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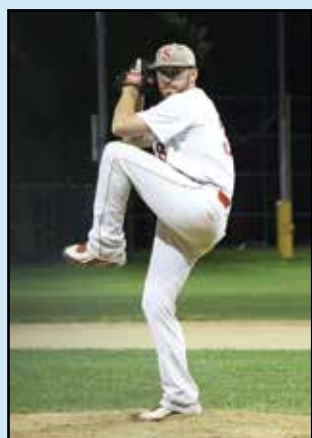
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Fires deemed 'suspicious' by officials



Photo by Harry Kane

State and local investigators and public safety authorities urge the public to remain vigilant and practice safe fire prevention methods in light of the alarming number of fires having taken place in recent months.

By Jim Clark

A press conference was held on Monday to inform the public of the suspicious nature of certain recent fires in Somerville, as well as provide important fire safety tips to businesses and residents of the city.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan, and Somerville public safety officials provided updates on the ongoing investigation of several fires that have occurred in the city over the past few months.

Through the summer months there have been no less than nine house fires, including one this past Sunday on Belmont St. Three of these fires have been ruled as intentional, another three as accidental, and the remaining three remain under investigation.

Public safety officials urge all residents to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activities that may be observed. The Arson Watch Reward Program offers up to \$5,000 and the City of Somerville is offering up to \$10,000 (for a total of up to a \$15,000) for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any person involved with the setting of any of these fires. The public is urged to contact the Somerville Police with any tips

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'One part personal, two parts political'

Former Mayor Brune publishes memoir

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Former Mayor Gene Brune was born on the corner of Cedar Street and Highland Avenue in 1929 and has lived his entire life in Somerville. He had a long career in structural engineering, served six years as Ward Six alderman and was elected mayor in 1979, all while raising two daughters as a single parent. Leaving city hall after five terms in 1990, he served as Middlesex County Register of Deeds until his retirement earlier this year.

His decade-long tenure as mayor saw the arrival of the Red Line in Davis Square, the opening of the first Assembly Square Mall, the launch of events like ArtBeat, and the construction of the new gym and trade school wing at the high school. But he also found himself presiding over the worst chemical spill in state history and the fiscal crisis that was the fall-out from Proposition 2 1/2 and a doubling of city health insurance costs.

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Gene Brune is hoping you will soon be reading his book, *The Spirit of Somerville*.

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NEWTALK

The Somerville Boxing Club, the Somerville Recreation Dept., Mayor Curtatone and USA Boxing present Somerville Fight Night, Friday night, August 23 at Dilboy Stadium, Route 16, at 6 p.m. Rain date August 24. For ticket information call 617-764-3326. Last year at the first one there was a great turnout and a nice night of entertainment. Support the club and the good work they do for local kids.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our Villens both here and elsewhere, wherever they may be spread across the place. The famous Hart twins are celebrating this week. Both Maureen and Mary are now married, with families of their own. My, how time flies. Also celebrating, our good friend Clifford Clark, now of Derry, who is a great dad, a nice guy and a wonderful son to his mother and father. A Happy B'day to Paul McLashing, a local guy and well known, used to work at Alibrandi Barber shop. We wish him the best. Also to Maria Coviello from the Ville. Happy Birthday to Larry Rogers, also from the Ville. Jason Souza of J-Rock Publishing also grew up here and is still living here. Nancy Bernhard, originally from Stamford, CT, but now resides here in the Ville. To Jo-Ann Liberatore who works as Administration Assistant here for the City of Somerville, we say HB. Also in the Ville here, little Owen Rosas, the son of Lee and Caroline Rosas. Owen is 7 this week, and mom is busy running for School Committee in Ward Five. To all our fans out there in the Ville and elsewhere who we might have missed, we salute you and send Happy Birthday wishes.

Even though we're not in Medford (yet), make sure you tell all your good friends over there that one of former Senator Charlie Shannon's aides is running for City Council in Medford. We wish Adam Knight the best of luck in his campaign for councilor. What a real nice guy. We wish him nothing but the best as well as a Happy Birthday to him. Remember, mention him to your friends over in Medford.

Here in the city the campaign is coming down to the wire for some. There is only a primary in Ward's One, Three and Five, and all the candidates are working feverishly putting up signs and walking their wards, talking

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Post Office plan approved by Planning Board

Paul says:

What is happening with the existing location? Another subsidized housing project from SCC?

Villen J says:

The building is on the national historical registry so they will hopefully not be able to destroy it. And if they do everyone should protest it.

Rob B says:

I believe use of the Bow Street site as a post office will generate significantly more pedestrian traffic than the existing retail store resulting in more individuals attempting to cross the street at the corner of Bow and Walnut Streets, which has no crosswalk. It is already common to see pedestrians darting into traffic to make the crossing. This is likely because the next closest crosswalks are a block in either direction, both of which require pedestrians to make three separate crossings (the intersections of Warren Ave/ Bow Street and Wesley Park/Summer Street/Bow Street) in order to legally and safely cross the street.

In advance of the Planning Board meeting, I submitted a letter regarding this concern, in part because the Planning Dept staff report concluded that, "The circulation patterns for motor vehicles and pedestrians which would result from the use or structure will not result in conditions that create traffic congestion or the potential for traffic accidents on the site or in the surrounding area. The proposal would not alter circulation patterns for motor vehicles or pedestrians as a result of this project."

None of the Planning Board members or staff discussed concerns for pedestrian safety during the Planning Board meeting, so I can only assume they do not see this as a pressing issue. Time will tell. I wonder if the addition of Eastern Bank to that block will change pedestrian and vehicular circulation in that area.

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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 what whether or not you support a ballot question that would repeal the state's 2011 gambling law that allows casino in Massachusetts. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support a ballot question that would repeal the state's 2011 gambling law that allows casino in Massachusetts?



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Big Broadway project frustrates abutters

By Harry Kane

A concerned homeowner has filed an appeal against the decision of the Planning Board to approve the 53,000-square-foot building at 315 Broadway. Neighbors of the future residential and retail development understand that Somerville is growing, but some feel it's too much, too fast, and too big.

