courage is an admirable last resort, for when intelligence fails."

— David Brin, *Kiln People*

"Now we say that everything Lenin taught us about communism was false, and everything he taught us of capitalism, true."

— William Gibson, *Pattern Recognition*

"The genuine issues were the issues that political people lacked clichés for."

— Bruce Sterling, *The Zenith Angle*

"Strive only to be worthy of it, not to deserve it."

— Susan R. Matthews, *The Devil and Deep Space*

"Enough is as good as a feast. And it's when everyone is equal that your kids are safest."

— Kim Stanley Robinson, *Blue Mars*

"Cruelty is the intimacy of last resort."

— Robert Charles Wilson, *Blind Lake*

"Whoever declares another heretic is himself a devil. Whoever places a relic or artifact above justice, kindness, mercy, or truth is himself a devil and the thing elevated is a work of evil magic."

— Sheri S. Tepper, *The Visitor*

"You can't defeat a powerful enemy unless you understand him completely, and you can't understand

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## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Fun on the Fourth



July 4th, 1776, was the day that Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. It was a big day for the United States of America and it still is. It is the birthday of our nation and everyone loves birthdays. But July 4th means more than just barbecues and fireworks. For me, it means taking some time to really appreciate the freedoms we have. Compared to many countries, we have it made, and we sometimes take these freedoms for granted. I decided to make a list of all the things I love about my life in a free country where we have a ton of rights. These little "freedoms" may seem small to some but to me, they are huge. They include the freedom of speech, freedom of choice and just plain freedom. Lately, when I sit in my recliner with my clicker in hand, I realize how lucky I am to have a decent place to live, in a great city that I love, a healthy family and a nice big TV! I am also grateful that I can use run-on sentences!

When we were kids growing up in

Somerville, July 4th was the day our local politicians gave out Hoodsies at local parks. For those of you who don't know what Hoodsies are, they are those small chocolate and vanilla ice cream cups made by H P Hood and Company. They came with a small wooden spoon. I am not the only person who could not stand those wooden spoons. Back then, Hoodsies and fireworks were the big attraction for July 4th. We would hit several parks until we were stupid with ice cream! We were extra excited because we had the whole summer ahead of us to sleep in, ride bikes and hang around with our friends.

As always, I tapped my old Somerville friends to find out their favorite July 4th memories. One guy remembers sitting in the bleachers at Trum Field for the fireworks along with many of us. This tradition is still carried on today with entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display. For 25 cents you could take a ride on "The Whip" which was a ride on the back of a truck. If you could stand the stink of the truck's exhaust, you could enjoy the ride. Lots of people

would sit on their porches and watch the fireworks display on the Esplanade. Trees that grew very tall eventually blocked the view for some. One old pal of mine told me that many years ago his porch on Highland Road actually caught fire from the embers falling from the Trum Field fireworks. Thankfully, our great fire department is always standing by, especially during July 4th festivities.

Uncle Dennis used to light Brillo pads on fire in the Projects on Powder House Boulevard. Of course, everyone seemed to have a stash of their own fireworks like Black Cat firecrackers, cherry bombs and M-80s. One of my friends from East Somerville tells me that people down there saved their Christmas trees and piled them all together for a bon-fire. That was a very dangerous way to celebrate but I bet it was quite a sight. A few times when we were kids we lit rockets off and they got caught on the roofs of houses. Needless to say we opted for more open spaces to light off the fireworks (with adult supervision of course!). Do you remember those small brown sticks

known as "punks?" We would light one of those and use it to ignite our firecrackers (with adult supervision....of course!). We also had a lot of fun with sparklers.

One thing I never did was join the thousands of revelers that travel into Boston to be part of the Annual Pops Celebration on the Esplanade. It's just not my thing. But if my kids insisted, I would probably reluctantly join the throngs. I do however enjoy watching it at home from that comfy chair on that big TV I mentioned earlier.

Whatever you do to celebrate July 4th, I hope you enjoy a safe and fun holiday. Please be extra careful with the kids near the water. Be sure to hang your flag out, and give some thanks to good old Uncle Sam that we live in the best city, in the best country in the world.

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on six roll calls and local senators on three roll calls from the week of June 25-29.

**Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:**



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of

Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

## BOTH BRANCHES APPROVE \$32.5 BILLION FISCAL 2013 STATE BUDGET (H 4200)

House 147-3, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick an estimated \$32.5 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The package uses \$350 million from the Rainy Day Fund while still leaving the fund with more than \$1 billion.

Provisions include a \$288.9 million increase in funding for local aid and prohibition of the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards by welfare recipients for the purchase of pornography, firearms, cosmetics, travel, jewelry, bond for defendants, tattoos, body piercings, manicures and gambling. Current law already bans the purchase of alcoholic beverages, Lottery tickets and tobacco products.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that does not raise taxes and funds important programs to the best of the state's ability during this difficult economy.

Opponents did not offer any arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

## MBTA BAILOUT (H 4174)

House 127-24, Senate 27-9, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a package providing for a one-time transfer of \$49 million from the revenue generated from motor vehicle inspections to the MBTA and \$2 million to regional transit authorities. The authorities would also receive \$1.5 million in surplus snow removal funds.

Supporters said this money would be used, along with recently approved 23 percent average fare hikes and service cuts, to close the deficit in the MBTA's \$1.7 billion budget.

Opponents said the bill is nothing more than a one-year Band-Aid solution that does not make meaningful cost-saving reforms for the future. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## \$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (S 2329)

House 152-0, Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the governor a bill providing \$200 million for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. This money would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said this measure would fund the road and bridge repair account at the same level as last year and help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

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

## UTILITY COMPANIES AND OUTAGES (H 4196)

House 153-0, approved a bill regulating the actions of utility companies during and following power outages. The measure was filed in response to the slow reaction by power companies to widespread power outages across the state during Tropical Storm Irene in August and the big October 2011 snowstorm. A key provision gives the revenue from fines levied on public utility companies directly to ratepayers instead of to the state's coffers.

The bill requires public utility companies to provide thrice-daily estimates to customers on when electricity will be restored following a 24-hour damage assessment period. It also requires the companies to set up a well-staffed call center in Massachusetts during major storms.

Supporters said the bill would ensure the utility companies work as quickly as possible to restore power. They noted the lack of communication, the chaos and incidents in which people died or became seriously ill during prior lengthy outages. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

## GIVE \$25 TO CONSUMERS FOR POWER FAILURE (H 4196)

House rejected 37-115, an amendment that would require public utilities to give \$25 to each ratepayer if power is not restored within 120 hours after an interruption due to catastrophic conditions; 16 hours after an outage during normal conditions; and when there are more than seven service interruptions in a 12-month period.

Supporters said this would be an incentive for power companies to increase staff and work faster and more efficiently to restore power.

