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## A Hungry Tiger strikes



Photo by Kristen Hale

The Hungry Tiger Food Festival hit Union Sq. on Saturday, celebrating exotic foods served right here in Somerville while offering equally exotic entertainment for participants. Turn to page 13 for more.

## Food truck pilot to begin

By Cathleen Twardzik

While the City of Somerville contemplates municipal regulations regarding food trucks, a pilot program will begin in Union Square on August 16 to discover the way in which that type of "vending" would affect the community.

Each Thursday night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. through September 20, one can enjoy Swirl and Slice: Specialty Foods Market on Union Square Plaza. Among additional activities, the event, which is being run by Union Square Main Streets, will feature a food truck that will serve market customers.

The truck from Roxy's Gourmet Grilled Cheese will participate in Swirl and Slice on August 16, August 23 and August 30.

Roxy's owners, brothers, James DiSabatino and Mike DiSabatino, have been recognized nationwide for their participation in the Great Food Truck Race on the Food Network. They have "generated a loyal, local following" because of their sandwiches, which demonstrate that combining countless edible items with melted cheese heightens the taste. Don't forget their truffle fries on the side.

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## Stars shine brighter with summer program

Project Star youth to perform August 16

By Elizabeth Sheeran

A little comedy. A little song. A lot of fun.

The youth cast of Project Star promise all that and more when they perform *Time for a Change*, free to the public, on Thursday evening.

"It's comedy. Comedy. Really funny stuff," said Melissa Gay, who is entering eighth grade at the Kennedy School.

Gay is one of 10 Somerville middle school and high schoolers who have spent the past six weeks creating an original musical production under the direction of local showman Jimmy Del Ponte.

An alumnus of the original Project Star when it was a summer staple a generation or more ago, Del Ponte was a driving force behind resurrecting the program when he became Somerville's Youth Arts Coordinator four years ago. Along with his theater arts degree from Emerson College, Del Ponte brings his well-known brand of humor to Project Star, although he is quick to say the kids really do all the work.

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Photo by Elizabeth Sheeran

The cast and crew of Project Star: (front, left to right) Melissa Gay, Fatima Nolasco, Jack Papendorp, Gianluca Oppedisano, (rear, left to right) Ciara Happas, Jennifer Silva, Karma Perez, Jimmy DelPonte, Lyle Doherty and Andrew Silva. Not pictured: Valerie Farley.

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# NEWTALK

Mark your calendar for a week from this coming Friday night for “Somerville Fight Night” at Dilboy Stadium, presented by the Somerville Boxing Club, Mayor Curtatone, Somerville Recreation Department and USA Boxing. It's a great community event that helps a lot of our young people here in Somerville. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth and children under 12 are free. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first bout is at 7:00 p.m.

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Coming up soon on September 8 at the Falmouth County Club, Falmouth, MA: The annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund 12th annual golf tournament. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes green fees, cart, gift and luncheon on site following the event. It's a great time for all and a great cause to give to John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund, wherein scholarships are given. Go online to [www.john-team.org](http://www.john-team.org) for more information on this charity.

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Congratulations to Chris and Lori Foley who recently gave birth to Keira Shealin Foley who was born on August 4, weighing in at 4lbs 5 oz. Both Chris and Lori will make great parents. We wish all three the best in the future.

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Don't forget, “Going Green on Rt. 16” - the city's third installment of the 2012 SomerStreets series, is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, from noon - 4:00 p.m. along Route 16 (Alewife Brook Parkway), from Dilboy Stadium to Broadway.

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This Saturday at the On The Hill Tavern located at 499 Broadway at 6 p.m., join Katie Harris and Sara Christine in their effort to compete in a triathlon while raising money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. \$10 and includes appetizers. There will be a DJ, raffles and lots of fun!

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *Union Square in the limelight*

A Moore says:

One can only assume that once these big loans hit the city our glorious CEO will have left town leaving us stuck with the bill. I have watched for the last 60 years the moving of the traffic jams in Union Square from one place to another. What do they think will happen once we add all this to the square? And by the way all the last construction projects have gone in this city I would not expect this one to run according to plan also. After the Police station and then the High School projects built by the same company and look what a mess that created. I really don't see the use of common sense used here when plotting these things out. This country is broke and in debt, we need to be working on that.

Winter Hill Barney says:

What exactly are the “benefits to the rest of the city”? A major municipal facility will be removed from its current neighborhood, and the entire Green Line project will be redirected to focus on a single stop on a dead-end spur.  
I live in Ward 5. O'Donovan or Niedergang: how about stepping up and getting the public investment spread out a bit?

A Moore says:

I think we should save the old library, maybe make it a place for the hard copy books and alder books that we need to save or something along those lines so we have use for the building. But I think someone in charge there proably or hopefully has the knowledge for this problem as I don't know enough about what the needs are. Then build the new one as a technology center sort of thing. I don't know if that would work but certainly not in Union Square. It's so obvious it won't work there. Maybe the old Powderhouse school.

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## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel the city needs a \$45 million state-of-the-art library building in Union Square. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Do you feel the city needs a \$45 million state-of-the-art library building in Union Square?



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# Construction plans for Broadway discussed

By Donald Norton

The Cross Street Community Center was filled on Monday night with residents and business owners alike from East Somerville to get an update on the roadwork and sidewalk renovations that will be done soon.

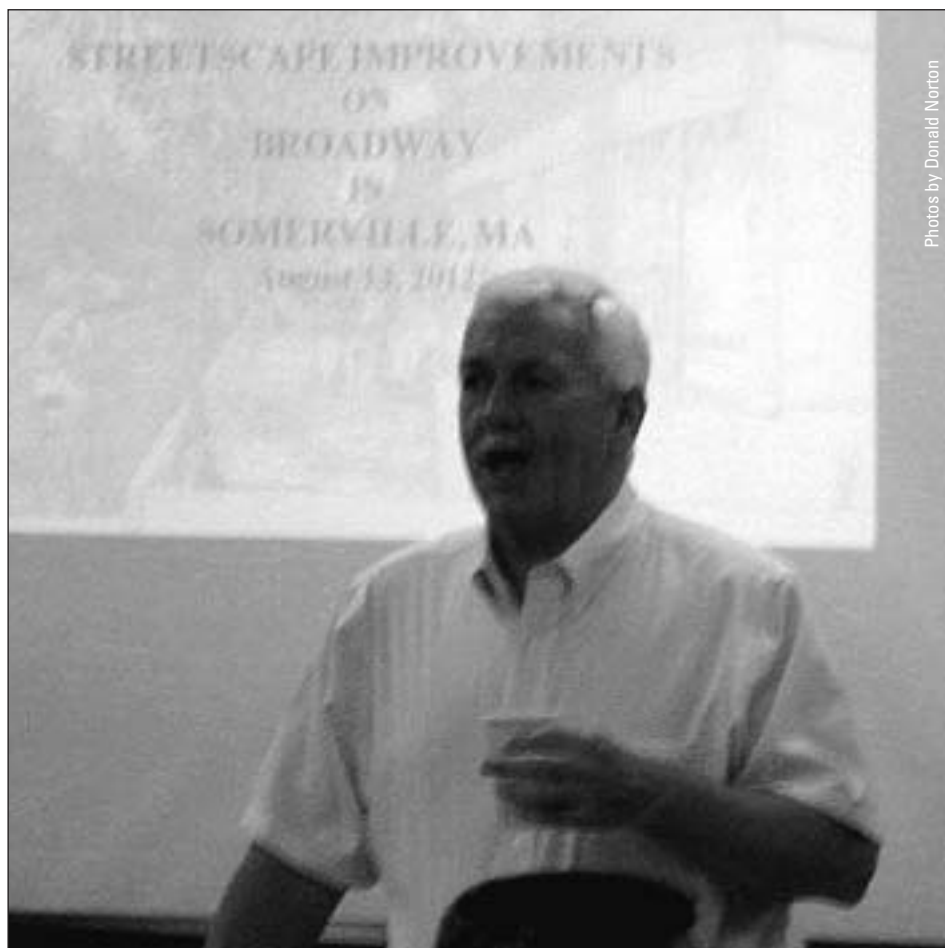
Design Consultant Daniel Chardrandi talked about the process of what was going to happen to the main section of Broadway and its sidewalks. The project will commence shortly, beginning at Sullivan Square then going up to MacArthur Street. Residents were told that the three year project would include the coordination of all the utility companies and MWRA working on updating Broadway, doing it once so that it is not torn up in pieces further down the road.

The project, as explained to the area residents and business people, is going to be done in sections over the three years, in sections of approximately 100 feet each time of digging up and doing the renovations. Sidewalks in the end would in some places go from 9 feet out to 18 feet.

Broadway would go down to one lane on each side, with a bicycle path as well.

The project will be dished out on the Design Consultants website in three week increments, explaining what is going to happen and how.

Questions by concerned residents over the infestation of rodents were posed, asking what was going to be done about it. DPW Commissioner Stan Koty acknowledged it is a big problem all over the city and that the city is paying to have the reported areas bated. He suggested that everyone should call the city and give information on where they see the rodents so the situation can be corrected. The city is responding as fast as they are notified. Susan F, a Mt. Vernon resident, said when she sees them she calls 311 and the city does respond, and that the proposal for making Broadway into one lane is going to be a great thing for East Somerville when it is done. Other residents complained that this was a crazy idea. One or two businessmen expressed their opinion that one lane for Broadway was not a very good idea.



Photos by Donald Norton

City officials and design consultants briefed residents and fielded questions regarding the future plans for Broadway's renovations, along with concerns over the citywide rodent infestation problem.

## Police investigating death of homeless man

Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello confirmed today that on Monday, August 6, at approximately 4:55 a.m., a prisoner in the custody of the Somerville Police Department suffered an unknown medical event while inside a cell at Police Headquarters. Police officers attempted to revive the prisoner and immediately summoned emergency medical assistance. He was transported by ambulance to Cambridge Hospital where he died a short time later.

The prisoner, William Reardon, aged 52, had been arrested on Friday evening on an outstanding arrest warrant from Boston District Court for failure to register as a sex offender. At his booking procedure, he stated that he was homeless.

In the early morning hours of August 6 the station commander who was watching the video monitor for the station's holding cells noted that Mr. Reardon was sitting in an awkward position. In response, the commanding officer and another officer on duty

immediately went to the cell to check on Mr. Reardon and found him to be unresponsive. They quickly determined that he was not breathing and summoned assistance from the Somerville Fire Department and Cataldo Ambulance Paramedics, who responded within minutes. In the meantime, the police officers began CPR using a department "ambu-bag" ventilator. They also utilized an AED, (automatic electronic defibrillator) device.

When hospital officials reported that Mr. Reardon had died, Chief Pasquarello and the State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's office were immediately notified and began a standard death investigation. At this time, no foul play is expected and the cause of death has yet to be determined by the medical examiner.

The Somerville Police Department is cooperating with the District Attorney's office and the Medical Examiner to determine the cause and circumstances of Mr. Reardon's death.