Developers have made many concessions to satisfy community members during the design process. A reduction in building size from 56 to 46 units – dropping the building by some 10,000 square feet – was part of a compromise.

The building material was changed from fake brick to solid brick. That was an achievement, says Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. He feels the new building can now co-exist, architecturally, with the rest of the neighborhood.

Still, some homeowners are strong opponents of the project because of the height and the proximity to their property. Residents have also voiced worries about traffic and parking related problems, the potential of flooding, and the loss of homeowners' livelihood, due to vacancies.

Alderman Lafuente is pro-development, but says he's sensitive to the residents' concerns and sought an amicable solution. "I was being sympathetic to the

abutters, because I thought it was unfair for someone to come in and just completely block their view," says Lafuente.

"We went through the process; the process broke down," Lafuente admits. One of the options Lafuente had at his disposal was to propose that the Board of Aldermen designate that building a historical site. The legislation would have prevented the developer from knocking down the building to put in the new structure. At the very least, the developer would have had to use the façade of the building and incorporate that into the new design.

"This development overpowers the neighborhood and will dominate over our home..."

But the Planning Board was satisfied in the reduction in the units. They thought that the developer had made a good effort, and approved the project unanimously.

Samira Tuffaha, 76, of 11 Langmaid Ave. lives next-door to the future development, which will stand on the corner of Broadway and Temple Street. Her son, Sam Jadallah,



An artist's rendering of the proposed development at 315 Broadway.

bought the house for her in 1995. Since then, Tuffaha has lived there peacefully. But this past March she found out some ill-starred news.

"We were shocked," said Tuffaha. "Now, we can see Boston skyline, and we can see the bridge...the way it looks like, we're gonna be only seeing the back of the building."

Tuffaha says the new development will devalue her home, and threaten the income she receives for the two units she rents out. "Nobody will pay the market value for an apartment that has no privacy," she says.

For the last four months Tuffaha's life has been consumed by the project. "My blood pressure has went sky-high, and I couldn't do anything else but imagine how my life was going to be with that development."

In 2010 re-zoning along the Broadway corridor made it possible for larger buildings to be erected. But Tuffaha's son, Jadallah, thinks the new development at 315 Broadway will dwarf the traditional homes of Somerville.

"This development overpowers the neighborhood and will dominate over our home,

towering above it and wrapping around it," he says. "It is roughly 15 times larger than our triple-decker and we will feel, quite literally, like we are in their parking lot."

"We'd support appropriate development," Jadallah says, "something that fits in the neighborhood and adds value to the community. This monster structure is not it."

Jadallah filed a complaint for judicial review – Massachusetts General Laws: CHAPTER 40A, Section 17 – appealing the decision of the Somerville Planning Board.



An overhead view of the project's footprint.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A Facebook status change for the worse

A police officer was dispatched to a Pearl St. home last week on a reported past breaking and entering.

Upon arrival, the officer reportedly noticed two men sitting on the steps of the residence in question. They were subsequently asked to identify themselves.

One of the men, Jose Salamanca-Flores, 21, told the officer that he lived next door. He was then asked why he was sitting on the steps of house next door to his, and he reportedly answered that he and his friend were listening to music.

The officer noted that Salamanca-Flores was in possession of two laptop computers, one of which was flipped open, police said, and the reporting party was contacted.

The reporting party came out of the house and immediately recognized one of the laptops as belonging to her, according to reports.

At that time the police officer handcuffed the two men for safety until backup arrived at the scene. Salamanca-Flores reportedly uttered, “He did me wrong.” When asked who it was that did him wrong he replied that an acquaintance had given him the laptops. He furthered added, “He’s a klepto.”

The officer then asked Salamanca-Flores if while knowing this he still took the laptops, and his answer was, “Yes.”

In questioning the reporting parties, it was learned that they had left the residence at around 4:30 p.m. and returned at about 6:00 p.m., and that they had not noticed anything missing upon their return.

It was also learned that although the front door had been locked, the back door had been left unlocked by one of the household’s roommates.

Later that evening, while using their smart phones, they noticed that their Facebook status had been changing in unusual ways. It was then that they checked and found that a laptop was missing from the home.

It was determined that Salamanca-Flores’ companion was not involved in the incident and was set free to leave.

Salamanca-Flores was placed under arrest and charged with multiple counts of receiving stolen property and also booked on warrant charges of defacing property and unarmed burglary.

Divide and...fail

A call came in to police last week that a shoplifting in progress was occurring at the Home Depot on Mystic Ave. involving multiple suspects.

While plainclothes officers entered the store to ascertain the whereabouts of the suspects and to get details on the incident from loss prevention personnel, uniformed officers waited outside in case further assistance was needed.

One suspect, Natacha Moore, 34, of Dorchester, was stopped while reportedly attempting to exit the store through the garden department.

Two other suspects, Reinaldo Aviles, 46, and Lidia Paniagua Nova, 44, both also of Dorchester, were intercepted in the parking lot at their car.

Police officers asked Aviles what was in the trunk of the car and he reportedly replied, “Cans and clothes.”

When asked by officers if the trunk could be searched Aviles reportedly consented.

Police said that a number of fire alarms were found in the trunk of the car, concealed in plastic bags.

A search of Moore’s handbag turned up fire alarms and light bulbs, according to reports.

Loss prevention personnel told police that the three suspects were observed entering the store together and then splitting up once inside.

At one point all three suspects ended up in the same aisle and reportedly began collecting the items they had been caught with later, concealing them in their bags, police said.

As Moore attempted to leave through the garden area, Aviles and Nova went through the checkout area, paying for a bag of chips, but making no attempt to pay for the items they had concealed, according to reports.

The items taken from the store were reportedly valued at a total of \$668.38.