Opponents said the bill already provides that fines of up to \$20 million imposed on power companies for violations of storm response plans be credited to ratepayers. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$25 rebate. A "No" vote is against it.)

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



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



## CHANGES IN THE STATE’S ENERGY LAWS (H 4198)

House 135-16, approved a complicated, technical and lengthy bill aimed at reducing the high cost of electricity in Massachusetts, creating more competition for energy contracts and bringing down prices. Key provisions double the amount of renewables required to be purchased by utilities through long-term contracts and introduce competitive bidding to the process.

Supporters said the bill would make several changes to bring costs down and called it a jobs bill that would allow Massachusetts companies to hire more employees by reducing energy costs.

Opponents offered no arguments. However, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts said in a written statement that it is “extremely concerned about proposed new long-term contracting language that mandates joint solicitations among the distribution companies for renewable long-term contracts and, for the first time, includes transmission costs as part of the bidding and evaluation process.” (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**PAY RAISES IN AUDITOR SUZANNE BUMP’S OFFICE** - State Auditor Suzanne Bump announced she will boost salaries retroactively for nearly 100 staff members at an estimated cost of more than \$500,000. The hikes, ranging from \$3,515 to \$9,453, take effect on July 6 but are retroactive to June 4. The changes are based on a nearly \$30,000 study of salaries commissioned by Bump’s office. In an interview with the State House News Service, Bump said she has been unable to attract and retain well-qualified people at the lower salaries.

**READ E-MAILS OF DECEASED (S 2313)** - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill allowing access by family members and others legally in charge of the estates of individuals to the e-mail accounts of their late loved ones. The bill requires companies like Gmail, Hotmail and AOL to provide access if a probate court order is issued or a certified representative of the late owner of the account presents a notarized written request and a death certificate. The access would supersede any of the e-mail provider’s contractual terms and privacy policies but would not take precedent over any instructions in the individual’s will.

Supporters said this would ensure Massachusetts laws are compatible with new technology and would help authorized representatives, often a family member, to properly take care of the business and personal matters of their late loved ones. They argued this access is currently left up to the company and cited cases in which bereaved family members were refused access.

**EMERGENCY BATHROOM USE (H 2366)** - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would require retail establishments to allow use of their bathrooms by people who have written documentation from a doctor of any medical condition, including ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease, that requires immediate access to a restroom facility. Businesses that violate the proposed law would be subject to a \$100 fine.

**MUST INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT FLU SHOTS (H 3948)** - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill mandating that the state adopt regulations requiring all Massachusetts public schools to provide information to parents about the benefits and risks of their children getting a flu shot.

**MAKE ANTIFREEZE TASTE BITTER (S 88)** The House gave initial approved to a Senate-approved proposal expanding the current law requiring that any antifreeze in small retail containers that contains sweet-tasting ethylene glycol also include denatonium benzoate, a substance that makes the antifreeze taste bitter. The bill would expand the requirement to include the large 55-gallon drums that service stations use when servicing a vehicle.

Supporters said the sweet taste of antifreeze is a major reason for its fatal ingestion by young children, pets and wildlife. They noted that sweet-tasting antifreeze often leaks from consumers’ cars after they get the fluid changed at a service station.

The measure still needs additional approval in each branch before it goes to Gov. Patrick.

**LOCAL SPEED LIMITS (H 926)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing cities and towns to set vehicle speed limits inside designated historic districts.

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

The ballot question drive is being led by Stand for Children, which reached a compromise with the AFL-CIO and the Massachusetts Teachers Association -- both of which are opposed to the ballot question. Neither side got everything it wanted in the compromise but sides were eager to avoid a bloody ballot question battle that would cost them millions of dollars.

**ALLOW SCANNERS INSTEAD OF STICKERS IN GROCERY STORES (H 4089)** - The House and Senate, on a voice vote without debate, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would allow supermarkets to stop putting a price sticker on each item and instead provide electronic price scanners around the store for customers to use. The measure requires stores that convert to scanners to disclose the correct prices of items in a “clear and conspicuous manner” including having a sign at least one inch high on shelves to display the price of each item. Stores would have to apply to the state for permission to convert to scanners and also promise that no job losses will result from the change.

Supporters note the bill will bring grocery store pricing into the 21st century while still protecting consumers with many safeguards and severe penalties for stores that violate the new law.

Opponents say this anti-consumer bill will make it difficult for consumers to discern the price of each item and to verify they are being charged the right price at checkout.

**MALE BREAST CANCER (H 4019)** - The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure designating the third week in October of each year as Male Breast

Cancer Awareness Week to focus on cancer in men and to encourage regular screenings.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special “Supreme Court Ruling on Obamacare” Edition

“Today’s ruling I believe is an affirmation of basic American ideals.” – Gov. Deval Patrick

“Our mission is clear. If we want to get rid of Obamacare, we’re going to have to replace President Obama. My mission is to make sure we do exactly that.” – *Presumptive GOP presidential nominee and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.*

“We still have much work to do to implement the law, and I hope we can all come together now to complete that work. The stakes are too high for us to do otherwise.” – *Vicki Kennedy, widow of health care reform champion Sen. Edward Kennedy.*

“We will redouble our efforts to educate and inform political activists of the threat to individual liberty this policy represents.” – *Greater Boston Tea Party President Christine Morabito.*

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

During the week of June 25-29, the House met for a total of 14 hours and 57 minutes while the Senate met for a total of ten hours and 22 minutes.

Mon. June 25	House 11:05 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 3:32 p.m.
Tues. June 26	No House session Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
Wed. June 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 7:23 p.m. Senate 2:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.
Thurs. June 28	House 2:12 p.m. to 4:27 p.m. Senate 3:01 p.m. to 4:29 p.m.
Fri. June 29	No House session No Senate session

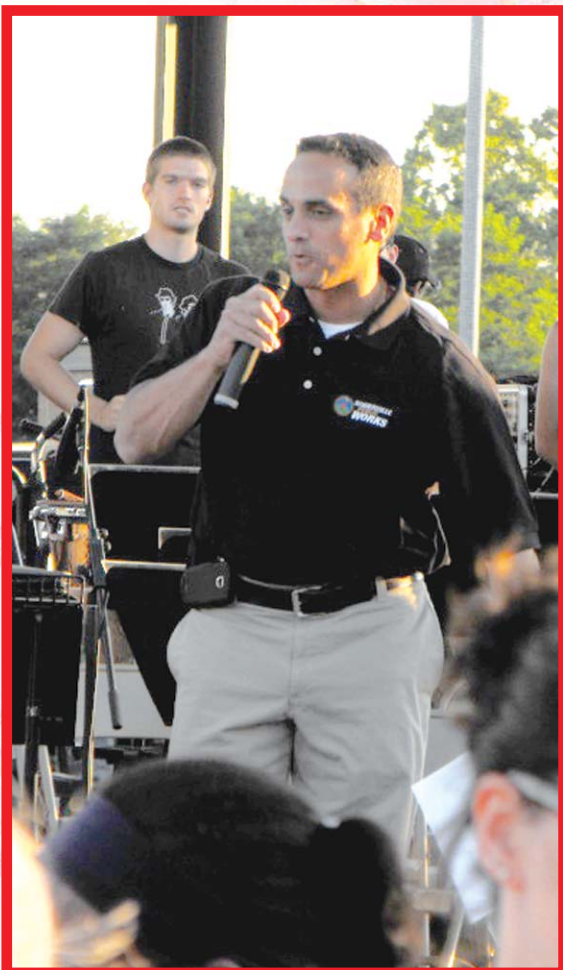
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)



## The rockets' red glare

The City of Somerville held its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Thursday night at Trum Field.