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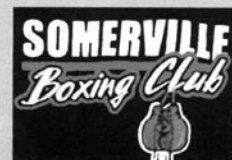


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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Man arrested after suspicious fire reported

Somerville fire and police units were dispatched to a Windom St. residence at approximately 2:40 a.m. on August 7 on reports that a garbage can's contents had been set on fire. West Somerville has reportedly been beset by an unusually large number of such fires in recent months, according to police and fire officials.

Upon arrival, police spotted a man reportedly running away from the scene of the fire. Po-

lice followed the man in their vehicle and activated their blue lights in an attempt to make the man stop running, but he reportedly ignored them and continued to flee.

The man eventually did stop when verbally ordered to do so, and was then questioned by police about his activities and why he was running from them. The man was reluctant to give information at first, but later said that a friend of his had started

the fire by throwing a lit cigarette into the can. The man also said that his friend left the scene on a bicycle before police and fire units arrived.

Police said that the man initially gave a false name and date of birth. A police database query failed to give a match on the information provided. When contents of the man's bag were searched, documents showing a different name and date of birth were found, and

the man admitted that he had lied about his identity.

A search of the man's person yielded a flask containing whiskey, police said.

When asked why he did not report the fire the man reportedly said that his mobile phone was inoperable, but that he stayed nearby to make sure that the fire did not spread out of control. He also stated the he would have put the fire out if he could have, but that he was

afraid of being burned, according to reports.

The man also could not give a specific address for where he was living, police said.

Based on the facts at hand, Arjuna Kataria, 27, of New York, NY, was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with burning personal property of another, disorderly conduct, witness intimidation, and violation of city ordinance open container.

## Reckless driver crashes through his own carport

Police responded to a report of a vehicular crash on Conwell Ave. last Friday evening.

According to reports, a reckless driver had hit a parked car and then struck a house immediately thereafter.

Responding officers found a damaged vehicle pushed up onto the curb and noted visible tire tracks leading further up the street. Witness at the scene said that they saw the other vehicle head up the street, where it

eventually crashed to a stop.

Police followed the tracks to a Conwell Ave. residence and found that the vehicle in question had apparently hit a house and then crashed through its cinder block carport, finally

coming to a stop in the residence's backyard.

The vehicle's driver, Jason White, 30, appeared to be intoxicated, according to police, and had finished his wild ride by hitting his own house and crashing

through its carport.

White was placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Arjuna Kataria**, 27, of 4 E. 132nd St., New York, NY, August 7, 2:36 a.m., arrested at 20 Windom St. on charges of burning personal property of another, disorderly conduct, witness intimidation, and violation of city ordinance open container.

**Paulo Cebola De Sena**, 22, of 136 Webster St., E. Boston, August 7, 6:53 a.m., arrested at 72 Jaques St. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Nicholas Inacio**, 21, of 2591 Washington St., Roxbury, August 7, 12:26 p.m., arrested at 165 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of possession of a class A drug and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Christopher Bullen**, 40, of 7 Henderson St., August 7, 6:19 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Jacob Scott**, 38, of 9 Ponderosa Dr., Hudson, NH, August 8, 1:00 a.m., arrested at 19 College Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and violation of city ordinance open container.

**Christopher Swindell**, 18, of 24 Bellflower St., Boston, August 8, 9:28 a.m., arrested on a warrant charge of unarmed robbery.

**Luciano Dos Santos**, 31, of 16 James St., Malden, August 8, 10:05 a.m., arrested at 220

Washington St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Brandielee Dasilva**, 34, August 8, 4:55 p.m., arrested at 45A Memorial Rd. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Steven O'Brien**, 22, of 23 Ernest Rd., Arlington, August 8, 6:42 p.m., arrested at 373 Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

**John Walsh**, 43, of 12 Ten Hills Rd., August 8, 7:45 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

**Mary Westmoreland**, 51, of 6 Elmwood Ct., Winthrop, August 9, 5:55 p.m., arrested at 72 Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Wagner Costa**, 38, of 63 Derby St., August 10, 5:57 a.m., arrested at Jaques St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

**Matthew Rochon**, 36, of 19 Calvin St., August 10, 7:47 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation and on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

**Jason White**, 30, of 94 Conwell Ave., August 10, 8:54 p.m., arrested at home on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, leav-

ing the scene of property damage, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

**Evan Langley**, 26, of 20 Partridge Ave., August 11, 3:14 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Spenser Bullock**, 21, of 347 Bowdoin St., Boston, August 11, 7:39 p.m., arrested at North St. on warrant charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

**David Santos**, 23, of 104 Glenwood Rd., August 11, 8:07 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Shannon Gallant**, 27, of 24C North St., August 11, 11:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250 by false pretenses.

**Danielle Doherty**, 24, of 28 Central Ave., Everett, August 11, 11:18 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, assault and battery, improper use of a credit card, and larceny under \$250.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

August 7, 11:51 a.m., police reported a theft at Bartlett St.

August 7, 8:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.

August 7, 10:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

August 8, 11:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Kilby St.

August 8, 2:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington

St.

August 8, 2:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St.

August 10, 8:46 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowden Ave.

August 10, 10:06 a.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

August 10, 3:46 a.m., police reported a theft at 389 Somerville Ave.

August 11, 4:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Prospect Hill Ave.

August 12, 10:07 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowden Ave.

August 12, 2:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

August 12, 5:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Mansfield St.

#### Breaking & Entering:

August 8, 6:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

August 8, 9:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Stone Ave.

August 10, 6:25 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Middlesex Ave.

August 11, 11:48 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lowell St.

August 11, 8:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Virginia St.

August 12, 10:10 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bishop Pl.

August 12, 4:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering

at Fitchburg St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

August 12, 12:28 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Wyatt St.

#### Assault:

August 7, 6:53 a.m., police reported an assault at Jaques St.

August 7, 4:01 p.m., police reported an assault at Stickney Ave.

August 8, 3:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Powder House Blvd.

August 8, 4:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

August 8, 7:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Ossipee Rd.

August 8, 10:29 p.m., police reported an assault at Franklin St.

August 9, 9:22 a.m., police reported an assault at 290 Highland Ave.

August 11, 3:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Partridge Ave.

August 11, 1:39 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

August 11, 8:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Glenwood Rd.

August 12, 1:17 p.m., police reported an assault at Derby St.

#### Drug Violation:

August 7, 12:26 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 165 Middlesex Ave.

# Wrap your arms around Somerville

Yarnstorming Perry Park, monthly Knit and Sip Crochet Soirees, Yarn Swaps, a Fiber Art Exhibit at the Nave Gallery. What do these all have in common? These activities and more are a part of The Wrap Around Project, a yearlong campaign of the Nave Gallery to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our area and to support the work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC).

The public kick-off event is the Perry Park Yarnstorming installation, a warm and fuzzy symbol of support for Somerville's commitment to the most vulnerable.

The Yarnstorming revolution reportedly began innocently in 2005 when a shop owner in Houston covered her clothing store sign with a colorful cozy. Word of the fiber art soon spread and knitters and crocheters around the world began to wrap bike racks, statues, trees, fire hydrants, phone booths, fences and more in colorful yarns. The result is a happy, non-destructive public art that brings a smile to the faces of those who come upon a piece in their urban environment.

Many of the artists take a "tag name." Pearl K. Nit, Minerva Knitter, Kay Nitmore, Alpaca Queen, Somelibrary, Bone Knitter, Yarn Spinner and J. T. Close-Knit have made items for the Saturday, August 25, transformation of Perry Park.

The community is invited to help install the exhibit or simply watch and support those who will be sewing. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. Perry Park is located at 361 Washington Street near the corner of Dane Street. If you cannot make it for the installation, please stop by before November 11 to enjoy the Yarnstorming before it is removed.

The Nave Gallery, located at 155 Powerhouse Blvd., Somerville, is a volunteer run exhibition space that showcases the work of local and regional artists and musicians. In addition to focusing on art that is experimental, non-commercial and collaborative, the Nave hosts a number of projects through out the year that connect art and community. Susan Berstler, gallery head, began Wrap Around five years ago to raise funds for the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

"One night during the winter I was leaving work and there were lots of homeless people huddling beneath their blankets trying to



Somerville spins yarns in support of initiatives to help the homeless.

get warm. I wanted to help in some way and came up with the idea of Wrap Around, the sale of hand made knitted and crocheted goods where proceeds would help support the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Anything not sold could be donated to them. I knew that the knitting and crocheting circles in our community would want to get involved and help out. The response over the years has been amazing. We have an incredibly generous community and we are so happy to help SHC in some small way."

The Somerville Homeless Coalition was founded in 1985 with a vision of ending hunger and homelessness in Somerville. SHC has been responding to emergency needs, offering support, providing affordable housing and promoting a community response for 27 years. As people in our own backyard faced a growing crises of homelessness, SHC took action through a grassroots response that yielded Somerville's first emergency shelter for men and women. From this one program and the vision of and efforts of neighbors, activists, students, faith based leaders, businesses and city officials the Somerville Homeless Coalition was created. These people and entities continue to partner with SHC today supporting events, contributing volunteer hours, serving meals, providing advocacy on policy issues and representation on the Board of Directors.

SHC now serves a broader base beyond Somerville and is involved in helping the homeless and hungry in the Greater Boston area.

This year, Wrap Around has evolved from an annual month-long sale into a year-long campaign, The Wrap Around Project. The purpose is to raise both funds and awareness for SHC. Monthly Knit and Sip Crochet Soiree meet ups bring together knitters and crocheters from all backgrounds and experiences to create items for the November sale. A community Yarn Swap held this past May raised both food and financial donations from die-hard yarn and fabric fans. There will be a fiber art exhibit - 'Threads Bared' - November 10-December 16 at the Nave in addition to the sale of knitted and crocheted items. The exhibition will include artwork made from plastic, paper, fabric and wool.

To learn more about the Somerville Homeless Coalition please go on line, [www.shcinc.org](http://www.shcinc.org) or call 617-623-6111. To learn more about the Nave Gallery go to, [www.navegallery.org](http://www.navegallery.org).

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## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



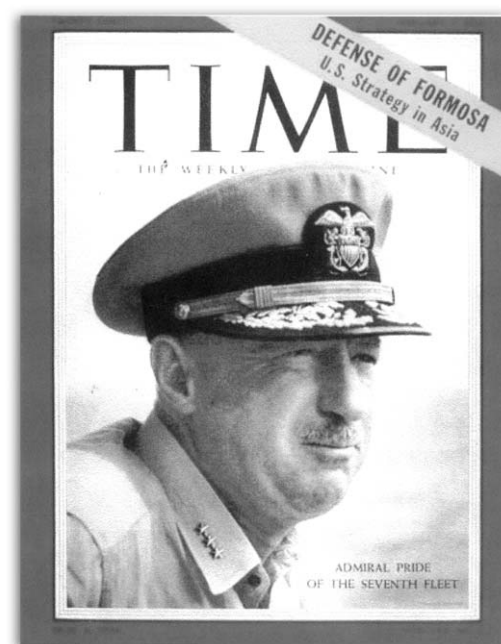
### Eagle feathers #7

#### Pride of Somerville

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you were driving down Hudson Street in Somerville and you came to #105, you would find yourself near the rear entrance of Engine Seven's firehouse. Parallel to the engine house are 12 garages, an area that once housed a carpentry shop owned by Alfred Pride's father.