All three suspects were placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Moore was additionally booked on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and assault.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:			
Jose Salamanca-Flores, 21, of 204 Pearl St., August 12, 10:00 p.m., arrested at 202 Pearl St. on multiple charges of receiving stolen property and on warrant charges of defacing property and unarmed burglary.			
Reinaldo Aviles, 46, of 31 Corona St., Dorchester, August 13, 5:49 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.			
Lidia Paniagua Nova, 44, of 27 Corona St., Dorchester, August 13, 5:49 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.			
Natacha Moore, 34, of 38 Julian St., Dorchester, August 13, 5:49 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and assault.			
Stephen Remick, 53, August 14, 10:37 a.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250 and assault.			
Paul Therenciel, 50, of 17 Madison St., August 14, 1:14 p.m., arrested at Madison St. on warrant charges of witness intimidation, abuse prevention order violation, and threat to commit a crime.			
Alfonso Lopez, 58, of 130 Quincy Shore Dr., Quincy, August 14, 1:55 p.m., arrested at Everett St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.			
Robert Murphy, 64, of 33 Minnesota Ave., August 14, 3:34 p.m., arrested at Everett St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and utter false check.			
Fabio Almeida, 34, of 164 Broadway, August 14, 4:37 p.m., arrested at Broadway on multiple warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.			
Henry Flores, 23, of 20 Brook St., August 15, 5:20 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.			
Lisa Splaine, 48, of 28 High St., August 16, 10:33 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.			
Yakouba Sawadogo, 22, of 305 Washington St., Roslindale, August 16, 7:10 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, and attaching wrong motor vehicle.			
Incidents:			
Theft:			
August 13, 5:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.			
August 14, 9:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Cottage Ave.			
August 14, 5:48 p.m., police reported a theft at 55 Davis Sq.			
August 15, 8:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.			
August 17, 7:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.			
August 17, 10:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Ten Hills Rd.			
August 17, 3:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.			
August 18, 12:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Perry St.			
August 18, 1:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Atherton St.			
August 18, 3:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Laurel St.			
Breaking & Entering:			
August 13, 9:53 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Conwell Ave.			
August 13, 9:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Belknap St.			
August 14, 7:56 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at South St.			
August 15, 7:11 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Loring St.			
August 15, 10:45 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Watson St.			
August 16, 10:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Evergreen Sq.			
August 17, 12:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.			
August 18, 12:16 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Gorham St.			
August 18, 1:21 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at West Quincy St.			
August 18, 1:22 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at North St.			
August 18, 1:40 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at North St.			
August 19, 12:19 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Vinal Ave.			
Vehicle Theft:			
August 14, 4:03 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Washington St.			
August 16, 6:29 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Beacon St.			
August 19, 2:59 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Central St.			
Assault:			
August 13, 4:37 p.m., police reported an assault at Webster Ave.			
August 18, 2:56 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.			
Disorderly Conduct:			
August 15, 7:15 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Washington St.			

Somerville residents join SCC meeting, evaluate food access

By Douglas Yu

In order to make the best use of land resources, Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) touched on food accessibility by crowdsourcing residents, leading a free discussion on people's shopping habits last week.

"Somerville is not entirely a food desert, but it's definitely a food island," said Mashael Majid, Community Planner at SCC.

A "food desert" is an area where there is not a grocery store within a mile and half or so, while a "food island" is where food is abundant and diverse. East Somerville is an example of food desert.

John Cater, who lives on the Broadway, brought up the difficulty of reaching the nearest chain grocery store. "I get everything I need in grocery stores and I think this is especially important for old people," he said. Cater explained that most youth grab a soda or water in the nearby convenience stores. Somerville is also a community where there is a large amount of senior citizens and people with disabilities. It is not convenient for them to go shopping often.

What makes it more inconvenient is that places like East Somerville do not have a big chain store, such as Shaws or Stop & Shop. Some people even need to take a taxi to go shopping.

"I can't afford a cab," Cater said. "I always walk back from the grocery store with a push cart. If I take a cab, it would cost the money that I'm supposed to spend on food."

Lexi Sasanow, Local Access Fellow at SCC, said that because Somerville was partly a food desert it was a very "food-insecure" community. "Star Market



Photo by Douglas Yu

Food accessibility was the staple ingredient at SCC's community meeting held last Thursday at the Mystic Community Center.

on Broadway has been vacant for five years, so it takes a long time for Winter Hill Street residents to walk to the nearest grocery, especially for old and disabled people," he said. "One of the questions is that the lack of public transit in some areas makes food less accessible."

*"If I take a cab,
it would cost the
money that I'm
supposed to
spend on food"*

There has been a long conversation between SCC and Somerville residents about effective public transportation. In the last SCC meeting in July, people suggested shuttle buses to grocery stores, which is now one of the most popular proposals.

These ideas came from 27 meeting participants. They took a survey about how much time they need to get back and forth between their homes and grocery stores, what their purchasing motivations are and how they feel about those stores.

"The whole project came out of a community process by start-

ing off with the Gilman Square Neighborhood Association and SCC Land Use Committee," Majid said. "The sample size is small, but they definitely helped collect more dynamic data."

Unlike many demographic data from U.S. Census, the information that SCC used to help them to create a community action plan is more current.

People who attended the SCC meeting also commented on the charts made with the survey data. Rachael Plitch, Shape Up Somerville (SUS) Coordinator, thought these data were very helpful to people for gaining an understanding of food accessibility in Somerville. SUS started Mobile Farmers Market last summer to provide local products to a number of areas. It became very important to local residents when Star Market closed down.

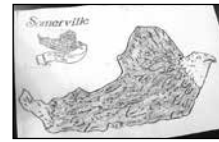
Sasanow said that next step is to talk to land owners, developers to implement practical solutions.

These surveys about food accessibility are actually applied to many other kinds of land use, Majid said. Since more and more small businesses are introduced to Somerville this year, making use of the limited areas effectively influences many people's life.

Kathleen O'Brien is one of the students from Tufts University who started the survey, saying that she was surprised to see that people's purchasing motivation was price instead of convenience. One of the people at the meeting said there were kids who came all the way from Quincy to Somerville just to buy a bottle of orange juice because it is cheaper.

"We are hoping that there will be something central to the neighborhood to provide healthy food, like a food court or a community kitchen," Majid said. "But we'll come up with long-term sustainable solutions."