The entertainment lineup for the event included performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, Somerville's Swinging Singing Moonlighters, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty, leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m.





# Somerville's Family Fun Day 2012

By Tiffani Westbrook

Families braved the high temperatures to indulge in a day of fun and community togetherness. The heat did not stop Somerville families from taking over Trum Field on Saturday afternoon from 12-5 p.m. The second part of a two-day event to kick off the city's summer events series was a well-paced addition to the fireworks of the day before. The event hosted by the City of Somerville offered a little something for every kind of kid, from balloon animal to live reptiles, and even a little something for the parents, information booths from Century Bank and City Hall. A representative from the mayor's office reminded residents to "just call 311 to get any information you need" about the city while helping them make beaded jewelry. The family fun day is a great platform for such community building initiatives giving citizens the opportunity to see the real people behind the businesses of Somerville.

Many residents lined up for the free barbeque and cold watermelon as they listened to music played by Jimmy Del Ponte. The Somerville Fire Department sprinkled the field with their fire hose, a joyful sight for children exiting the large inflatable bouncers and for parents alike.

If the Independence Day celebrations are an indication of the summer events to follow, (Somerville Movie Fest series, Somerville Sunsetters performances, ArtBeat, the Mayor's Senior Picnic, and the continuation of the annual Somerville Streets series), locals should be expecting one fun-filled weekend after another.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville closes out June in first place

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis temporarily fell out of first place in the Ted Williams division but won two of their final three June games to regain the top spot.

The Alibrandis were shutout for the first time all season last Tuesday against the Revere Rockies. Both teams' pitchers were lights out in the contest and the game was scoreless through nine innings. Revere would score a run off of Marc DesRoches in the bottom of the tenth inning to win the game in celebratory fashion.

Chris Foundas pitched extremely well for Somerville, only allowing one hit through nine innings of work. He's only allowed an earned run in two of his seven outings this year and

his ERA currently sits at 1.08.

After going scoreless on Tuesday, the Somerville bats came alive on Wednesday. The Alibrandis scored 10 runs on the Forest Hills Force for a 10-1 victory. Somerville jumped out early with one run in the first inning and four more in the second.

Leading 7-1 through four innings, the Somerville bullpen continued to impress as they rarely allowed a baserunner. Somerville would tack on three more insurance runs in the seventh inning but Forest Hills didn't stand a chance at a comeback.

Jon Morse picked up his first victory of the season, going three innings after relieving Bryant Guilmette. Mike Maguire and Bobby Barrett provided majori-



Photo by Benjamin Klein

The Alibrandis finished the month of June back on top in the Ted Williams division.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Norfolk County is the birthplace of what four U.S. Presidents?

2. Wm. C. Morgan of Holyoke created a new game in 1895 called "Mintonette" – later to be replaced by what familiar game?

3. What became the first public park in America?

4. When did Massachusetts first begin issuing driver licenses and license plates?

5. What do the fireworks represent on Fourth of July celebrations?

6. What is the name of the geologic era we are now in?

7. Who was the first and only U.S. President to elope?

8. Where did the term the "Mad Hatter" come from?

9. Do all animals have red blood?

10. In what game would you encounter a "telltale"?

11. What lower case letter represents the square root of negative one?

12. Who wrote the 1812 Overture and why was it written?

Answers on page 21

ty of Somerville's offense in the game, combining to go 6-for-10 with six runs.

The Somerville offense kept rolling two nights later when they took down the Medford Maddogs, 16-6. The game was relatively close through six innings, Somerville leading 7-3, but the game was broken open with an enormous nine-run seventh inning. Medford would respond with three runs in the bottom half of the ninth but Jay Wisner was able to shut the door and end the game.

David Scioli was the player of the game for Somerville, going 2-for-5 with a grand slam and five RBI. Stan DeMartinis had three hits and scored three times while Justin Crisafulli also had three hits.

With the two wins, Somerville now sits two games ahead of the Malden Bulldogs in the loss column. Somerville shutout Malden 8-0 early in the year and the two will meet again on Monday night.

Printmania Zine and Comic Fair in Union Sq.

The Somerville Arts Council has begun another season of events in Union Square. It is proud to be launching Printmania this year, a new craft market tailored for zinesters, comic artists, and printophiles. It will have a more low-key, underground artist vibe than the normal crafty/trendy fairs that have been going on this summer. It also has quite a few interactive elements, including fast food printing, an on-site snail-mail service, zine workshops, book-binding demonstrations, and life-sized comics.

The Somerville Arts Council is a fan of DIY artist, zines, print studios, a beautiful sheet of paper, screen prints, letterpress, and just about anything handmade. Printmania will be a craft fair dedicated to showing off print-lovers from all over Somerville, the greater Boston area, and beyond.

See new work from Muskat Studios of Davis Square and don't miss bookbinding, from beginning to advanced, with Catherine Aiello. Interactive craft demonstrations by Fast Food Prints, a Maine-based group creating original made-to-order prints on paper and t-shirts in a flash will be featured, as well as local artist Meagan Mary Creamer, offering a stencil cutting workshop for participants to begin their own zine.

There will also be live music rocking throughout the day from great local acts.

For more information contact coordinator Meagan O'Brien at 518-796-6709 or by email at: megart04@gmail.com.

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## SOMERVILLE SPORTS

# Boston Closet Tigers take the Somerville Little League majors city championship

On Wednesday, June 20, the Boston Closet Tigers won the 2012 Somerville Little League majors championship. For the second year in a row, a team sponsored by Tom Lynch of Boston Closet and managed by Sean Sullivan has won the Somerville Little League majors city championship.

This year's team had only two returning players from last year's team, Sean Sullivan Jr. and Henry Shugrue. These two players, along with returning head coach Sean Sullivan and assistant coach Dan Shugrue, and a host of new players were able to pull out an amazing come from behind victory in the best two out of three-city championship.

After losing the first game and falling behind in the series, the Boston Closet Tigers would come back to win the next two games and the city championship.