As a young boy, Alfred enjoyed puttering around and learning about mechanical things in his father's shop. By 1915, when he was just 16 years old, he decided to study engineering at Tufts University. He dropped out after only two years in 1917 so that he could enlist in the Navy. World War I had commenced and Pride began aeronautical training.



After earning his wings, he served in both England and France until the end of the war. Even after the war, he continued to serve his country and was assigned to the USS Langley, a coal ship which would go on to be refitted as the first American aircraft carrier.

Alfred's superior mechanical abilities were called upon when he was tasked with designing catapults and arresting gear for the Langley. This was during the infancy of aircraft carrier development and major issues existed pertaining to the safe landing of airplanes. Planes would land on these great ships, collide with the safety nets at the end of the runway and be propelled upward. This often resulted in severe damage to the plane, or in less fortunate cases, injurious crashes. Pride rectified this flawed process by developing a "tail-hook system," a technique that stopped the planes in a much safer way. The arrangement is, in fact, still used today. This, and various other designs he created, prevented injuries and drastically reduced the odds of collision.

Pride was the first man ever to land a helicopter on an aircraft carrier and one of the earliest to land an airplane on an aircraft carrier. During World War II, he commanded the aircraft carrier, USS Belleau Wood, in the south pacific. This ship and its aircraft were engaged in many battles. He played a major role in planning the invasion of Japan near the end of the war. Post-World War II, as Commander of the 7th fleet, he saved thousands of lives by protecting the island of Formosa (now Taiwan) during the communist takeover of China. For this, in 1955, he was featured on the cover of the February 7 issue of Time Magazine. By the time Pride retired, he was considered to be the most knowledgeable man in the world on the subject of aircraft operations. The four-star admiral is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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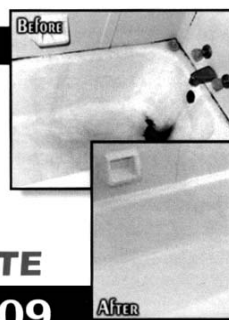
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# Nibbling the best of Somerville

By Tatiana Kombo

As part of the Somerville Arts Council's Arts Union Project, the book *Nibble: Exploring Food, Art & Culture in Union Square—and Beyond*, tells the culinary story of Union Square.

As Rachel Strutt, program manager at the Somerville Arts Council, puts it, the book aims to “cultivate and celebrate the Square’s food landscape.”

*Nibble* successfully captures the dynamic vibe of Union Square, which is home to dozens of international markets, specializing in edible goods from all corners of the world. Readers are reminded that Somerville is an interesting, artsy and diverse area, with a considerable global flavor.

By introducing people to Union Square’s culinary landscape and “diverse gastronomic offerings, whether its anticuchos (beef hearts) at Machu Picchu or squid ink pasta at Capone’s market,” *Nibble* also serves the purpose of promoting

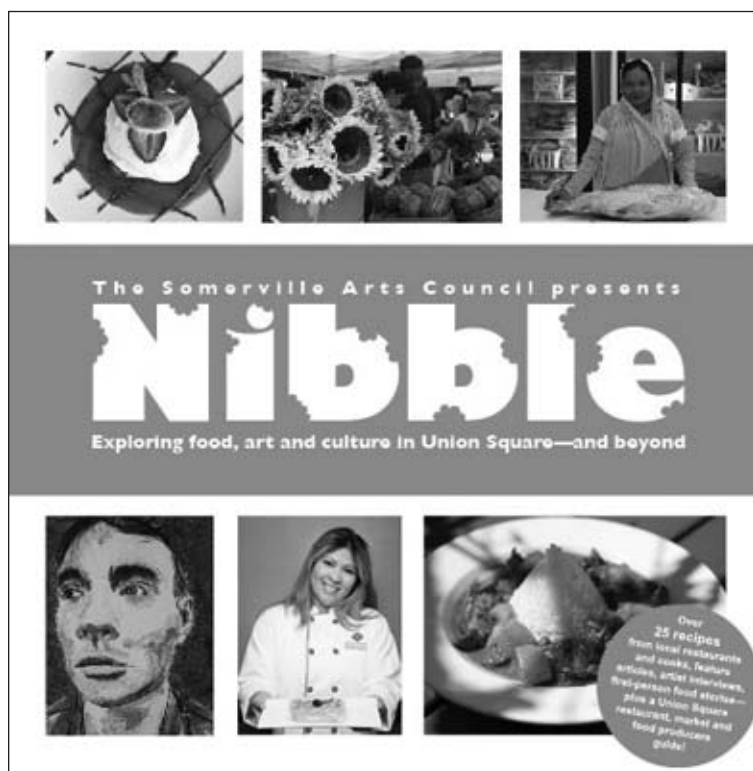
food tourism. With over 25 recipes and backstories to each dish, *Nibble* eulogizes Somerville’s multiculturalism in 132 pages. *Nibble* reminds readers of the oftentimes forgotten cultural and creative processes that shape delectable dishes, demonstrating how food can be a “great common denominator” that allows people of various cultural backgrounds to find common ground.

*“...the stories are not just about food, but about the inextricable connection between food and culture.”*

As Rachel Strutt notes, “the stories are not just about food, but about the inextricable connection between food and culture. Folks will learn, for example, how Salvadorans



Mayor Curtatone, with his mother, holding a Tiella de Gaeta, one of the many recipes featured in the book.



cook with flowers, like flor de izote and loroco blossoms, and how Nepalis use a spice called timur, which numbs your tongue slightly.”

As an initiative designed to boost local “cultural economic development,” the Arts Union Project will use any profit generated by the book “towards public arts programming in Somerville.”

Complete with photographs, recipes and various personal accounts, *Nibble* is an informative and visually seductive work. Copies of it are available at the Swirl and Slice market, and at the Union Square Farmers Market.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Hey! Slow down a little - will ya?

The View From Prospect Hill



What on earth is going on with our trash collectors these days? Numerous incidents involving garbage trucks either speeding, blocking traffic, or otherwise menacing the good citizens of our community leave many scratching their heads and wondering how far it has to go

before some form of control is gained over the situation. There was a day when the humble, hard working trash collectors did their jobs at a responsibly moderate pace, taking care to allow passing traffic to effortlessly flow around them. Neighborhood

kids often knew their first names, and spent a little time with them once in awhile as they passed through, secretly hoping that some bit of treasure might fall from the truck as it went on its way. Yes, those days are long passed, and it's a different

world now. It seems as though these contracted outfits are engaged in fierce competition with one another as they vie for their daily quotas. Is that the way it should be done? Business is business, after all, but the safety and well being of city residents should be uppermost

in our hearts and minds. We hope that those who oversee this activity will take note and bring a little discipline and order to the fore. We want our trash removed, but we also need our personal safety and security sustained. We deserve no less.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthday to some of our fans here in the 'Ville: Richy Clark, who is celebrating this week; also Brandon Wilson, one of Somerville's most knowledgeable Historians is celebrating her birthday this week. Also a big Happy Birthday to Ron McCollem, who works at DPW. He's a great guy and works very hard at the yard.

Recently in the hospital are two of Somerville's longtime and popular Aldermen. Ward 3 Alderman and President of the Board Tom Taylor is home after several visits to the hospital recently. He's doing good and should be up and about shortly. Also in the hospital was Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane, another popular guy. He's home and doing better as well. We wish them a fast and speedy recovery.

Last week we mentioned Russell Disposal and their wild cowboy driving of their trucks. The very next day on Thursday a Russell Disposal truck was backing up at a quick speed on one of the city's smallest streets. We hope nothing bad happens. These guys do a great job. Why ruin it, and ruin someone's life in the process, with reckless driving.

Another event taking place this weekend is the Rock and Roll Yard Sale at Union Square Plaza, Sunday, August 19, 11 am to 5 pm (raindate August 26). Providence-based What Cheer produces ArtsUnion's annual Rock And Roll Yard Sale showcasing New England's top vinyl dealers. Vintage clothing peddlers and DIY craftsters will join record vendors, making for a unique shopping experience! There will be all sorts of music-related formats-including vinyl, CDs, cassettes and 8-tracks-and audio gear, music magazines, silk-screened posters, promotional items and vegan snacks. Of course, vinyl will be spinning for your aural enjoyment. This is a perfect way to support DIY & independent small businesses.

Do you want to help set the direction for Somerville's anti-poverty agency? The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) is seeking candidates for its Board elections, coming up in October. You must be a Somerville resident, but no special expertise is required. You do need a sincere interest in

the well-being of low-income households in Somerville and the will to learn about the issues affecting them, plus commitment and time. If you are interested in serving, please call Director of Planning Dennis Fischman at (617) 623-7370, x105 or Sonja Darai, Vice President of the CAAS Board, at 617-625-6600, x2406. For more information, see [www.caasomerville.org](http://www.caasomerville.org).

The last day to register to vote, or change party affiliations, for the Thursday, September 6, 2012 Primary Election is Friday August 17, 2012. The Somerville Elections Department Office at City Hall will be open from 8:30 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Friday August 17th. For more information, visit [www.somervillema.gov/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/elections).

For the Sake of the Song brings together local musicians to perform their own material and pay tribute the songwriters who have influenced them. This Saturday in the Arts at the Armory café they will pay tribute to Elvis Costello with Patrick Yerby, Laura Grill, and Shadwell! Hear classic songs like "Allison", "Radio, Radio" and more along with original material from our fea-

tured artists! The show starts at 8 p.m., for more info visit [www.forthesakeofthesong.com](http://www.forthesakeofthesong.com).

SCATV is pleased to host two animation classes taught by Mr Gabriel Polonsky, a professional, Emmy nominated animation director, artist, and cartoonist. He has created projects for Cartoon Network, Discovery, and SyFy Channels, PBS, Miramax Feature Films, Nickelodeon, and more. The class for teens ages 13 to 18 is a fun, intensive hands-on course that covers all the basics beginners need to create great 2D character animation. It will run for three sessions, on August 21, 22, and 23 from 11:30am to 5:00pm. The course fee is \$250. The class for adults and teens over 15 years old is great for students who want to improve their skills or build their portfolio, adults who want to learn something new, and those who simply love the art of animation. It will run for three Saturday sessions, September 15, 22, and 29 from 11:30am to 5:00pm. The course fee is \$250. Contact Gabriel at [create99@verizon.net](mailto:create99@verizon.net) for more information.

# COMMENTARY

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## The bad old days



By William C. Shelton

Many of us fondly remember the time when Somerville was a tight community with commercially vibrant squares and dozens of volunteer groups. Here's a good indicator of how closely-knit neighbors were: If a kid smoked or cussed anywhere in the neighborhood, someone would probably tell his or her parents. Such a sense of community is rare in American society.

But our city's civic past has a dark side as well. It involves a 50-year history of corruption that reached its peak in the 1960s.