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #33

Mary's Lamb

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you were asked, "What do Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Sir Paul McCartney and McDonald's have in common?" I don't think the answer I'm looking for would readily come to your mind. Ford was an automobile tycoon, Edison was an inventive genius with over 2,000 patents to his credit, McCartney is one of the surviving members of the legendary rock group, The Beatles, and McDonald's is a multinational company that has flipped billions of burgers into hungry stomachs.

The answer that I was looking for is a woman who, for her adult life, called Somerville her home. Her name might not strike a chord with the average person, but a simple poem written about her when she was a little girl has been read and recited by millions of people over the world for nearly two centuries. She was, Mary Sawyer Tyler, the heroine of the *Mary Had a Little Lamb* poem, written in 1817 and published in 1830.



In 1925, the year Ford was designing his plant at Assembly Square, he and his wife heard about Mary Sawyer Tyler. They were intrigued by the stories told of Mary as an adult. They heard of her unselfish work championing many causes, such as the aid to Somerville soldiers during the Civil War, and her work to save the historic Old South Church in Boston from the destruction of developers. This affected them so much that they bought and moved the original schoolhouse from Sterling to Sudbury, MA, making it today, a more accessible site for tourists to see it at Longfellow's Wayside Inn.

One percent inspiration and 99% perspiration was Thomas Edison's answer for his amazing inventive success. While working on a telegraph machine in 1877, his fertile mind came up with another idea. He sketched out his thoughts on a piece of paper, gave it to one of his machinists to duplicate, and the result was a talking machine. The phonograph was born. After the light bulb, this was one of his most famous creations. So what did one of the most brilliant, inventive people of the day say to test it out? Edison yelled out the words, "Mary had a Little Lamb." These were the first words dictated and heard back on a sound-reproducing device in history.

Paul McCartney just performed to another sold out Fenway Park this past July 10. He has

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Estate Sale and Yard Sale



Fantastic opportunity: Yard/estate sale this Saturday, August 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Jamaica Plain, 235 Forest Hills Street. Many arts, décor, vintage and retro collections, collectibles and furniture, along with antiques, vintage games and toys, rare and recent books, clothes, hardware and tools. Plus lots more. Plenty of parking. Huge sale with lots of interesting and collectable items to pick from. No early birds please.

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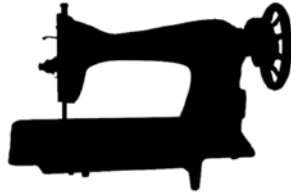
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North Street Veterans Playground renovations break ground

The long-awaited renovation of North Street Veterans Playground begin this week with the park's new landscape design transforming it into an inviting and inspiring green space that can be enjoyed by children—and adults—of all ages.

Once completed in early summer 2014, North Street Veterans Playground in West Somerville will feature a multi-sport game court that can be used for basketball, street hockey, tennis or soccer. New entrances and pathways will lead visitors to a water spray feature and two play areas with rubber safety surfacing for children ages 2-5 and ages 5-12, featuring play structures, swings and slides as well as a giant climbing structure with rope ladders, bridges and a tube slide. Hills with trees at the park's edges will create a natural buffer and sense of green space. Enhanced lighting, including attractive entrance columns lit from within, as well as the addition of video cameras, will improve the park's safety and security and make it an inviting space in the early evening hours. Café-style seating under shade trees will offer comfortable space to relax as well.

"Parks are the living room of a greater community, where neighbors can relax, meet and enjoy a respite from the hustle and bustle of daily life," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. "This West Somerville neighborhood is getting the park it deserves, inviting residents out of their homes and into the community.

The city has renovated or built more than 25 parks and open spaces in the last seven years, because spaces like this aren't only social infrastructure but economic infrastructure that encourages private investment and business development. There's nothing more encouraging than seeing a vibrant, active city with parks and streets filled with people."

"The community has been collaborating with the city for years on the renovation of North Street Veterans Playground, with neighbors offering important insight and ideas for remaking this park into a true oasis in Ward 7," said Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane. "I can't wait for ribbon cutting day next year when we can invite the whole community in to reap the rewards of their feedback and support, turning the park into a common area that everyone in the neighborhood can be proud of and enjoy, no matter their age."

The new North Street Veterans Playground will also be 100 percent accessible and will increase in size by one half, thanks to a 4,500 square foot expansion that incorporates an easement from the Somerville Housing Authority on the north end of the park. Designs for the park were chosen after several community meetings. Thanks for the final vision of the park go out to the residents of Ward 7, Groundwork Somerville and the Urban Family Outreach Squad, the Wayside Youth and Family Support



The renovations at North Street Veterans Playground are set to commence this week.

Network, the Somerville Housing Authority and the Somerville Police Department.

The renovation of North Street Veterans Playground is paid for with the combination of a \$400,000 PARC (Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities) grant from the Commonwealth, federal Community Development Block Grant funds and \$315,000 in City bond funding approved by the Board of Aldermen in January. A similar \$500,000 PARC grant was used to partially fund the new Chuckie Harris Park that opened in East Somerville last month.

"We want to create a park that the community can take pride in and that will serve as a focal point for the neighborhood," said

Arn Franzen, Director of Parks and Open Space for the City of Somerville. "Feedback from the community has been vital in shaping the vision for North Street Veterans Playground. I look forward to that vision becoming a reality over the next several months and bringing with it a better quality of life for residents in the neighborhood."

Weston & Sampson Engineers Boston's landscape design studio, SPURR, created the design for the park. Cheri Ruane of Weston & Sampson is the

landscape architect and Sequoia Construction of Whitman, MA, is the general contractor for the project.

North Street Veterans Playground will remain closed to the public during the construction period. Residents seeking information about the renovation or other nearby recreation resources should contact the Parks and Open Space Department by calling Project Manager Arn Franzen at 617-625-6600 ext 2545, or by email at AFranzen@somervillema.gov.



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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Did anyone think to ask the neighbors first?

The View From Prospect Hill



A petition for a ballot question aimed at repealing the casino law that has led the city of Everett to approve plans for a casino at the site of the former Monsanto factory off Rt. 99 was filed last week.

Mayor Curtatone has been actively speaking out against the casino development for some time, and is now joining in supporting the coalition that is behind the move to have the law repealed.