Game 2 of the series will go down as one of the greatest city championship games ever played. This game would go into four extra innings, for a total of 10 innings and span two nights, which is believed to be the longest inning game in the

history of the Somerville Little League Championship.

Starting on Tuesday June 19, with superb relief pitching by Jalen George and excellent team defense by both teams, which kept the game tied, the Boston Closet Tigers and Bonney Auto Dodgers would play eight full innings in a game that would be halted and resumed the next night.

Coming back on Wednesday June 20, the Boston Closet Tigers had their backs against the wall, knowing they would have to somehow win game 2, which needed to be completed and then come right back and win a game 3 for the championship.

After another scoreless inning in the 9th, on gutsy pitching by 10 year old Easton Hanson and going into the bottom of the 10th inning, the Tigers found themselves down by 3 runs and facing elimination.

With a no lose determination, the Tigers would string together a single by Josh Frost, followed by consecutive doubles from Paul Pefine and Jalen



2012 Somerville Little League majors city champions, Boston Closet Tigers. Left to right. Front kneeling, Joel Hancock. 2nd row, Sean Sullivan Jr., Easton Hanson, Paul Pefine, Henry Shugrue, Jalen George, Josh Frost, Andrew Atherton, Patrick Doherty. Back row, head coach Sean Sullivan, assistant coach Dan Shugrue (holding son Mac), Kyle Finigan, Conrad Demasi, coach Keith Doherty.

George, which would make the score 15 to 13. After a fly out to right field, Andrew Atherton would hit a double to make it a one run game, then Conrad Demasi would follow with a 2 run double that would give the Boston Closet

Tigers an improbable 16 to 15 victory and new life in the series.

After about an hour delay in the 94-degree weather, the teams would play the deciding game 3 of the series.

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## THE Somerville News Person of the Week



This week we salute Louise McCarthy of East Somerville, wife for 45 years to former Ward 1 Alderman Jim McCarthy, as well as a mother and a grandmother. If you've been to City Hall and visited the election department you'd recognize her big smile and great personality at the counter. But alas, it's now 22 years and another good City of Somerville employee has officially retired from full-time service this past Friday. Her co-workers in the department gave her a nice party and just about everyone working for the city stopped in to bid farewell and to give their best wishes. Fortunately, we hear she's coming back part time to help out but hopefully not until summer is over. She will want to relax and enjoy her official retirement and we hope she does. Louise is a very nice lady, very genuine and has a personality that shines through to everyone who comes into contact with her. It doesn't matter whether she's on the job or off, she is the same great lady to everyone. To those of us who know Louise, we know that she is a nice person who speaks well of everyone, weather you're new to Somerville or if you've been here all your life, she has a smile and pleasant disposition for everyone. The ever-popular Jimmy DelPonte made up a song for her about how she's going to be missed. She was so proud of it at her farewell party, you could see it in her eyes. We hope Louise and her shining personality is around City Hall for a long time to come. We wish her the best in her retirement. We hope she and her husband Jimmy will enjoy each other's company now that they have successfully raised three nice children, and they can also now enjoy all their grandchildren. If you see that mini-coup up at City Hall, she's there. Drop in and say "Hi" to her, or if you see her around the city say "Hi" and wish her your best. This and many other reasons are why we choose Louise McCarthy as Somerville's Person of the Week, July 4th week, 2012. All our best to you Louise, from your friends at The News. Cam, Bobbie, Publicover, Billy and Donald salute you for your hard work and friendship. Congratulations and our best to you.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, July 11, 2012**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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


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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. MI 12P2593GD

In the interest of **Shawn R. Bulcao** Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
of **Somerville, MA.** 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA  
Minor 02141

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **06/07/2012** by **Kathleen D. Vanyo** of Somerville, MA

will be held **07/12/2012 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**

Located **121 Third St. Cambridge St Cambridge MA 02141 Courtroom #6**

**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing;

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interest.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a minor be served in hand on the minor (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner). The guardian, the parents of the minor, and any or other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.


If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is **not known**, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Somerville News, Somerville**, publication to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran's Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing.

**THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE:** An important court proceeding that may affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for Legal advice.

Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

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Space Self Storage:  
51 McGrath Hwy Somerville, MA 02143  
Phone: (617) 629-4410

Space Self Storage, will sell at Public Auction under Massachusetts lien law for cash only on Monday July 16th 2012 at 10:00 AM and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 51 McGrath Hwy, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143; the property described as Personal Belongings & effects belonging to:

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen on **Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 7:00 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of President Thomas F. Taylor, for public input related to the discontinuance of a segment of Assembly Square Drive, as proposed in #193423, submitted to the Board by the Mayor on June 21, 2012.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG  
CITY CLERK

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, July 16, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Himgiri Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a K-2 Beer & Wine for a change of location of the wine and malt package store license from 545 McGrath Highway to 500 Medford St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Administrative Assistant

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## New fiscal year, same local aid CONT. FROM PG 1

state local aid during fiscal year 2012, and the city is slated to get \$42.4 million again in this year's budget, of which about half is unrestricted "direct" local aid and the rest is mostly educational funding.

"We're grateful to the Governor and to our state delegation for working to sustain state aid to cities and towns. But when all is said and done, the fiscal year '13 local aid and education package for Somerville represents a zero percent increase over last year," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who last month presented a city budget that had already assumed no increase in funding from the state.

It could be a lot worse. This year's level-funded number might even be seen as a positive turn, given that local aid has been dropping for years, since reaching a high point in 2002.

City Finance Director Edward Bean said for every dollar Somerville received in net transfers from the state a decade ago, the city today gets only 57 cents. No matter that the costs and challenges of running a growing, diverse, densely populated city like Somerville have risen exponentially over that same period.

Ten years ago, state aid funded 40 percent of the city's budget. Today, local aid accounts for only 25 percent of city revenues, and that difference has to be made up with property taxes, fees and fines and other local taxes. But mostly property taxes, which now fund close to 60 percent of the city budget.

The mayor said Somerville has sustained and even added services by managing costs and promoting development. "These are challenging fiscal times at every level of government, and we

know we're never going to see a return to the levels of aid promised by the state when it implemented Proposition 2 1/2. We've been both cautious and prudent in our spending and aggressive about growing our local tax base, so we've been able to manage even with declining or flat levels of state aid," said Mayor Curtatone.

In some ways, Somerville's success has been a double-edged sword when it comes to local aid, since cherry sheet allocations are based on complicated formulas that take into account demographics, property values and incomes, so the city's increased affluence means it's starting to get a smaller slice of the state local aid pie. And Somerville is also seeing a rise in assessments, the money it has to pay back to the state for things like vocational and charter schools. The city's MBTA

assessment was up nearly \$200,000 in the new budget, for instance.