That decade began with Somerville's population at 95,000. Manufacturing plant closures, smaller family sizes, suburban migration, and the destruction of a neighborhood to

make way for I-93 reduced the population to 89,000 in 1970.

About 80% of residents were working-class first- or second-generation Americans, whose origins were Irish, Italian and Canadian. Fewer than 1,000 were African American. Mean family income was \$6,000. A majority of kids who started Somerville High School did not graduate.

Democrats had controlled Somerville since 1929. Politics were not based on ideological or policy differences so much as on friendships, business relationships and favor trading.

Despite the city's having one of the highest property tax rates in the state, by 1970 it owed almost \$7 million in short-term loans that it had borrowed from banks to pay operating costs. That's \$51 million in today's dollars. Yet the roads were riddled with potholes. School buildings and the main library branch were falling apart. And residents enjoyed many fewer city services than they do today.

One reason for these fiscal woes was that government was

rife with corruption. On the expense side, mayors and their appointees gave millions of dollars in overpriced no-bid contracts to their friends and associates. On the revenue side, an elected board of property tax assessors gave manipulated abatements and sought kickbacks.

In its first ever Spotlight series, the *Boston Globe* documented that during the 1960s, the city had spent at least \$4.3 million (\$31.4 million today) in no-bid contracts. By breaking a job into small pieces, officials circumvented the requirement to bid out any expense greater than \$1,000. Or they declared the job to be an "emergency."

The city gave this work to a handful of contractors who were connected to public officials and each other through blood, marriage and interlocking financial interests. One of them had spent two years in prison, for seven counts of defrauding the city and the Commonwealth. Even then, he was paid \$777,756 (\$5.7 million today) for no-bid contracts. The "earned" half of that amount while he was being

tried or serving time.

On one project, he submitted seven separate invoices, totaling \$6,095, to dig trenches for Teele Square traffic signals. He completed them in September 1969, but the lights did not come on for almost two years.

Although it was easy enough for the Water Department to estimate its needs and issue a request for bids, it bought supplies on a piecemeal basis, thereby keeping expenditures below \$1,000. Overwhelmingly, it bought them from the a single plumbing concern, who charged the Purchasing Department 20%-40% more for supplies than did their competitors.

It also worked on city facilities. One of the more amusing jobs was "emergency" work on a heating plant, performed in the middle of summer. Mayor Larry Bretta formed an insurance business with one of the firm's partners, and then a real estate business.

A board of five elected officials conducted property assessments. There were no skill or certification requirements for

the job. In truth, it was a secretive process, largely dependent on the whim of each assessor and the mutual approval of their Board.

Contravening state law, they assessed properties of friends, family, themselves, business associates, and partners in crime. One assessor gave abatements to six Somerville properties owned by a Lexington-based landlord. In turn, the landlord sold him property in Lexington for \$100, which a few years later was sold for \$112,000.

A well-connected city solicitor was able to amass property valued at \$3.4 million (\$24 million today) over the space of just six years. He also represented the city in cases before the Massachusetts Tax Board, and people who witnessed those proceedings report that it was often difficult to discern which side he was advocating for.

While researching its series, the *Globe* Spotlight Team retained an independent appraiser to estimate the market value of selected properties owned by a city treasurer, *Continued on page 17*

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Do you feel it?



From Dilboy Stadium that kisses the Arlington line all the way down to lower Broadway near Charlestown there is something in the air. The feeling in the 'Ville is different. It appears every year around this time. It's not the soupy, muggy humidity that I am talking about, it's the impending start of...school.

How could this have happened? Wasn't it just yesterday that we parents were looking forward to a break in making snacks, doing laundry, and fighting with the kids to go to bed? We were to be spared from finding parking spaces at school, making sure homework was done, and overseeing science projects, while trying to get our lazy kids out of bed.

Then like a ton of bricks it happens. The middle of August. It really creeps up on us gradually with a few Sunday newspaper circulars and a TV commercial peppered in between our favorite shows. It feels like we just got excited about summer vacation and now the countdown is in sight. Boo.

I'm not sad just for my own kids, and the fact that my little hiatus from parental school duties is over. I still have those

back to school blues from when I was a kid. It affects me profoundly, even though today's schools are nothing like the mini-prisons we had 40 years ago. I just can't shake that dreadful feeling that overtook us as our summer vacation was drawing to a close.

It was time to go clothes shopping with mom, which was a nightmare. I always ended up with the exact opposite of what I wanted to wear. Mom always found the baggiest, itchiest, and dumbest looking pants in the store. Anderson Little in Medford was the scene of some of these bad memories. We did a lot of back to school shopping at places like Robert Hall, JM Fields, Zayres, and later on Bradlees. It was Thom McCann for shoes. I wore "desert boots" and those beige suede bucks with the pinkish soles for years. The trip into Jordan Marsh was grueling. I had to try on hundreds of pairs of goofy pants. I'm not sure when it happened, but eventually my parents just gave up and let me dress like I wanted.

To make matters worse, for eight years I had to endure the belittling, ridiculously strict, abusive conditions of parochial school. Thank God I finally escaped and attended the Western Ju-

nior High School for grade 9. It wasn't exactly a free for all there either. Boys couldn't have hair touching their collar, shirts had to be buttoned at all times and we had to walk in single file in the corridors. Anything was better than sister school. Coming from a Catholic school, and being short, I encountered a real life, aged in the wool bully, who made my life miserable. His reign of terror ended when we hit the High School and I started hanging around with some really big kids.

I will help my sons try to get every last drop of fun out of what is left of their summer vacation. I am sure they will not go to bed before at least 3 a.m. for the remainder of the summer. I wish we could find a way to slow down the fun times and speed up the bummer stuff. That would be a dream come true.

I am not looking forward to the last minute clothes shopping. And what the heck happens to all those glue sticks, erasers and scissors we buy every year? I think my sons may have completed a few pages in ONE of their required reading list books, maybe. I hope at least one of the boys can still wear last year's pants (I may have to let out a hem or two).

I remember the first day of school,

sophomore year at Somerville High when I was stopped by a BUILDING MASTER! He said I smelled like smoke and asked if I had smoked a cigarette. I said no, and informed him that the smell of smoke was coming from the pants my mother had just bought for me from the Bargain Center in Davis Square. They sold discontinued, water logged and smoke damaged merchandise. Good comeback, huh?

We invite you all to come see Project STAR's 2012 presentation. The summer theatre camp is performing an original play called *Time for a Change*. The students wrote the play over their six-week camp. The show will be presented on August 16 at 7 p.m. at The West Somerville Neighborhood School and it's free!

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and senators' votes on two roll calls from recent legislative sessions.

**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.

## CHANGES IN THE STATE'S ENERGY LAWS (S 2395)

House 149-6, Senate 38-0, approved and Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill aimed at reducing the high cost of electricity in Massachusetts and creating more competition.

Specific provisions would end the current long-term contract program under the Green Communities Act by December 2012. It would also require investor-owned utilities to competitively bid proposals from renewable energy suppliers for long-term renewable energy contracts; increase the overall net metering cap from 3 percent to 6 percent, thus doubling the existing limits on municipal and privately owned projects that generate their own renewable energy; increase from six to ten months the time Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has to review rate cases; and prevent the DPU from approving rate case settlements more than once every six years.

Supporters said the average 14.24 cents per kilowatt hour in Massachusetts is well above the national average of 10 cents and is the seventh highest in the nation. They noted 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. (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

## MENTAL HEALTH ANALYSIS (H 4200)

House 152-0, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of a provision providing for an independent analysis of the availability of the state's public and private mental health services. The override came following the Legislature's restoral of \$5.1 million that was cut by Gov. Patrick for the Taunton State Hospital to keep the psychiatric facility open to serve patients with mental illnesses at a diminished, 45-bed capacity, down from 169 beds.

Supporters of the analysis said the two items are related. They argued Taunton's 45 beds should remain open temporarily to serve local residents while a long overdue

independent analysis of the state's mental health services is completed. They noted that the analysis would allow the public a sufficient opportunity to offer comment is crucial in devising a long-term plan on how to deliver necessary services in a cost-effective manner.

The Patrick administration says the antiquated 150-year-old Taunton facility is not cost-effective and notes some of its patients will be transferred to the new Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital.

In his veto message, the governor noted his support for the closure of Taunton Hospital. He also proposed that his administration conduct an alternative study of mental health services. (A "Yes" vote is for the analysis. 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

## POWER OUTAGES (S 2404)

House 154-0, approved and the governor signed into law 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 last summer and the big October 2011 snowstorm.

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

## PROTECT TEMPORARY DAY WORKERS (H 4304)

House approved 126-28 and Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill designed to help protect temporary day workers. A key provision prohibits staffing agencies from charging the worker various fees including the cost of registering with the staffing agency or for performing a criminal record check and from charging any fee that would reduce a worker's pay below the minimum wage. The measure would also require the agencies to provide their workers with a form clearly informing them of their wages, location of the job, name of the company, whether meals are provided and expected hours and benefits, such as worker's compensation.

Supporters said the bill will finally regulate staffing agencies, which often take advantage of many of the state's day workers. They argued this will protect these workers, who currently wait every morning for a van to pick them up and take them to a job at which they have no idea of the pay, the work involved and what will happen if they get hurt on the jobsite.

Opponents said they support the rights of these workers

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but argued the abuses by the agencies are already illegal under state law and should be enforced. They argued the bill will add regulations that already exist and will only serve to lead to more bureaucracy. (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

## “RIGHT TO REPAIR” COMPROMISE REACHED (H 4362)

House 153-0 approved and Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would require auto manufacturers to sell to local non-dealer repair shops the complete repair information and diagnostic tools currently only provided to franchised dealer service centers. The bill was a compromise agreed to by competing sides on the issue - automakers and leaders of a 2012 “right to repair” ballot question that supports requiring the sale to local shops.

Supporters said the compromise is a good one that would facilitate access to vehicle diagnostic information while protecting proprietary information. They argued the bill will allow consumers to choose where they want their cars repaired and foster more competition which leads to consumer savings.

The deadline for removing the question from the ballot has passed but both sides say they will work together to inform voters that the ballot question is no longer necessary. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL (H 4352)** - Gov. Patrick vetoed several sections and then signed into law an economic development and jobs bill. Provisions include a sales tax holiday that will allow consumers to buy most products under \$2,500 without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on Saturday, August 11, and Sunday, August 12; a two-year extension of existing state and local permits held by developers who had been unable to proceed with their projects because of tight credit markets; and creation of a Mass-Works Infrastructure Program, which will serve as a one-stop shop for infrastructure funding.

Patrick vetoed an expansion of brownfields tax credits, a tax credit equal to the current \$456 minimum corporate excise tax for all corporations for their first three tax years, restructuring of corporate tax payments and an increase in historic rehabilitation tax credits. He said the state cannot afford the loss of millions of dollars in revenue.

**NEW SYMBOL AND FEWER NUMBERS AND LETTERS ON LICENSE PLATES (S 4369)** - The House and Senate approved legislation that would require all Massachusetts license plates to feature a symbol, like a star, diamond or heart, along with numbers and letters. This system would replace the current sys-

tem which has six random letters and numbers.