He adds his voice to a number of others' whose concern over the proposed Everett development has grown considerably over the past weeks and months.

The mayor has oft expressed his dissatisfaction with the events that have taken place, leaving neighboring communities all but irrelevant in the decision making process regarding Everett's move to bring in the casino.

It cannot be argued that the proposed casino would have little or no impact on the economies of nearby cities such as Somerville and Medford. There are many up- and downsides to be considered, and it only seems fair that all concerned should have a say in the matter.

The ballot question is a way to make everyone in the Commonwealth more aware of the ramifications entailed in

such a venture, and whether it makes its way to the polls will be a measure of how important the people of the region think the issue is.

Turnabout is fair play, as the saying goes. If one side becomes intractable, then the other side must consider its options and go with them as need be.

Let us watch and see how the voters react to this.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

to residents. The Ward One Alderman race is going to be a good one in September. Two popular, well-known residents in Elio LoRusso and Maureen Bastardi are working hard door-to-door and newcomer to Ward One, Matt McLaughlin, we hear is out there as well. We also hear that Maureen Bastardi is working hard knocking on doors. It all comes down to Election Day and identifying their votes and getting them out.

In the Three Wards that have a Primary we hear the following: In Ward One, Alderman Bastardi is racking up her endorsements. She has received the endorsements from the Somerville Firefighter Assoc. Local 76, the Somerville Police Employees Assoc., and the Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and most effective grassroots environmental organization of protecting the environment. We also hear she was voted as the Readers Choice for Somerville's Best Alderman for the Somerville Scout Magazine. In Ward Three we hear there is a war now on signs, but a close friend of the McWatters campaign claims that, as of Tuesday of this week, he has 84 signs throughout the ward with many

more to come. We're not sure about Desmond's signs, but we do see some out there in our travels in Ward Three. In Ward Five Mark had the edge up to about week or so ago, but lots of O'Keefe's signs are popping up everywhere you look. In the School Committee race in Ward Three we see a lot of Petone signs as well as Rosas signs throughout Ward Five. It seems like all the candidates in the ward fights are working the summer hard because September 24 comes rather quickly.

Congratulations to Matt Dias, who has headed off to Park City, Utah, as the new City Manager. Matt ran Traffic and Parking here in the city, and did a very professional job here for Somerville. What a nice guy. He will be missed by many here in the city and in the administration. We wish him the very best in his new job. His replacement is said to be coming from within the city government. Some names are floating around, but no one wants to confirm. But we will find out and let you know! Whoever it is has to fill big shoes, replacing Matt.

Eugene Brune's new book is being released soon and the first signing will be

Wednesday, September 4 at the Arts at the Armory on Highland Ave. from 7-9 p.m. If you miss that one then Tuesday, September 10 at the Mount Vernon Restaurant, and on Wednesday, September 18 at the Ball Square Book Shop are your next opportunities. Both are also 7-9 p.m. Now, a bit of trivia: The book's title is *The Spirit of Somerville*. Can anyone guess what it's taken from? Here's a hint – 1980's, Saugus and 900.

Mary Flynn Dance Studio, 730 Broadway, will be having a Dance Fair this Saturday, August 24 starting at 10 a.m. They want everyone to come and join them for a fun filled dance at the MFM Dance Studio. They will be offering free classes, along with face painting, balloons, snacks, arts 'n' crafts, raffles, and much more. Schedule of free classes: 10:30 – Preschool & Tap; 11:30 – Kinderdance and Yoga; 12:30 – Hip-hop and Tumbling; 1:30 – Jazz and Lyric. For more information go online to www.MFMDanceStudio.com.

Another reminder for the "John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund" 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday,

September 7 at the Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth MA. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. All golfers must check in by 7:45 a.m. The format is Scramble scored by Foursome. For more information go online to www.johns-team.org. It's a great cause.

Launched earlier this spring, SomerPlay is the city's newest innovative program encouraging community building in Somerville so as to increase the amount of time children play together within each neighborhood. It is based on author Mike Lanza's Playborhood. SomerPlay program concepts were submitted by Somerville residents, with 11 proposals having been accepted. The neighborhood Zone leaders are inviting children and adults from all over Somerville to join in any of these SomerPlay activities. For the most up-to-date information and to find a Zone in your neighborhood, please visit: www.somervillefamilies.com. This Sunday's locations are Josephine Ave, 2:30 p.m., Highland Road, 2:30 p.m. and Prospect Hill, 4 p.m.

Local is for Lovers Marketplace will take place on Sunday, August 25 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at

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COMMENTARY

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Affordable housing protects character and diversity of our community



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Diversity, community and affordability. Those were the three most frequently used words by residents during the workshops that led to the creation of our comprehensive 20-year SomerVision plan, and they all have a direct relationship with one another. Our diversity has always been what makes this city such an enriching place to live. We

have young professionals, new immigrants and long-time residents, new families and old, artists and CEOs all living alongside one another. We are a community. And affordability is critical to maintaining and fostering the diversity that makes our community great, ensuring that everyone who wants to live in Somerville can do so, and those who are already here can remain.

The challenge of creating new housing, increasing the supply of affordable housing, and preventing current residents from being overburdened by housing costs is a regional and national problem, of course. We cannot solve the problem on

our own, but with the support of our partners at the state and federal levels, we take on our responsibilities at the local level to develop and maintain affordability in our city.

The statistics demand our attention. Over 40 percent of Somerville households faced a cost burden in 2010, meaning that they paid more than 30 percent of their household income toward housing costs. Cost burdens are particularly prevalent among low-income households. Nearly three out of four households earning below 80 percent of the area median income were cost burdened. Meanwhile more than 4,000 renters and 1,300 homeowners faced a 'severe cost

burden,' having paid more than half of their household's income toward housing costs.

The job market plays a significant part in this problem, of course, and the city is focusing on better preparing our residents for the job opportunities of the 21st century that we are attracting to Somerville. We will create even more jobs through our investments in infrastructure, in bringing the first new MBTA station in more than a quarter-century to Assembly Square, and seeing the Green Line Extension through to completion. The bottom line, however, is that the demand for affordable housing far outpaces the supply.