But State Representative Denise Provost, who voted for the 2013 budget along with the rest of the Somerville delegation on Beacon Hill, said its impact here goes beyond what shows up on the cherry sheets. Budget items that will benefit Somerville include an increase in the "circuit-breaker" funds available to give communities relief for special education costs, and \$11 million statewide to fund transportation for homeless students while they are sheltered outside their school district. The latter is a federal mandate that cost Somerville over \$100,000 last year.

And Provost said state money flows into Somerville in many other ways throughout the year. "There is a lot of money in the

state budget that goes directly to people in Somerville without ever passing through the city finances," said Provost.

She said this year's state budget put money into a long list of programs that serve Somerville residents, including housing, mental health and other social services, Department of Conservation and Recreation facilities like the Mystic riverfront, transportation infrastructure like the new Orange Line station at Assembly Square, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which funds a range of local programs and artists, and numerous other grants.

"These aren't necessarily things that you hear about," said Provost, "but money is money."

The fiscal year 2013 state budget was sent on June 28 to Governor Deval Patrick, who has 10 days to sign it or amend it.

## Things that make you go, 'Hmmm' CONT. FROM PG 9

him unless you know the desires of his heart, and you can't know the desires of his heart until you truly love him."

— Orson Scott Card, *Shadow Puppets*

"Experience is useful for dealing with bad people and bad relationships; for good ones, you have to make it up as you go along."

— John Barnes, *Merchants of Souls*

"Markets are wasteful: They allow competition, much of which is thrown on the scrap heap. So why do they persist?...Markets afford

their participants the illusion of free will, my friend. You will find that human beings do not like being forced into doing something, even if it is in their best interests."

— Charles Stross, *Accelerando*

"If God is omniscient, why does he need prayer to make him aware of the things troubling people? And if he is aware, why are humans so presumptuous as to ask him to change events for them?"

— Karen Traviss, *The World Before*

"If one feels no shame, punishment only angers. If one feels shame, punishment is almost

unnecessary."

— Sheri S. Tepper, *The Fresco*

"Don't you find that predators are those who most often assert absolute rights to personal freedoms?"

— Sheri S. Tepper, *The Fresco*

"Regrets, however, were only useful as instruction, not as a dwelling place."

— CJ Cherryh, *Deliverer*

I also mark descriptive passages whose free-wheeling similes and metaphors make me chuckle, like these:

"He's the sort of guy who could host a Tupperware party for the Hell's Angels."

— Jeffrey Anderson, *Sleeper Cell*

"Sometimes, the fluffy bunny of incredulity zooms round the bend so rapidly that the greyhound of language is left, agog, in its starting cage."

— David Mitchell, *Cloud Atlas*

"He was a sulky child, not especially bright, showing little interest in anything he couldn't eat or break...."

— Paul McAuley, *The Quiet War*

"Over an expensive meal, the

two propositioned me with the glib confidence available to those who not only have never known failure, but were also spending someone else's money."

— Jonathen Lethem, *Chronic City*

Finally, I've lost track of who wrote this, but it accurately describes the increasingly common state of my middle-aged brain:

"Like a three-year-old who has a habit of vanishing into crowds as soon as you turn your back, his memories had fled to the same place as words that are on the tip of your tongue, precedents for *deja vu*, and last night's dreams."

## Boston Closet Tigers take the Somerville Little League majors city championship

CONT. FROM PG 15

down 2 to 0 in the top of the 2nd inning, Sean Sullivan Jr. would drive in Conrad Demasi with a base hit into right field.

A few minutes later Sean Sullivan Jr. would steal third base and score on a pass ball to tie the game at 2. In the top of the 3rd the Tigers would take a short lived 5 to 2 lead on a 2 run double by Henry Shugrue, followed by another run on a pass ball.

A half an inning later they would again find themselves down by a run after a four run bottom of the 3rd by the Dodgers. Once again finding themselves with their backs against the wall and down by a run, the Tigers would erupt for five runs in the top of the 5th inning.

After lead off walks by Patrick Doherty and Joel Hancock, followed by a ground out, Andrew Atherton would walk to load the

bases. Henry Shugrue would follow with an infield hit to score a run, this would be followed with two more pass balls for runs, and finally a two run homer by Conrad Demasi would put the Tigers ahead for good.

In the bottom of the 5th inning, Joel Hancock would come into relief for starting pitcher Andrew Atherton, who was able to keep a potent Dodgers offense at bay.

Joel and the Tigers would let up one more run in the final two innings and when the last batter of the game struck out, what seemed like an improbable series victory now belonged to the Tigers.

As the players began to jump in celebration, coaches Sean Sullivan, Dan Shugrue and Keith Doherty along with the team parents raced on to the field to

set off an incredible celebration.

What seemed like a long shot just hours earlier was now ending with the kids dumping a bucket of water on head coach Sean Sullivan in celebration. After many group and individual pictures with the championship trophy and a team victory lap, one of the best championship series in the history of Somerville Little League was complete.

The Tigers who would finish the season with 13 wins and 4 losses, would prove to be a resilient bunch, with some very good team pitching that would limit the Dodgers as much as possible.

Although Thomas Marshall would connect to hit 3 home runs out of the park in the first two games, the Tigers would play sound defense in the series,

especially with outfielders Josh Frost, and Patrick Doherty along with infielders Kyle Finigan, Paul Pefine and Easton Hanson, who would field every ball hit to them cleanly.

As coach Sean Sullivan said, "Our team defense was just awesome, in game 3 of the series we would make just one team error and in game 2, when our backs were really against the wall, from the 5th to the 10th inning we would not make a single team error. Amazingly in the last 12 innings of the series, we would make just one error. This team showed me such heart, never once giving up all season and every time I would look at them between innings, they never gave me any indication that they thought we were going to lose this series. As a coach this type

of team makes you very proud."

The Boston Closet Tigers celebrated their championship year with a team and family party held on Wednesday, June 27. The party was generously thrown by Boston Closet owner Tom Lynch, who also generously presented the players with championship trophies and ordered championship jackets for the team as well.

Coach Sean Sullivan said, "Tom Lynch is not only a friend of mine but one of the most generous people I know. He does so much for the kids in the city and he has been a great supporter and sponsor of mine and the league for many years. I am proud to have my name go on the league trophy for the second year in a row, along with that of Boston Closet."