Supporters said the new plates would make it easier for adults and children to remember license plate registrations and report them to law enforcement officials to track down vehicles used in child kidnappings and other crimes. They cited studies showing both children and adults have trouble recalling the current plates that have six letters. Current specialty, low number or vanity plates would be exempt from the new requirement because they are already easily recognizable.

**REDUCE DRUG ABUSE (S 2122)** - The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a bill aimed at cracking down on the abuse of prescription drugs in Massachusetts. The measure requires all doctors to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, a statewide electronic database that collects data on prescriptions dispensed in the state. Currently, participation is voluntary, and only 1,700 of 40,000 prescribers have signed up. The program is aimed at preventing potential abusers from “doctor shopping” and obtaining multiple prescriptions from several doctors who are unaware that another physician has already prescribed the medication.

Other provisions include requiring pharmacies to notify local police when reporting theft or loss of drugs; requiring doctors to use tamper-proof pads to write prescriptions; and banning possession, distribution and manufacture of “bath salts” that are disguised as a therapeutic mineral but are actually synthesized stimulants that are smoked, inhaled or injected.

Supporters said prescription drug abuse, particularly of painkillers, is becoming an epidemic and causes more accidental deaths annually than car accidents. They argued the bill will help control these drugs, especially prescription painkillers, and is a major step that addresses this problem, which costs millions of dollars through expenses relating to the courts, education, crime and addiction treatment.

**AMBULANCE COSTS (S 2384)** - Gov. Patrick has proposed an amendment to a bill that would prohibit insurance companies from sending checks directly to the policyholder for out-of-network private ambulance rides rather than to the ambulance company. This practice of paying the policyholder directly was started in 2011 by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) as part of a plan to force ambulance companies to chase the consumer for payment. The goal was to pressure out-of-network ambulance companies to sign contracts with BCBS that require them to accept typically reduced reimbursement rates.

Patrick's amendment would cap ambulance rates at the lower of the customary rate paid by insurers or 300 percent of the current rate paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The governor said, “I am concerned about the impact of this legislation on health care costs because it lacks guidelines governing reasonable charges for ambulance services.”

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Why have we created this privilege only for food trucks? Will nail and hair salons on wheels set up on Newbury Street? How about busses that provide massage, or motorcycles that serve coffee?” – *Dave Andelman, President of the Restaurant and Business Alliance on*

*the proliferation of food trucks competing with brick-and-mortar restaurants.*

“The governor and the Legislature should consider making the sales tax-free holiday permanent and more often ... Saving the taxpayers more money should be the goal of every elected official.” – *Paul D. Craney, Executive Director of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, commenting on the August 11 and 12 sales tax-free holiday.*

“We also have seen there are examples when even on serious cases, capital murder cases, where mistakes can happen. so having some appropriate level of judicial review is a fair point and fair thing to ask people to consider.” – *Lt. Gov. Tim Murray on his support of Gov. Patrick's attempt to amend “Melissa's Law: Three Strikes and You're Out” by giving judges discretion to grant three-time felons parole.*

“This perp was convicted by a jury of sexual assault with intent to rape a 19-month-old baby ... The state asked for 5-7 years in prison, but he got off with probation, courtesy of Judge Janet Kenton-Walker.” – *Les Gosule, whose daughter Melissa was raped and murdered in 1999 by a repeat offender, citing a case which he says shows the flaws in giving judges too much discretion.*

## 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 August 6-10, the House and Senate both met for a total of one hour and 25 minutes.

Mon. August 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. August 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. August 8	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 9	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 12:19 p.m.
Fri. August 10	No House session No Senate session

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# Somerville's Night Out Against Crime 2012

Somerville's 9th Annual National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The event took place on Tuesday, August 7, at Foss Park.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in National Night Out 2011.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ♦ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- ♦ Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs.
- ♦ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
- ♦ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



# Hungry Tiger Food Festival 2012

By Kristen Hale

The thunderstorms managed to hold off for the 2012 Hungry Tiger Food Festival taking place at 70 Union Square on August 11.

Restaurants from the area presented their best dishes at reasonable prices.

Aalim Belly Dance enchanted the audience with hypnotic dancing. Khya, who also makes Middle Eastern jewelry ([khyamara.com](http://khyamara.com)), proceeded to dance with a sword, illustrating her balance and skill.

Not long after Aalim Belly Dancers, the Boston Circus Guild captivated the audience with magnificent fire performances, supported by the Somerville Arts Council.

Also showing their stuff at the event was Andrew Anselmo Origami Journeyman, Ocean Ave Pops, Vallari Martial Arts Group, The Borges Family Neighborhood Restaurant and Bakery, Dosa Temple and more.

It was a most delightful summer evening spent at the enchantingly delicious Hungry Tiger Food Festival.



Spicy Grilled Corn with Goat Cheese.



Vallari Martial Arts.



Andrew Anselmo Origami Journeyman.



Ocean Ave Pops.



Boston Circus Guild.

Photos by Kristen Hale

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville enters YBL playoffs as No.1 seed

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis will enter the Yawkey Baseball League playoffs as the No. 1 seed after finishing their regular season schedule with the league's best record. Somerville still has one game remaining against the Revere Rockets, but has already clinched the top seed with their 24 victories.

Somerville has won two of their last three games, defeating the Beacon Hill Dodgers on back-to-back nights before losing to the Stoneham Sabers on Saturday.

The Alibrandis dominated the Dodgers on Monday night in a 12-0 beat-down. Justin Crisafulli, whose bat has been hot lately, led the offense, go-

ing 4-for-4 with two doubles and a home run. Mike Maguire and Mark Addesa also added home runs for Somerville. Chris Foundas, Bryant Guilmette and Brian Tanguy combined to give up just two hits in the victory.

Somerville would get the best of the Dodgers the next night, but that game was much closer. Somerville scored three runs in their first two innings and another in the fourth to just hold off the Dodgers, 4-3. Maguire was 2-for-4 with a double, a run and an RBI. Sean Sullivan won his fifth game of the season while allowing two runs and striking out six.

The Alibrandis were shut down over the weekend, losing 6-1 to the Sabers in what was a

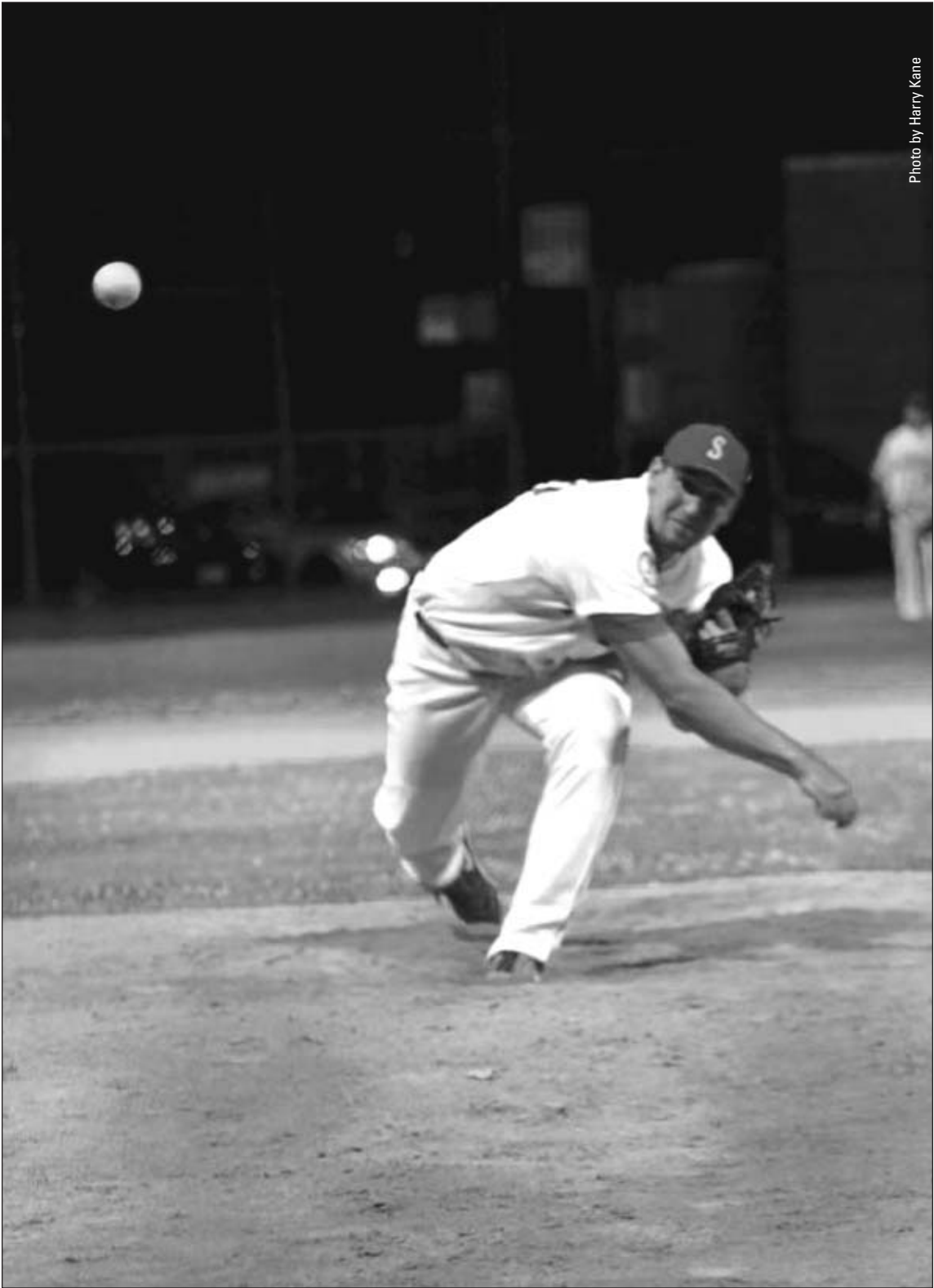


Photo by Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis earned top spot as they wrapped up the regular season.

game with little meaning to Somerville. Their only run came in the fourth inning and was scored by Marc DesRoches. Ed-die Fitzpatrick was on the mound for the first time all year, allowing two unearned runs in five innings of work. Even though Fitzpatrick took the loss, he did record 10 strikeouts. The No. 1 Alibrandis will face of in a best-of-five series against either the Rockets or the South Boston Saints in the weeks to come.

Somerville High School Sports Update

Interscholastic fall sports start soon for all SHS 9-12 graders. Football will start on Monday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. at Dilboy Stadium. August 23: Boys and Girls Cross Country should report to the High School field house at 10:00 a.m. Co-ed Golf should report to the high school field house at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting. Boys soccer should report to Dilboy Stadium at 9:00 a.m. Girls Soccer should report to Lincoln Park at 9:00 a.m. Girls Volleyball should report to the High School Field House at 9:00 a.m. Student-athletes must have all participation paperwork turned into the Athletic Trainer, including a current physical. For more information please log onto: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/athletics](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/athletics).