This is why our comprehensive 20-year SomerVision plans sets the goal of creating 6,000 new housing units, with 1,200 of those units permanently affordable. We are building new mixed-use neighborhoods, recapturing neighborhoods of the past and making sure that affordable housing is a part of it all. Voters wisely approved adopting the Community Preservation Act, which directly supports affordable housing in addition to open space and historic preservation with more than \$1.5 million in estimated funds annually. Our inclusionary housing program mandates that any development with eight or more units must set aside

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Let's all go to the drive-in



I felt the need to go back and talk about the drive-in theaters that were such a big part of our childhoods. I did a story

back in 2008, so I figured I'd toss the subject out there again seeing how the summer is winding down. So put on your PJs and let's hit the drive in!

In 1972, there were 83 operating drive-ins in Massachusetts. The ones nearest to us here in Somerville were: Fresh Pond, Suffolk Downs, Saugus, Revere, Neponset and, of course, the two in Medford.

One was The Meadow Glen Twin, and the other was The Wellington. I don't

think I have to tell you what now stands on the sites of these two iconic entertainment centers. Some (not me) snuck in six packs of Schlitz. The concession stand sold "rubber hot dogs and greasy eggrolls." There was something special about the popcorn that was sold at the drive in. I remember Dad picking kernels off the seats for days after our drive in outing. I recall a large trough in the restroom. The best memories were when the whole family piled into the big old 53 Chevy and headed out for a night at the drive-in movies.

Some of the movies we saw at the drive in were classics! *The Blob*, *007*, *It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Grease*, *Continued on page 21*



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

I want to give a public pat on the back to Mayor Joe and his staff and administration for the outstanding efforts and dedication they have show over the last 5+ years to pursuing green development in Somerville. When I read his commentary in last week's paper about "Making the Green Choice the Easy Choice," I just about jumped out of my chair- not just because it was further evidence that Somerville is leading the way on tackling climate change and the investments we have made in clean energy and zero-sort recycling are already paying major dividends (already \$2 million saved in energy costs and recycling is up 51%!), but because the City has now added a free program electronic waste recycling! E-WASTE!

You see, back in 2003, I wrote my senior thesis at UC Santa Cruz on just that topic, as I was so disturbed by the growing trend of Americans either simply dumping these horribly hazardous materials (CRTs are among the most toxic waste items that exist) in landfills where they contaminated drinking water or- unbeknownst to most- shipping them overseas to China or India where poor villagers would work to disassemble dangerous pieces with no health protection and children would play catch with old computer mice across canals clogged with keyboards and wires (Search to documentary, "Exporting Harm: The High Tech Trashing of Asia") What I learned through researching and writing that thesis (titled "E-Waste: The Dark Side

of Technology") was that the electronic waste stream was not only far more dangerous than the household or commercial waste stream, but one in dire need of a closed loop system- one that would ensure that its toxic remains didn't continue to either pile up in people's closets or end up in a deadly heap.

Exactly 10 years after writing that thesis, I still get excited when I hear news about e-waste recycling programs, and better yet, producer take-back programs that require the manufacturers to take back their products at the end of their life cycle and handle the difficult phase of recycling the product rather than dumping it on customers and municipalities. By allowing residents to drop off their old computers, televisions, printers, scanners,

blenders, you name it- for free at DPW- Somerville is taking a huge step toward making the green choice the easy choice. And as Mayor Joe wrote last week, by doing this we are not just helping the environment, we are helping our bottom line (the new program is expected to save the City more than \$75,000 per year in electronic waste disposal fees!)

My only concern at this point is that the e-waste received at DPW will actually be recycled and/or re-assembled here in the US, and in a safe, legal manner. I am sure the City has done its research on this- in fact, I have already gone to my basement to gather that old printer and blender for a drop-off!

Happy E-Waste Recycling,
Julia Prange Wallerice



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the 2013 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 40 state senators from January 1 through July

17, 2013. The list reveals that senators collected a total of \$27,772.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to senators "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to senators above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a senator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for senators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Senators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They note many legislators spend a lot of money on traveling to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others argue that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Account to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the recent 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax.

The 2013 statistics indicate that 11 of the state's 40 senators have received reimbursements ranging from \$410 to \$5,820, while 29 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who received the most per diem money in 2013 is Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) who received \$5,820.

The other 10 senators are Sens. Benjamin Downing (D- Pittsfield), \$5,670; Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), \$3,420; James Welch (D-Springfield), \$2904; Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich), \$2,040; Michael Moore (D-Millbury), \$1,980; Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge), \$1,944; Michael Knapik (R-Westfield), \$1,650; Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster), \$1,584; Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville), \$410; and Linda Dorcena Forry (D-Boston), \$350.

SENATORS' 2013 PER DIEMS

The dollar figure next to the senator's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her so far in 2013. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the senator certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$0	(0 days)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$410	(41 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GUNS (S 1156) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a bill that would create a special commission to study the feasibility of placing Global Positioning System (GPS) locators in firearms (S 1163). Other measures on the agenda include prohibiting police and other law enforcement officers from confiscating any lawfully owned firearm, rifle or shotgun during a declared state of emergency (S 1157); making an offender who uses a "deceptive weapon," including air guns, toy guns and anything carved or fashioned to resemble a weapon, to commit a violent crime subject to the same punishment as if the weapon were real; requiring stores to keep a written record of the transaction, including the name, address, phone number and date of birth of any customer who purchases bullet-proof vests or other body armor (H 2198); exempting current and former "adequately trained" military personnel from the firearm safety training requirement for obtaining a gun license (H 3244); and creating a Firearms and Mental Health Fitness Information Registry (H 3430). Any physician, physician assistant, nurse, psychologist or mental health professional who has reasonable cause to believe that an individual should not be allowed to possess a firearm would be required to file a report with the registry.