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|July 4

Libraries Closed for Independence Day

Saturday|July 7

Central Library

Saturday Morning Creature Show: Planet of the Vampires  
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Yoga with Tania Macerdo, for Kids Ages 4-7  
2 p.m. - 2:40 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|July 9

Central Library

Crafts for Kids!: Bunny Copter  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|July 10

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Earth Myths from Around the World: Iroquois Myths  
4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|July 11

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Kidstock: Beauty and the Beach  
2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Wednesday|July 4

Johnny D's

Happy 4th!Bar & Restaurant Closed  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Happy 4th! See you the 11th for poker.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge

Closed|Happy July 4th!  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Trivia  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

Happy 4th| open at 12am No Live Music  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Closed Happy 4th  
381 Summer St

Thursday|July 5

Johnny D's

Big ol' Dirty Bucket|HDRnB  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Greg Klyma |7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Scattershot 80's Night

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Choose to Find|Gambiza|Remora  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

Light Sweet Crude  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Unregular Radio  
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre

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

Arts At The Armory

WAAF's Baystate Rock Bistro Busk  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Cantina la Mexicana

247 Washington St.

Friday|July 6

Johnny D's

Jen Kearney & The Lost Onion|The Unholy III  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.  
Jeremy Lyons Trio |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

The Fridays  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

Subpar co Star|Wolf Blitzer|Evil Animals  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge

Jughead|Alen of Dale|Sensitive Canaries|Dharma Bird  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music  
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Ten Foot Polecats|Throwdown The Band  
381Summer St

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Cantina la Mexicana

247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory

Somerville Singer Songwriter Series  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|July 7

Johnny D's

Newfound Road|Southern Lust

Club|Self Proclaimed Rock Stars

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

The Family Jewels |6 p.m.  
The Makes \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Helena  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

Triple Thick|Royal wedding|Thick Shakes|Fat Creeps  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke  
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

High Diner|Wicked Hangin Chads|Butlertron|Wrought Iron Hex  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Unregular Radio  
381 Summer St

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts At The Armory

The Wayout @ Arts at the Armory  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Cantina la Mexicana

247 Washington St.

Sunday|July 8

Johnny D's

Open Summer Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.  
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Grunge Brunch|11a.m.-3 p.m.  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

Marc's Birthday Bash with the Bored Of Health with special guest Charley Colosseum (No Cover)  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar

Karaoke  
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Arts At The Armory

James Woolwine featuring Erinn Brown  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|July 9

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Bur Run|6:30 p.m.  
Set Dancing|8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump Team Trivia  
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|July 10

Johnny D's

Concrete Rivals|The Weissternauts  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Panda Bar|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

On The Hill Tavern

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

PA'S Lounge

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

TBA- Check Facebook  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Karaoke  
381 Summer St

PJ Ryan's

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

Arts At The Armory

Koch Brothers Exposed  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 11

Johnny D's

Ryan Fitzsimmons|Samantha Farrell  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge

Unrighteous Creature|Golden Light Hour|Kangaroo Court  
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

Three Penny Opera Open mic Night  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dave Wells Presents.....  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Free Pool|Game Night  
381 Summer St

Arts At The Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage!  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|July 4

Libraries Closed for Independence Day

Thursday|July 5

West Branch Library

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

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm  
33 Union Sq|  
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

First Church Somerville

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

Saturday|July 7

Union Square Farmer's Market

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|July 8

Unity Church of God

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

Monday|July 9

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Writing Our Life Stories, a Six-Part Memoir Writing Workshop  
Mike Alvarez  
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

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

Tuesday|July 10

Central Library

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

Third Life Studio

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

The Art of Singing Group

7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|July 11



# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

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

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**NEW EXERCISE CLASS:** Yoga for Balance begun June 25 with a great new instructor, Muire! The class is from 1:20 pm - 2:30 pm. \$5 per class. Great class to stretch, strengthen and relax. Holland Street Center

**You asked! We responded!** Additional Zumba gold class at Ralph & Jenny on Tuesdays starting from July 17. 11:30 - 12:30. Come join Sue for a great class!

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

Join our book club! We meet the third Friday of every month at 10:00 am at Holland Street Center. We have books you can borrow so please join us! The next book is "Jacob's Ladder" and we will meet July 20.

**Our Swinging Singing Seniors** have been renamed "The Moonlighters." Come Mondays at 10:30 to Holland Street. New members always welcome! Join them at the Lowell Spinner's game on July 20 as they sing the National anthem! Tickets are \$20 for the PIT - all you can eat BBQ, transportation, free give away and game ticket! Tickets are going fast!

**It is Bingo and Supper time** at Holland Street starting July 5. Join us for a great afternoon of Bingo and a wonderful early supper.

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

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

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

**Do you crochet or would you like to learn?** Thursdays at 10:45 am. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

**Exercise tip of the week:** Stand like a stork! Balance goes down as we age. To improve yours and maintain it - stand on one foot while you brush your teeth. Switch during flossing!

**Trip Corner:**

**Aqua Turf** - Celebrate Italia - Sam Vinici Band and all you can eat family style luncheon.

**Revere Beach** - talk about the old days of Revere Beach! - July 11.

**Revere Beach** - Spend a day at the beach! July 13.

**Foxwoods Casino** - July 16.

**Lowell Spinners** - Game, all you can eat BBQ at the PIT, free give-away, transportation.

**Castle Island** - Join us for a walk around the castle - July 23.

**Join us in our exercise classes:**

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

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

**Line Dancing** - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street \$5 All levels welcome.

**Zumba Gold** - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street \$5.

**QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

**Flexibility & Balance** - all three centers.

**Strength with Geoff** - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

**Indoor Exercises/Walking Club** - all three centers.

**Walking Club has begun again!** Check at each center for the schedule!

**July 4**

**Centers Closed for the Holiday!**

**July 5**

**Farmers' Market**

**Holland Street Center**  
Farmer's Market - half price for 55+|11 a.m..  
Lunch|11:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
Supper|3 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Lunch |11:30 a.m.  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Closed  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**July 6**

**Holland Street Center**  
Lunch|11:30 a.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Closed on Fridays for the summer  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Center Closed  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**July 9**

**Holland Street Center.**  
Swinging Singing Moonlighters |10:30 a.m.  
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.  
Yoga for Strength and Balance|1:30 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**July 10**

**Holland Street Center**  
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.  
Low vision Group|10:30 a.m.  
Chair Yoga|10:15 a.m.  
SHINEmedical insurance advice|1 p.m.  
Line Dancing|3 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**July 11**

**Holland Street Center**  
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.  
Revere Beach Presentation|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
QiGong|1:15 p.m.  
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Center Closed  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.  
Bingo|12:30 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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

**Check out our Facebook site** for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at [www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA](http://www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA).

# Farmer's Market: Every Thursday at Holland Street



The Farmer's Market came to Holland Street Center on Thursday, June 28. The produce was beautiful and prices were great. Everyone 55+ can enjoy great produce at half the price. Nutritionist Andrea Libertini from Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services shared some healthy and wonderful recipes with food samples. John Massie from Somerville Climate Action spoke with individuals about connecting Somerville's older adult residents with resources to help them lower their energy bills and increase the safety and comfort of their homes through free energy assessments paid for by the state of Massachusetts. All are welcome on July 5 for the next one.