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1. Who were the three famous singers that died in an airplane crash on February 3, 1959?

2. What did President Nixon do when he performed at the opening of The Grand Ole Opry?

3. What American restaurant chain is named after a Rolling Stones song?

4. Which First Lady used to work for a newspaper as a photographer?

5. Weight is a force – how is it measured?

6. What was name of Dale Evans' horse?

7. What production

company produces *The Late Show With David Letterman*?

8. How old do you have to be to become a U.S. Senator?

9. Who was the inventor of dynamite?

10. What is the street address of The White House?

11. What is the name of the of the three headed dog that guards the entrance to Hades?

12. By taking the first letters of each month from July to November, what name does it spell out?

Answers on page 23

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# Somerville's Annual 'Old Time' Senior Picnic

The Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic is took place last Wednesday at Powderhouse Park. There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the day, including some familiar faces from the local political scene.



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- Monday 8/20: Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7 p.m.  
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- Tuesday 8/21: Kristen Ford presents Panda Bar indie night 9 p.m.
- Wednesday 8/22: Free Poker, lots of prizes! 7 p.m.
- Thursday 8/23: Ethan Robbins & Cold Chocolate, Acousticana grassy Thursdays 9 p.m.
- Friday 8/24: Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m.  
SuperSka 9 p.m.
- Saturday 8/25: Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.  
Boubacar Diabate & SambaLolo \$5 cover 9 p.m.
- Sunday 8/26: Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.  
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen 8 p.m.



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**2012-47** - Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” is amended with the addition of the following location: 15 Adrian St (90 day trial period)

**2012-48** - Article V Section 5-10 “Parking Prohibited at Safety Zones” is amended with the following: Reduce the length of the existing Fire Lane on the north side of Hillside Circle by 25ft

**2012-49** - Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” is amended with the following: Rescind a portion of 2012-30 by removing the 90 day trial period

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1997	Lincoln Continental	1LNLM97V7VY731133

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# 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

**Ralph & Jenny has two amazing garden boxes** filled with basil, lemon basil, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and pumpkins! We have been having a series of Intergenerational Gardening Activity Days and invite you to come with your grandchildren or other young family members. The last event was great with weeding, picking some basil and fruit and making a great salad with our produce. Come join us on August 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny Center. RSVP with Janine at ext. 2321.

**LGBT Events** - September 24 we are excited to have Kate Chang, District Representative from Congressman Michael Capuano's office come talk about “Life on the Campaign Trail” Ms. Chang has worked on Hilary Clinton's, John Kerry's and Michael Capuano’s campaigns. All ages welcome. 167 Holland Street 6 - 8 p.m. RSVP with Lisa at 2316.

**Technology with Tufts Students** - Need help setting up your phone contacts or retrieving voice mail? Need a new ring? How about learning what Facebook is or what is on the web? Holland Street - August 24. Ralph & Jenny - August 27. RSVP at ext. 2300.

**Need help filling out SNAP (Food Assistance) or RIDE applications?** Tufts students will be coming on August 28 in the morning to Ralph & Jenny and to Holland Street that afternoon. Have questions? Give us a call.

**MusicalConversation with Alan** is August 30 at 11:45 at Holland Street. A great time is always had by all. Don't miss out and it is free.

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

**Additional Zumba gold class** at Ralph & Jenny on Tuesdays from 11:30 - 12:30. Come join Sue for a great class.

**Belly Dancing** coming to Holland Street on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 5:55 pm. Starting September 11.

**Join our Book Club** as we discuss great literature. Everyone welcome. It meets the third Friday of every month. Call Janine at ext. x2321. Next book is “Little Bee” on August 17.

**The Moonlighters' Singing Group** practices every Monday at Holland Street at 10:30 a.m. New singers welcome.

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

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

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

**Exercise tip of the week:** When you unload groceries, strengthen your arms by lifting the milk carton or a 1-pound can a few times before putting it away.

**Trip Corner:**

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

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

**Twin Rivers** - September 25.

**Penn Dutch Country** - An Amish Experience October 8 - 12.

**Foxwoods** - Beatlemania! - September 25.

**Join us in our exercise classes:**

**STAY ACTIVE:**

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

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

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

**QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 -

2:00 p.m. 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.

## August 15

**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Womens' Group|10:30 a.m.

Movie: “A League of Their Own”|12:30 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

## August 16

**Rail & Sail** - Tickets have all been mailed.

**All Centers closed but Farmer's Market is open.**

**Holland Street**

Farmer's Market - half price for 55+|11 a.m.

## August 17

**Holland Street Center**

Book Club - “Little Bee”|10 a.m.

Indoor/Walking|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.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

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## August 20

**Foxwoods**

**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**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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## August 21

**Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE (Medical insurance) by apt.10 a.m.

Caregiver's Group - new members welcome. |6:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Super Bingo Luau|11:30 a.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold|11:30 a.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

## August 22

**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Womens' Group|10:30 a.m.

Movie: “A League of Their Own”|12:30 p.m.

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**Cross Street Center**

Center Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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## Food truck pilot to begin CONT. FROM PG 1

Then, on September 6, September 13 and September 20, another food truck, Lefty's Silver Cart, will be available at Swirl and Slice. Lefty's is a regular at the Sowa Market, and it offers exclusively vegetarian fare. Sandwiches, various kinds of soup, different types of salad and smoothies, all of which utilize local, organic ingredients, are among its wares. Their creation, which appears on regular

basis on their menu, "The Elvis" consists of Nutella, Fluff and bananas, which are sandwiched between buttery, toasted Iggy's Pain di Mie.

The most crucial goal of the Food Truck Pilot is "to [demonstrate] current food trucks in terms of offerings, document customer base/community, impact on area businesses, and evaluate needs in the permitting process," said

Mimi Graney, Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets.

Graney believes that the residents who will benefit the most from the trucks' presence in Somerville at the event will be the "hungry ones in Union Square," according to her.

At present, a possible start date for food trucks in the city to possibly go beyond the pilot stage is not set.



Lefty's Silver Cart will participate in Swirl and Slice: Specialty Foods Market on September 6, September 13 and September 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Union Square Plaza.

## The bad old days CONT. FROM PG 9

avored contractors, a former state senator, a former mayor, and the solicitor. The appraiser reported that the properties were worth at least four times what they were assessed at. The Woodbridge Inn, for example, owned by two former mayors and an assessor's brother, had a paper value of \$800,000, but was assessed at \$50,000.

State Senator Denis McKenna owned an insurance business that placed policies or construction bonds on Somerville Public Buildings, I-93 construction and Somerville Housing Authority structures, violating conflict of interest laws. When confronted by the *Globe*, he said, "I'm like the minister whose job it is to save souls. I will sell insurance to anyone who buys insurance from me."

During those years, McKenna was Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, sat on the Ways and Means Committee, and Chaired the Committee on Counties. The *Globe* summed up his performance in the latter role as "using Middlesex County as a private employment agency" to reward supporters. He also owned a travel agency that booked trips for aldermen and school committee members.

In 1969, a citizens' reform movement elected Rev. Lester Ralph as mayor. He encountered strong opposition from entrenched interests, but the *Globe* published the Spotlight series in February 1971, and Ralph was re-elected by a huge

majority.

Assessors continued running their scams until two of them got caught in a 1983 FBI sting involving a fictitious Assembly Square development. The city then eliminated the elected Board of Assessors.

Much has changed in Somerville city government, but the relationship/favor-based political culture remains. It may be inevitable, given the city charter.

Less than 8% of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns have a strong mayor form of government. But they historically account for all of the Commonwealth's major municipal corruption scandals, save one. The exception was Lowell, where the city manager had formerly been a mayor in strong-mayor city.

Just twelve years after the 1899 adoption of Somerville's current charter, the Board of Aldermen realized its flaws. They wrote a charter that was a forerunner of today's council/manager form of government, but it died in the Legislature in 1914.

Somerville aldermen and mayors subsequently made three more attempts to replace the city charter. Senator McKenna killed one in 1982 by not allowing it to come out of committee.

At the time of the reform movement that elected Lester Ralph, Somerville had a half-dozen activist citizen groups, an investigative press, and an active Board of Aldermen. Completing the reformers' work will probably require similar conditions.

## Stars shine brighter with summer program CONT. FROM PG 1

Cast members don't just perform onstage. They collaborate on developing the story line and writing the script, and they construct the scenery, props and costumes. Participants say one of the things they like most about the experience is the way the "Star" in "Project Star" means a lot more than being in the spotlight.

"Everybody is the star of the show, no matter how small a role, or if you're even behind the scenes," said Gay. The kids all had high praise for group member Valerie Farley, an 11-year-old who couldn't be around to

perform, but took the lead on crafting everything from a time machine to a Shakespearean collar out of duct tape.

Del Ponte said the program is a great steppingstone into the performing arts for kids without experience.

"At first I thought, 'I can't really do theater,' so I came to Project Star to work on it and feel more comfortable with it," said Ciara Happas, an eighth grader at West Somerville Neighborhood School, who is now looking forward to being in musicals when she gets to high school.

But at its core, Project Star is

less about preparing youth for life on the stage, and more about preparing them for life.

"All I really wanted was for them to be able to be in front of people and have more confidence in themselves, because you're in front of people for the rest of your life, even if you're in line at the Registry," said Del Ponte. "All I ever asked was that they walk away from here with a little bit more confidence, being comfortable speaking in their own voice, creating their own identity, and not being afraid of 'this is who I am.'"

Cast members agreed that Project Star has given them more confidence to try new things in the future. They said their act-

ing training will make them better public speakers at school. Improvisation exercises help them think on their feet. And the whole experience has taught them how creativity, cooperation and hard work can really pay off.

But for now, they're most excited about the chance to finally bring their show to a live audience. This year's production, which features original musical numbers, tells the story of a group of science students who accidentally invent a time machine and make some interesting choices about how they're going to use it.

"It's just really funny," said Fatima Nolasco, who is about to

begin sixth grade at Prospect Hill Academy.

"Families and friends and everyone can come. I think it will inspire other kids to join Project Star the year after," said Jennifer Silva, an incoming junior at Somerville High School, who helped direct the show.

The family-friendly performance, which will also include a demonstration of improvisation games, will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Boulevard.

And Del Ponte said it's not too early to find out about next summer's fee-free Project Star program, by contacting him at [jdelponte@somervillema.gov](mailto:jdelponte@somervillema.gov).



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|August 15

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

**Central Library**  
Teen Advisory Board Meeting  
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

**Sunsetters Performance**  
Ciampa Manor (Winslow Ave)|7  
p.m.

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

Thursday|August 16

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

**East Branch Library**  
Nature Stories from Around the  
World  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115  
Broadway

**SomerMovie Fest**  
Scott Pilgrim vs The World  
Dusk|Seven Hills Park|Davis  
Square

Friday|August 17

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

**Central Library**  
Teen Drop In Time  
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Dream Big: Read! Awards  
Ceremony plus The Wizard of Oz  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|August 18

**Somerstreets**  
Going Green on Rt. 16  
Noon - 4 p.m.|Dilboy Stadium to

Broadway

Monday|August 20

**Central Library**  
Crafts for Kids!: Cheerio Bird  
Feeder  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|79  
Highland Ave

**Sunsetters Performance**  
141 Hudson St|7 p.m.

Tuesday|August 21

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Garden Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College  
Ave

**Sunsetters Performance**  
Cobble Hill Apartment|7 p.m.

Wednesday|August 22

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

**Central Library**  
Kidstock: Little Martian  
2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Sunsetters Performance**  
Lowell St. VNA (indoors)|7 p.m.