REQUIRE DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS (S 1049) - In room A-1 on September 10 at 10 a.m., the Public Health Committee will hold a hearing on a bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in all public schools. When the bill was considered in 2011, it was shipped off to a study committee where it died. That year emotional testimony was given by Laura Geraghty, who almost died in April 2009 when her heart stopped for 43 minutes while driving a school bus on the grounds of Newton South High School. She said she was saved by several people who administered CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

STUDY ON THE DANGERS OF VIDEO GAMES AND MORE - The Committee on Public Health's September 10 agenda also includes a proposal that would establish a commission to study the public health risks of video games (H 1892); allow a parent to authorize school bus drivers to administer epinephrine to his or her child in the case of an allergic emergency (H 1939); prohibit the Department of Public Health from collecting data on students relative to height, weight and body mass indexes (H 2024); and require coaches of interscholastic sports to complete first aid training courses (S 1096).

REGULATE E-CIGARETTES (no bill number yet) - A bill filed last week would prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors under 18. There is no current state law banning this sale and only some 25 communities have imposed local bans. Other provisions prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in all locations where smoking is prohibited, including the workplace and ban their use on school grounds.

HEARINGS ON RESTORING WESTERN TURNPIKE TOLLS - The Patrick Administration will hold hearings in September on its plan to restore tolls to their 1996 rate on October 15 on the western part of the Mass Turnpike between Interchange 1 (West Stockbridge) and Interchange 6 (Springfield/I-291). The public is invited to weigh in on the proposal at 6 p.m. on either September 10 at the senior high school

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in Lee or on September 12 at Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to WesternTurnpike@dot.state.ma.us

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“We want technology companies, big and small, to thrive here. Since the ‘tech tax’ has become law, the reaction of the technology industry makes it clear that this new tax is detrimental to those goals. I am filing legislation today to repeal this tax.” – *Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) on her proposal to repeal the new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as modification of prewritten software. She previously voted for the tax.*

“Why doesn’t she (Spilka) come out and say, ‘You know, I was totally wrong. I didn’t do my job.’” – *House GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading)*

“I am glad that some of those who have voted consistently to support the computer services tax are now realizing just how destructive it is to our economy and are interested in joining our efforts to oppose it.” – *Senate GOP Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).*

“When I was first in Georgia there were fewer elected Republicans in Georgia than there are today elected Republicans in Massachusetts and we had had no candi-

date for governor in 80 years. So by comparison this is a much stronger party than the Georgia GOP.” – *Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich at a meeting of the Republican National Committee in Boston.*

“I admire him so much. To me, he’s always been the big idea guy.” – *Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) commenting on Gingrich.*

“As long as Republicans oppose policies like equal pay legislation, commonsense immigration reform with a path to citizenship, marriage equality for all Americans, and support policies that make it harder to vote and putting government between women and their doctors, they will continue to lose major elections.” – *Democratic National Committee Press Secretary Michael Czin.*

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 legisla-

tion 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 12-16, the House met for a total of 30 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 37 minutes.

Mon. August 12	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
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Tues. August 13	No House session No Senate session
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Wed. August 14	No House session No Senate session
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Thurs. August 15	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
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Fri. August 16	No House session No Senate session
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‘One part personal, two parts political’ CONT. FROM PG 1

He oversaw reforms in city management, and successfully pushed legislation to end the election of assessors, believing the elected Board of Assessors to be prone to political cronyism. But his political career had its own brushes with corruption. As alderman, he was exonerated in a pinball machine scandal involving the Winter Hill gang, and as mayor he was cleared in an FBI investigation into bribes paid to the Assembly Square developers.

Now he’s written and published a memoir, *The Spirit of Somerville*, that will be available online, by mail order and at a limited number of bookstores. But readers can stop in and get a personally autographed copy at one of Brune’s upcoming book signings: at the Armory on September 4, at Mount Vernon Restaurant on September 10, or at the Ball Square Book Shop on September 18, all from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Gene sat down recently at *The Somerville News* office to talk about the book, and about his time as mayor.

How did you decide become an author?

I never dreamed of writing a book. The person who really pushed me was Susan Callahan, my second assistant at the Registry of Deeds. She kept telling me to just sit down some time and just start writing, because I had lots of stories. Finally she

wore me out and I did. And I found out that she was right, that I did have lots of stories to tell. Some of them were good, some of them were bad, some were sad, some were happy. I sat at my computer and it came so easy. All I did was sit at my computer and type away.

You wrote it all yourself?

I had four people edit it, but I gave them all the same instructions: If you’re going to read my book, and you want to edit it, you cannot change my voice. That book is written by me, every word of it, and every word is going to stay that way. It’s in my voice. I have never attempted to be something that I’m not, and I want people to know that this book is written by me and not a ghost writer.

So is this more of a personal memoir or a political memoir?

I would say it’s one part personal and two parts political. It comes from the heart. It explains a lot of things about my family life that people will be surprised to hear, things that happened when I was aldermen, things that happened when I was mayor. The old-timers in the city will remember all those things. The newbies will say, “Oh my God, I never knew that even happened in Somerville.”

Why did you call it *The Spirit of Somerville*?

During the FBI investigation into Assembly Square, people were down. They were tired

of hearing Somerville getting dragged through the mud. That kind of PR is not good for business. So I sat down with business leaders and the president of Tufts and said let’s do something to celebrate the true spirit of Somerville. We had a big event with maybe 900 people at Caruso’s Diplomat on Route One. We called it the *Spirit of Somerville*. Tufts made a film about the true spirit of Somerville, all the positive things. And that’s what I’m talking about in the book.

You’re known as one of the first Reform mayors. What does that mean to you?

Growing up in Somerville, everybody always thought there was some sort of corruption or mishandling going on. In 1969, there was even a *Boston Globe Spotlight* on the level of corruption in Somerville. People in Somerville were fed up with politics as usual. I campaigned on the premise that I would change the image of the city and the face of the city, and that’s what I attempted to do during the 10 years I was mayor.

How did you do that?

I cleaned up all the parks and playgrounds. I planted 5,000 trees. I got rid of a lot of the billboards. I brought in voting machines because there was corruption in the voting. I brought in a professional purchasing agent and personnel director. I brought in the computer system, the Commission for the handi-

capped, for women’s rights, for fair housing. I did over the high school. I brought the Red Line into Davis Square. I brought all the artists into the city, because I thought having the artists in the city would give it a different kind of tone.