## City's first Innovation School approved CONT. FROM PG 5

efforts to ensure all staff had input into the planning; they understand and care deeply about their students and their achievement. I am so excited about the possibilities that will unfold at the Winter Hill!"

The Somerville Teachers Association (STA) has actively supported the Somerville Innovation planning process. STA President Jacquelyn Lawrence stated, "It is no surprise to me that the professional educators at the Winter Hill Community School have been successful in designing an Innovation School. WHCS has been innovative and focused on serving their unique community of learners for year. Keep an eye on WHCS."

Superintendent Tony Pieran-

tozzi commented following the vote, saying "I am very pleased with this step, and commend the Winter Hill team for their leadership, as I applaud the other innovation concepts currently under discussion. This is a reflection of informal, ongoing innovation which we encourage every day in the Somerville Public Schools.

Two other Somerville schools are in the early stages of the Innovation School development process. These include the John F. Kennedy School and a community-based proposal to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy, an Innovation School within Somerville High School.

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# Fitness Challenge 2012 winners announced

By Cathleen Twardzik

On June 3 at the city's "Carnaval @ SomerStreets" event on Broadway, the winners of Mayor Curtatone's 2012 Fitness Challenge were "crowned." Recipients included five individual winners, as well as a winning overall team comprised of teachers from Somerville High School's social studies department.

Winners were presented with gift certificates at a brief ceremony in the mayor's office.

The top five individual winners are: John Harding, Ken Kelley, Ted Blake, Sally Turner and Matt Desmond.

"The most valuable part of the Mayor's Fitness Challenge has been breaking some bad eating and fitness habits, while developing new, healthier approaches. Even though the Challenge ended, it has really motivated me to exercise regularly and eat healthily going forward," said John M. Harding, Senior SomerStat Analyst of the City of Somerville and Fitness Challenge 2012 winner in the individual category.

The members of the winning team "Will Teach for Food" are: Kara Carpenter (team captain), Melanie Blais, Ted Blake, Curtis Eames, Ryan Guilmartin, Amy Jacobs, Alicia Kersten, Mark Quinones, Jim Roscoe and Ad-da Santos.

"From the beginning of this year's challenge, all participants were very engaged and dedicated to their individual goals, and it was noticeable at every program, event or class," said Mayor Curtatone.

"I want to thank and congratulate all of [the winners] on the hard work and effort you put in. I'm proud of all the participants' success in this year's challenge, and of the progress that we have made as a community, in continuing our commitment to active living," said Curtatone.

The Fitness Challenge encourages community members to pledge to embody the Shape Up Somerville motto "Eat Smart, Move More" by making better food choices and increasing daily physical fitness routines.

Individuals who would like to take part will have two choices from which to choose. Participants may form or join teams of as many as 10 people. At the end of the challenge, all of the teams will be judged by weight loss and change in body mass index (BMI). The winning teams and individuals will receive prizes. Alternatively, they may sign a lifestyle pledge and vow to make changes to their daily lifestyle,

specifically regarding healthy eating and activity level. Individuals who sign the pledge will also receive incentives throughout the program.

"One of the mayor's goals is to continually engage residents of all ages, particularly by introducing new programs and celebrations to foster community pride," said Jackie Rossetti, Deputy Director of Communications of the City of Somerville. "The mayor believed that a 'community challenge' would be a unique way to expand the Shape Up Somerville program, while engaging the entire community, thus combining our recognition for civic engagement with the ongoing fight against childhood obesity."

The third annual "Mayor's Fitness Challenge" kicked off on March 31. The kickoff event was held at the Somerville High School Gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and all members of the public were encouraged to attend. The Fitness Challenge ran through Sunday, June 3.

The kickoff included fitness demonstrations by local "boot camp" and self-defense studios, face painting, arts and crafts, recreational opportunities for kids and adults, healthy snacks, recipes and healthy cooking demonstrations, which featured local chefs.

At the beginning and end of the Fitness Challenge, individuals who chose to participate in the Team Challenge were weighed, and his or her BMI index was measured.

"Last year, more than [500] people participated in the challenge," said Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, Director of Community Relations. There were "18 teams of 10 people, as well as an additional 348 people, all of whom signed the Health and Wellness Pledge. Based on the amount of feedback we've already received, we're hoping to eclipse that number in 2011."

More participants chose the Health and Wellness Pledge in previous years. However, the team challenge and the individual challenge bestow points, "based on the change in each one's BMI score and weight loss," said Rossetti. "The idea of the fitness challenge is simply to encourage people to make healthier choices, and have fun doing it."

Such events include the Mayor's Fitness Buck, which offers discounts to several area restaurants, businesses and fitness programs. "Participants can earn other Fitness Bucks by participating in group fitness programs



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and/or city-sponsored events," said Rossetti. Each person who joins will receive "gift bags" filled with fitness-related items.

"We've added or changed a number of programs and events based on the interests of folks who provided feedback to us [in a 2010 survey]," said Campbell.

"This year, we utilized an interactive website through Fivi, which allows users to track goals and find great health and wellness tips and resources," said Rossetti. "Every year we strive to include more and better activities, programming, partnerships, etc., and we're fortunate to have a wealth of resources and businesses who work with us each year to make this a success."

Recreational and fitness programs will be offered at a discounted rate to challenge participants, on a trial basis.

Community members may register by visiting <https://somerville.ma.fivi.com/>. The interactive website allows users to create health and wellness goals, and track those goals along with daily or weekly fitness regimens.

"The Web site has a tremendous amount of resources and tracking options," said Rossetti. A "Nutrition Corner," complete with tips and recipes about eating healthily, as well as team profiles and exercise videos.

For more information about the Fitness Challenge and its programs, interested individuals may contact Campbell-Hegarty, at (617) 625-6600 ext. 2615 or via [CCampbell@somerville-ma.gov](mailto:CCampbell@somerville-ma.gov).