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

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Wednesday|August 15

**Johnny D's**  
Cosy Sheridan|David Massengill  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
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**The Burren**  
Pub Quiz 8-10  
Comedy @10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Los Bungalitos|Dead  
Words|Harvey Pekar|The Enemy  
Within  
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**  
3penny Open Mic  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Tilt-A-Whirl - Comedy at 10  
p.m.|Bands at 11 p.m.  
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|Interactive  
Trivia  
381 Summer St

**Radio Bar**  
Miranda|Following Trails|Wash  
Brain Immediately  
379 Summer St

**Arts At The Armory**  
Rock Therapy with Brendan  
Boogie!  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 16

**Johnny D's**  
Nemes|Sarah Borrello|Night  
Train|Guest DJ Jordan Lee of  
Mutual Benefit  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Spring Hill Rounders grassy  
Thursdays|6 p.m.  
Birds of Play |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
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**The Burren**  
Scattershot 80's Night  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Soccer Mom|Kestrels|Airiell|28  
degrees taurus  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-  
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Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar**  
Golden Bloom|Comedian Timmy  
Williams (the whitest kids u  
know)|Kayln Rock|Presented by  
Rogue /Ryans Smashing Life  
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**  
Artie and the Amoebas|The  
Fearless Leaders  
381 Summer St.

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

**Cantina la Mexicana**  
247 Washington St.

**Radio Bar**  
Chrome Waves|Morne|Vattnet  
Viskar|Liver  
379 Summer St

Friday|August 17

**Johnny D's**  
Bob Schneider|The Jauntee|Moxa  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars  
|6 p.m.  
John Fries, Chris Canty Band \$5  
cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
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**The Burren**  
Cherry Bomb  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Precinct Bar**  
Paul Collins Beat|Muck And The  
Mires|Electic Mess|Fat Creeps  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**PA'S Lounge**  
Deathgod  
Messiah|Haxen|Nachzehr|HellC  
annon|Dark Psychosis

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1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway |617-629-5302  
Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's**  
Jess Tardy Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
6045

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

**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live music  
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-  
718-9177

**Rosebud Bar**  
Born Ready|Daniel Ouellette and  
the Shobijin|Elizabeth Lorrey|Fifth  
Nation|Little War Twins  
381 Summer St

**Casey's**  
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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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Lil' BeeDee & the Doo-Rites  
8 p.m.|247 Washington St.

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Arts at the Armory Jazz Dance  
Party - featuring The Bill  
O'Connor Quartet!  
7 p.m.|Café  
Richard Cambridge's Poetry  
Theatre  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Radio Bar**  
Stephen  
Laurent|Whenairturnstowater|Sib  
erian Iris|PILE  
379 Summer St

Saturday|August 18

**Johnny D's**  
The Moho Collective|The  
Few|Dave Crespo's After Party  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Josh Lederman & the CSARs |6  
p.m.  
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
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Swerve  
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**Precinct Bar**

Harmonic Blue|The Sound Awake|John Doney  
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Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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Drama featuring DJs  
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Ronan Quinn Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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381 Summer St

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Cantina la Mexicana**

Pete Ward & Amarillo Classic Country  
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

**Radio Bar**

Radio-Up- Videodrome| Radio-down: Boston bloghead presents: Dead Trend Remember|The Beachcombers |HR From Bad Brains|Scotch Bonnetts|Ska-Priest|DJ Fordy  
379 Summer St

**Arts At The Armory**

For the Sake of the Song: A Tribute To Elvis Costello  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|August 19**

**Johnny D's**

Open Summer Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.  
Birthmark|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.

Natalie Flanagan Band, Trusty Sidekick|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**

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

**Radio Bar**

The Wooden Sky|The Rationales|Airport|Roy Sludge  
379 Summer St

**Monday|August 20**

**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

**Rosebud Bar**

Closed Mondays  
381 Summer St

**Radio Bar**

Open Mic | poet Stevie Edwards, visiting artist TBA  
379 Summer St

**Tuesday|August 21**

**JohnnyD's**

TBA  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Kristen Ford presents Panda Bar indie night |8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**On The Hill Tavern**

Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
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**PA'S Lounge**

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral  
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**Precinct Bar**

The Apple Butter Express|Eva Walsh  
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**Bull McCabe's Pub**

Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band  
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

**Radio Bar**

Empire Tattoo Presents Black Mass|Wrathsputin|Deadfall|Warm|In Armistice  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**

The First and Last Word poetry Series  
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|August 22**

**Johnny D's**

Paul and Storm|Chris Collingwood of Fountains of Wayne  
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**

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**

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

Tilt-A-Whirl - Comedy10 p.m.|Bands at 11 p.m.  
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|Interactive Trivia  
381 Summer St

**Radio Bar**

I Thought They Were Models|The Pennies  
379 Summer St

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**Wednesday|August 15**

**Third Life Studio**

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

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

**Thursday|August 16**

**Swirl and Slice**

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

**First Church Somerville**

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt.  
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**Saturday|August 18**

**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|August 19**

**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|August 20**

**Central Library**

Writing Our Life Stories, a Six-Part Memoir Writing Workshop  
Mike Alvarez  
646-712-2736  
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Third Life Studio**

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

**Tuesday|August 21**

**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|August 22**

**Third Life Studio**

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## ComedyCazi at Comicazi

By Kristen Hale

This coming Saturday, Comicazi Comic Shop presents a new event called *ComedyCazi*. What is *ComedyCazi*, you might ask? It is a comedic stage show of the improvisational nature concocted by Emerson graduates Sam Kusek and Gideon Bautista. It features a unique mixture of performers from Improv Boston, Emerson, to Destination Imagination.

"Each show features a cast of loveable characters in four tales of adventure with improv games interspersed. You'll see superheroes in their downtime, a family of feathered foodies and robots who dream of what it's like to be human." - ComedyCazi.com.

This promises to be a marvelous show featuring the comedy stylings of Alex Lang, Rachel Cervarich, Amy Click, John McNamara, Kristen Hale, Jesse Mangan, Caitlin Klein, Jon Lang, Tao Yang, and hosted by the brains behind the operation, Sam and Gideon.

*ComedyCazi* is a monthly installment with its first show this Saturday, August 18, at 8:00 p.m. at Comicazi, located in



Davis Square, 407 Highland Avenue in Somerville. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Please make sure to bring cash, as it is a cash

only event.

For more information about *ComedyCazi* please visit [ComedyCazi.com](http://ComedyCazi.com).

## Somerstreets: 'Going Green on Rt. 16'

"Going Green on Rt. 16," the city's third installment of the 2012 *SomerStreets* series, is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, from noon - 4:00 p.m. along Route 16 (Alewife Brook Parkway), from Dilboy Stadium to Broadway.

For this unique event where "roads are closed to cars and open to you!" programming will extend along Route 16 in West Somerville, and will include live music, recreation programming, environmental exhibitions, sports demonstrations and much more.

This event will celebrate environmentally-friendly programs and policies and invite residents of all ages to learn more about what the City is doing in these areas, while having fun.

*SomerStreets* is the city's Open Streets Initiative, which closes sections of roadways one Sunday per month to promote and support active living - walking, biking, running, dancing, etc.

Along Route 16 activities for children and adults of all ages will include, but are not limited to:

• Free Swim at the Dilboy Pool

• Soccer with the Boston Breakers

• Curious Creatures exhibition (2:00-4:00 pm)

• Arts and crafts fair

• Chalk art

• Family friendly and recreation activities

• Food and live entertainment

The final *SomerStreets* event for 2012, "Monster Mashed-Up" will be held on Sunday, October 28. The September event previously scheduled for September 9 on Shore Drive has been cancelled due to ongoing construction.

*SomerStreets* builds on the Shape Up Somerville healthy living initiative. Similar open streets events take place all around the world, providing space normally taken up by automobile traffic for people to be more active.

All *SomerStreets* events will run from 12-4 p.m., rain or shine. Residents who live directly on Rt. 16 please call Carlene Campbell-Hegarty at 857-523-9017 in advance or on the day of the event to assist you in leaving/returning to your property safely.

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## THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Nancy Gaudet Bacci. She's the Youth Program Coordinator here in Somerville at City Hall. A longtime Somerville resident, originally from Cambridge, she's married and, together with her husband, raised their daughter here. Nancy is very active locally in politics, but more importantly she's very involved in the community in various charities and nonprofit organizations. Nancy is seen all over the city at just about every event going on. Recently, she's boosting the Somerville Boxing Club, where she has been involved with a lot of other city residents and politicians. You've seen her all over the city and also on local city cable TV. Nancy is one of those always-smiling and positive attitude types. A genuine nice lady who, if she's working on behalf of something going on here in the city, it makes you want to be as enthusiastic as she is. We think she makes another good selection for The Somerville News Person of the Week. If you see her say "Hi" and feel how enthusiastic she is about what she's doing here and how involved she is, and how maybe you should be as well.