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Answers

- John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John F. Kennedy and George Herbert Walker Bush
- Volleyball – at YMCA demo in Springfield, MA. the name was replaced
- The Boston Common
- In June 1903
- No real reason but some say it represents "bombs bursting in air"
- Cenozoic
- John Tyler (ran off to marry Julia Gardiner)
- In the 1900's, mercury was used to cure the felt used in hats, and was found to cause hallucinations and psychotic symptoms – hence "Mad Hatter"
- No, mammals have red blood, lobsters have blue blood, and insects have yellow blood
- Squash- a metal strip at the bottom of the wall never to be hit
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- Pyotr Tchaikovsky – to depict Napoleon's retreat from Russia



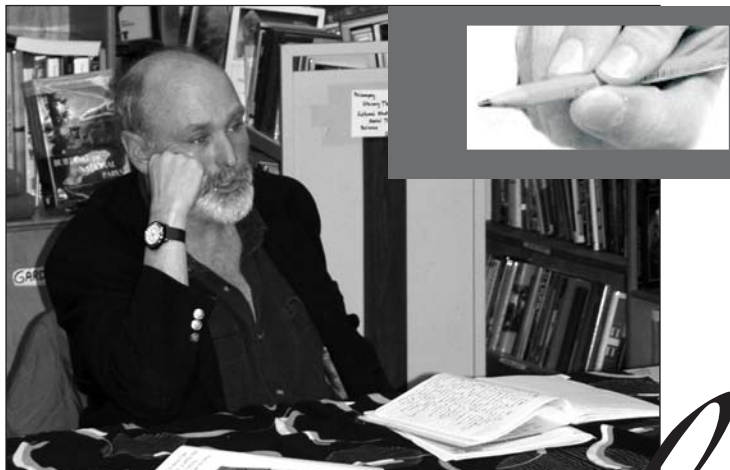
# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

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

<b>Wednesday, July 4</b>		7:30pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Class Day 2012		& Fireworks
9:00am: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:30pm: (15)	City-Wide Track Meet	7:20pm: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	7:00pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville
9:00am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	8:00pm: (13/22)	Historic Preservation Awards	8:10pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	8:50pm: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship		9:00pm: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	7:30pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville
12:00pm: (15)	WHCS Moving On Ceremony	<b>Friday, July 6</b>		9:20pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	7:30pm: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
12:30pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:00am: (13/22)	Congressional Update	<b>Sunday, July 8</b>		7:40pm: (13/22)	BOA Special Meeting - 6.21.12
12:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (13/22)	Family Fun Day	8:30pm: (15)	ESCS Spring Concert at SHS
1:00pm: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:30am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	12:00am: (15)	Class Day 2012	<b>Tuesday, July 10</b>	
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8:00pm: (15)	School Day Games 2012	12:20pm: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	1:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
9:00pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	1:10pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	1:30pm: (15)	School Day Games 2012	11:30am: (15)	An Evening of Song
<b>Thursday, July 5</b>		2:00pm: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	2:20pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	7:00pm: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	12:30pm: (13/22)	Magoun Sq. Walking Tour
12:00am: (15)	WHCS Moving On Ceremony	7:00pm: (13/22)	Family Fun Day	7:30pm: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
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12:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:20pm: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	8:30pm: (15)	School Day Games 2012	1:30pm: (15)	Spring Concert at Argenziano School
1:00am: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	8:10pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	<b>Monday, July 9</b>		7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
1:00am: (15)	School Day Games 2012	9:00pm: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	7:00pm: (15)	Spring Concert at Argenziano School
2:00am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	9:20pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	7:30pm: (13/22)	Family Fun Day
9:00am: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	<b>Saturday, July 7</b>		12:30am: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	8:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
9:00am: (15)	School Day Games 2012	12:00am: (13/22)	Family Fun Day	1:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:00pm: (13/22)	Congressional Update
11:30am: (15)	Kindergarten Concert at Capuano	12:00am: (15)	Class Day 2012	1:30am: (15)	School Day Games 2012	8:00pm: (15)	SCALE Graduation
12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	12:20am: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	9:00am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	8:30pm: (13/22)	Historic Preservation Awards
12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:10am: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	9:00am: (15)	School Day Games 2012	9:00pm: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship	
12:30pm: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	2:00am: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	11:30am: (15)	WHCS Moving On Ceremony	12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
12:30pm: (15)	SCALE Graduation	2:20am: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:00am: (15)	Spring Concert at Argenziano School
1:30pm: (15)	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00pm: (15)	Class Day 2012	12:00pm: (13/22)	Highlander Forum	12:30am: (13/22)	Family Fun Day
7:00pm: (13/22)	Congressional Update	12:20pm: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	12:05pm: (15)	Show 'Em & Tell 'Em	1:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:10pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:35pm: (15)		1:00am: (13/22)	Congressional Update
		2:00pm: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	12:40pm: (13/22)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	1:00am: (15)	SCALE Graduation
		2:20pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	1:10pm: (13/22)	Taste of Somerville	1:30am: (13/22)	Historic Preservation Awards
		7:00pm: (13/22)	Family Fun Day	1:20pm: (13/22)	Independence Day Celebration	2:00am: (15) Middle School Basketball Championship	





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Somerville's Jennifer Swanson Downes:

### A Low Brow/Pop Surrealist Artist

When I met Magoun Square resident Jennifer Swanson Downes at the Sherman Café in Union Square one morning recently, she described herself as a Low Brow/Pop Surrealist artist. She told me that in her mind this genre examines the grimmer and seedier side of life. Her work seems to subvert banal realistic images and infuses them with her own unique sensibility. Her art is colorful, well, like Downes' background is. She has a Black Belt in Karate, plays the harmonica, flute and mandolin. Jenn-O-Matic (Her moniker), also has a cat and dog grooming service and has worked as a kindergarten school teacher.

I was interested in her use of bright color in her works as evidenced in her Tiki series—a Polynesian flourish of artwork she has created. As I picked at the crumbled remains of my luscious Sherman Café oatmeal scone she told me:

"I really learned about color by drawing in black and white. I mean there are a million shades in between. So it was a natural progression to experiment with different vivid colors."

Swanson, like many an artist, uses her travels as an inspiration for her work. She has visited Belize, the Mayan Pyramids, and has a particular fascination with ancient civilizations—all



Downes struts her stuff in front of her art at Somerville Open Studio.

reflected in her art.

Swanson loves living in Somerville. She finds the close proximity to other artists, culture, music festivals, etc... very inspiring. Like many creative people she has found a home in the Paris of New England, Somerville, Mass.

For more information about Swanson go to: <http://jennomatic.weebly.com>

Denise Provost, in her years as editor, reviewer, columnist, lawyer, and legislator has done a lot of writing, but especially enjoys poetry. She has been most recently studying with poet Susan Donnelly. She publishes occasionally, and looks forward to the publication of her two collections of poetry, *Curious Peach* (2010) and *Desire Lines* (2011). Denise is a member of Somerville's Bagel Bards, and a long-time Somerville resident and state legislator.



#### ArtBeat, 2011

I'm at a festival whose theme is "Red."

(Ironic nation, where I've lived my years!)

My favorite color, which I hid, instead

of flaunting that bright symbol of dark fears.

Oh, color that once dared not speak its name,

lest it invoke Nikita Krushchev's grin

or Fidel Castro's leer – it's all the same

Communist enemy, who'll do us in.

But Perestroika's children are we now –

our enemies are somewhere else. Instead

of dreading Ho Chi Minh, or Mao,

we're authorized to celebrate in Red.

With shaking of his now-cadaverous jowls,

J. Edgar Hoover's ghost looks down, and scowls.

– Denise Provost

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