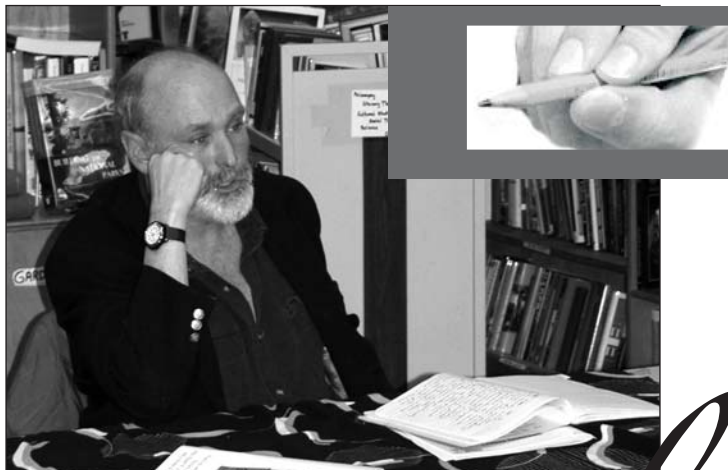
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# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, August 15</b>		6:00	Al Jazeera	3:00	Tele Magazine	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00	Free Speech TV	7:00	Shrink Rap	3:30	Physician Focus	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
6:00	Somerville Biking News - Share The Road	7:30 (R)	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch	4:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
7:00	Drug Awareness	8:00 (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30	Back In The Day	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
8:00	Democracy Now!	9:30	Affordable Housing in Union Square	5:00	Somerville Biking News	3:30	Esoteric Science
9:00	Abugida TV	10:00	Somerville Rocks	6:00	Somerville Idol - Reaching for the Stars	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
10:00	PorchFest 2012	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	8:00	David Parkman	5:00	Culture Club
11:00	Somerville News Reading	11:00	Creepy Castle	9:00	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30	Nepali Sakela Festival
12:00	Democracy Now!	<b>Friday, August 17</b>		10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	12:00	Free Speech TV	11:00	GAY TV	6:30	Perils For Pedestrians
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	6:00	Live Response	<b>Sunday, August 19</b>		7:00	Somerville Biking News
2:00	Culture Club	7:00	Bed Bugs Summit	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:00	MDOT McCarthy overpass
2:30	Life Matters	8:00	Democracy Now!	6:00	Show De Faith	9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	9:00	Truth About Drugs	7:00	Flipside	10:00	Bate Papo con Shirley
3:30	Inside Talk	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00	Program Celebrai	11:00	Somerville Rocks
4:00	Thom Hartman show	11:00	Back In The Day	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	11:30	Art@SCATV
5:00	Neighborhood Cooking	11:30	Somerville Housing	10:00	International Church of God	<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	
5:30	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	12:00	Somerville Idol - Reaching For the Stars	10:30	Eckankar	12:00	Free Speech TV
6:00	Al Jazeera	2:00	Bed Bug Summit	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	6:00	Anti-Drug Program
6:30	Affordable Housing	3:00	Brunch w/Senator Sanders	11:30	Somerville Housing	7:00	Perils For Pedestrians
7:00	Bed Bugs Summit	4:00	Thom Hartmann Show	12:00	The Entertainer Show	7:30	The Struggle
8:00 (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	5:00	National Wildlife Foundation	12:30	Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12	8:00	Democracy Now!
8:30	Physician Focus	5:30	Art@SCATV	1:00	The Tish MacIntosh Show	9:00	Somerville News Reading
9:00	Somerville Rocks	6:00	Al Jazeera TV	1:30	How To Travel The World Free	10:00	Tele Kreyol
9:30	Somerville Biking News - Share The Road	6:30	The Struggle	2:00	Effort Pour Christ	11:00	MDOT McCarthy Overpass
10:30	Shrink Rap	7:00	Real Estate Answer Show	3:00	Rompendo en Fe	12:00	Democracy Now!
11:00	The Garage	7:30	Affordable Housing	4:00	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00	The Commonwealth Report
11:30	The Literary Scene	8:00	Visual Radio	5:00	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30	Somerville Housing
<b>Thursday, August 16</b>		9:00	The Garage	6:00	Abugida TV	2:00	Portrait of Somerville
12:00	Free Speech TV	9:30	Bandwidth TV	7:00	African National TV	3:30	Active Aging
6:00	Peers Influencing Peers	10:00	Jeff TV	8:00	Active Aging	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
7:00	Somerville Biking News - Share The Road	11:00	Somerville Rocks	8:30	Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12	5:00 (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
8:00	Democracy Now!	11:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	9:00	Tele Magazine	5:30	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:00	Somerville News reading	<b>Saturday, August 18</b>		9:30	National Wildlife Foundation	6:00	Al Jazeera
10:00	Active Aging	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	AARP	6:30	The Struggle
10:30	Jeff Jam Sing Along	6:00	Arabic Hour	11:30	SCATV	7:00	Art @ SCAT
11:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	<b>Monday, August 20</b>		7:30 (LIVE)	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch
12:00	Democracy Now!	8:00	Jeff Jam Show	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:00 (LIVE)	Dead Air Live
1:00	African Television	8:30	Mystic Learning Center	6:00	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00	Somerville Biking News
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3:00	Somerville: Back in the Day	11:00 (R)	Dead Air Live	9:00	Gay TV	11:00	Talking About Somerville
3:30	Art @ SCATV	12:00	Reeling: the Movie Review Show	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:30	SCATV
4:00	Thom Hartmann	12:30	Somerville Housing Authority	11:00	Nosse Gente e Costumes		
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# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, August 15</b>		12:00am: (15)	Special Olympics 2012	8:45pm: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave	7:10pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
9:00am: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits	12:10am: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave.	<b>Sunday, August 19</b>		7:30pm: (15)	Open Air Circus
9:00am: (15)	Argenziano School Concert	12:45am: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes	12:00am: (13/22)	The Chickeness: Urban Poultry 101	7:40pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets - Highland Ave
11:30am: (15)	Special Olympics 2012	1:10am: (15)	Raising Families	12:00am: (15)	Open Air Circus	8:00pm: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville
12:00pm: (13/22)	The Chickeness: Urban Poultry 101	1:35am: (15)	SCAP Annual Meeting	12:45am: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits	8:15pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through
12:40pm (15)	Kid Stuff	1:45am: (13/22)	The Gerry Leone Show	12:45am: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:20pm: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits
12:45pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	2:15am: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	1:15am: (15)	School Day Games	9:15pm: (13/22)	The Gerry Leone Show
1:10pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	9:00am: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave.	1:25am: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	9:15pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12
1:15pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	9:00am: (15)	Special Olympics 2012	1:45am: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave	<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	
2:10pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	12:00pm: (13/22)	The Chickeness: Urban Poultry 101	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (13/22)	Morse-Kelley Groundbreaking
7:00pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	12:00pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	12:00pm: (15)	National Night Out 2012	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
7:00pm: (15)	String Camp Final Concert	12:45pm: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits	12:30pm: (13/22)	Senior Picnic 2012	12:10am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
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9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:45am: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits	12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	2:00pm: (13/22)	Harris Park Groundbreaking
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12:30pm: (15)	SCALE Graduation	1:45am: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave	1:30am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	8:10pm: (15)	Open Air Circus
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7:00pm: (13/22)	Family Fun Day 2012	12:45pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
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8:45pm: (13/22)	The Gerry Leone Show	7:45pm: (13/22)	Your Doctor's Visits	1:15pm: (13/22)	COA Volunteer Recognition Awards	2:15am: (13/22)	Sunsetters Performance on Hall Ave.
9:15pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	7:45pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:15pm: (15)	Show 'Em & Tell 'Em		
<b>Friday, August 17</b>		8:15pm: (15)	School Day Games	7:00pm: (13/22)	Morse-Kelley Groundbreaking		
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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Somerville Writer Suzanne Cope: A Locavore in the City

Old habits die hard. Now I find myself gravitating to the window seats at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville, Mass. It may be the darker environs in the back are less attractive as I press closer towards the 60 year mark - you know rage, rage against the dying of the light and all that sort of rot. On this morning I was at my window at Bloc 11 to shed light on my subject for the day, writer Suzanne Cope.

Cope is an Asst. Professor of English at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and lives with her husband, the musician Steve Mayone, on Laurel St. right outside of Union Square. She has lived in Somerville for nine years, and is originally from Western New York. She earned her PhD from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. Like many a Somerville resident, poet, and writer that I have interviewed over the last decade she loves our city. She told me: "It is the perfect combination of the urban landscape with the green landscape. It gives me plenty of material to write about."

Cope has experience as a Trade Marketing Manager at the venerable publisher Houghton Mifflin in Boston, and this summer she is working on a special project to promote the reissue of the novel *The Hobbit* in conjunction with a new movie being released based on this work.

Cope writes primarily in the Creative Non-Fiction genre. She reflected: "Creative Non-Fiction has been under the umbrella of Creative Writing for a long time. It is really a creative union of non-fiction craft and fiction. It takes the form of personal essays and memoir. It deals with emotional truth and memory."

Cope is also a Locavore. The name reminds me of some extinct species eons ago but in fact is according to Wikipedia: "A person interested in eating food that is locally produced, not moved long distances to market." And Cope writes a great deal about food. Her conversation is peppered with references to all sorts of cuisine. She is also an accomplished cook, and gets her ingredients locally. She writes about her culinary experiences on her blog *Locavore in the City*. She will also have a book



coming out from a university press *Locavore in the City* in 2013.

Cope said, "I write about how food relates to culture. I am inspired by canning, familial meals, gardening, and my Italian heritage - which of course involves a lot of cooking."

Cope seems to be the kind of teacher who would easily engage her students. She teaches at Grub Street in Boston as well as Berklee. She finds that her students at Berklee are very creative and open minded due to their creative musical backgrounds. On her teaching method Cope explained: "I strive to have them write about something they care about. I want them to write from their own experience. If there is a personal aspect to their writing they will be more engaged in the work." Cope has used the memoir by the late Jazz artist Charles Mingus *Beneath the Underdog* and profiles of other musicians to spark her students writing.

Cope usually writes in the privacy of her own home. But now and again she ventures out and you may see her profile in the window of the Bloc 11 Cafe or the Sherman Cafe in Union Square - yet another young writer thriving in the Paris of New England - Somerville, Mass.

Somerville Poet Tara Skurtu studied Creative Writing at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and is an MFA candidate at Boston University. She's the recipient of an Academy of American Poets Prize, and a 2012 Tennessee Williams Poetry Prize finalist. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in *Poetry Review*, *Hanging Loose*, *Salamander*, *Poet Lore*, *The Los Angeles Review*, *Hiram Poetry Review*, *The Southeast Review*, *The Comstock Review*, *Amethyst Arsenic*, and elsewhere.



#### The Amoeba Game

I stood at the stove holding  
a wooden spoon in my right hand,  
listening to butter sputtering against  
the splattered circle of an egg. Perhaps  
it was the flapping of the egg's  
wavy edges against the steel pan,  
or the amorphousness of its innards  
outside the carriage of its brown shell—  
I remembered an odd game I played  
in Brownies. The amoeba game.  
In the front yard of the scout cabin,  
one girl at a time would become  
an amoeba and lead the rest.  
We didn't know what amoebas were,  
only that they weren't human or animal,  
and moved like a thousand blind legs  
treading through molasses.  
So it was that our heads and arms  
became legs and feet, undulating  
wayward into dusk. Swaying our shoulders  
left to right, we'd giggle through mouths  
we weren't supposed to have, pretending  
we had no eyes and didn't know where  
we came from or where we were going.

— Tara Skurtu

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

# Olio

Answers

1. Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper)
2. He played the piano
3. *Ruby Tuesday*
4. Jacqueline Kennedy
5. All forces are measured by Newtons - "N" for short.
6. Buttermilk
7. Worldwide Pants, Inc.
8. 40 years of age
9. Alfred Nobel
10. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
11. Cerberus
12. J-A-S-O-N

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**Brockton**



**71414455 \$219,000.**  
Two family Colonial. 10 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Enjoy side porch and huge yard. Great rental property.

**Somerville**



**71353759 \$419,000.**  
Two family, Winter Hill area. 11 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Updated roof and heating systems. Minutes to Boston.

**Malden**



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

**Somerville**



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

**Malden**



**71407449 \$289,750.**  
Early Empire single family with Mansard roof. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. 2 car garage. Well cared for home.

**Brockton**



**71384850 \$189,900.**  
Two family on the East side of Brockton. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. 2 car garage.

**Somerville**



**70593122 \$999,000.**  
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