And I got rid of five elected officials who were the Board of Assessors, which was major. I needed to have professional, appointed assessors. It was a war that nobody wanted to take on, for years. And I took it on and I won. Some people called me a dictator. I almost lost that battle. And I explain how I won it in the book.

But in hindsight, are there things you would have done differently?

I don’t know. I think that all the things we had on my list, most of them we accomplished. Some of the things I didn’t get to are things Joe Curtatone still wants to do, like getting more parking in Davis Square and Union Square. And I wanted to put an inn in Davis Square. But I don’t really have too many regrets of what I did in that 10 years as mayor.

I loved being mayor, even on the bad days. When I was mayor only 13 weeks, I had to evacuate 14,000 people because of the chemical spill. And I had to close a lot of schools. The 1980s were extremely bad years financially. But I asked the people to bear with me. And they did.

What about the investigations? Does it bother you that corruption still touched your political legacy?

When the FBI told me I was under investigation (related to bribes paid to Assembly Square developers), I said, “I have no qualms about that, because I know what you’re going to find out at the end.” And they came back at the end and said to me, “You were right. We wouldn’t be here if it was just you.”

But I have no way of knowing if a certain alderman who’s elected by the people in their ward is going to be corrupt until they get into office and do something like that. Of course, there’s always corruption somewhere. But it depends where it stems from, and it never stemmed from my administration. I got 10 years as mayor, and people are not stupid.

So why should people read your book?

I want them to know that Gene Brune is tired of reading books about the bad guys, about the hit men, and crime and “Slummerville” and all of the things that are really not true. And that there are lots of good things that happen in this city. We have all the things that you would want in a city, and maybe if they read my book they’ll see some of that. If they had a poor image of the city maybe they’ll think differently, and that it’s not all just the Winter Hill gang.

SomerStreets 'Going Green on Rt. 16'

The third installment of the 2013 SomerStreets series, "Going Green on Rt. 16" took place along Route 16 from Broadway to Dilboy Stadium, Sunday, August 18.





Photos by Bobbie Toner

SPORTS

Sullivan pulls off win after shaky game start

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club sported army camouflage hats on Monday as they dominated over the Brighton Braves in the first game of the semi-finals.

The first two innings were a wash. The game picked-up in the top of the 3rd inning when Somerville pitcher Sean Sullivan walked a Brighton Braves batter. Following a sacrifice bunt, a runner advanced into scoring position. Next, Brighton Braves #11 knocked one past diving Somerville third baseman Marc DesRoches, and one runner scored for the Braves. A broken bat bloop to shortstop allowed another runner to score, after a sloppy throw to first base.

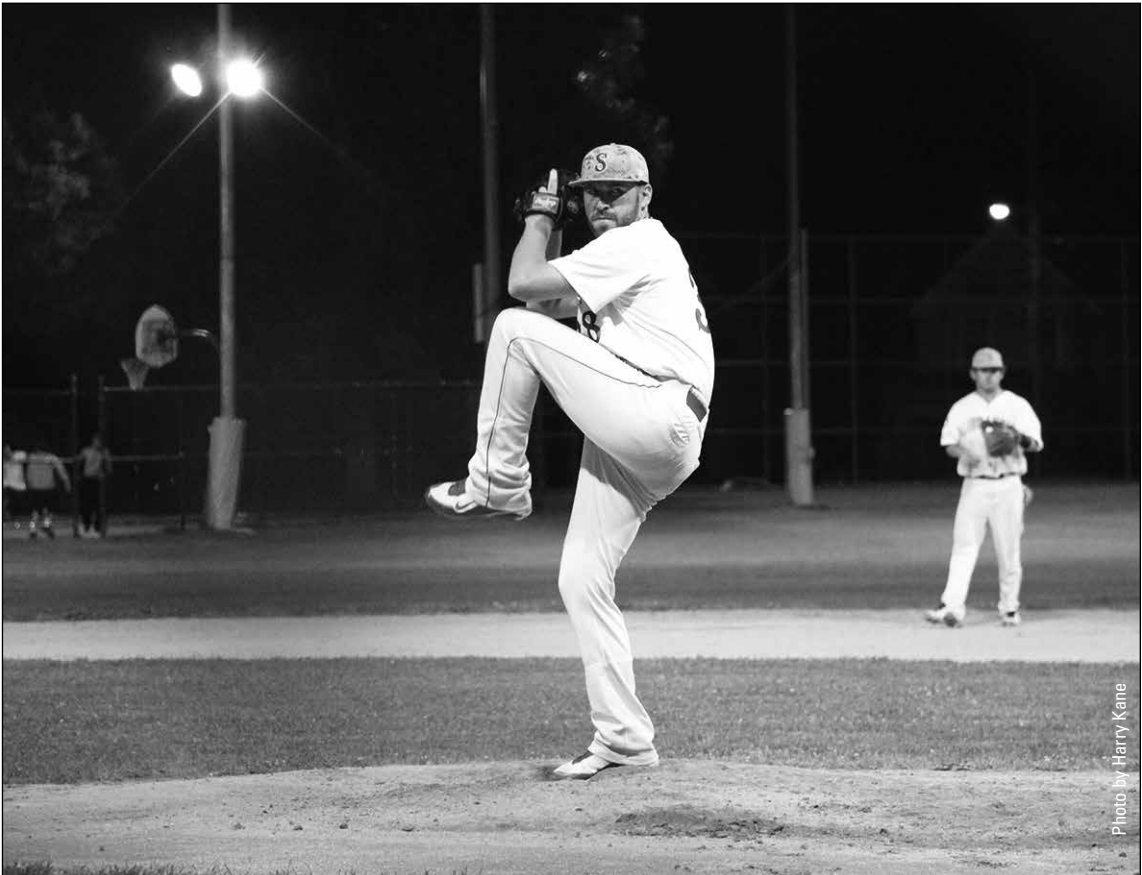
A ground-out ended the inning, but the damage was done, and the Somerville Al-

ibrandis were down by two early in the game.

Somerville answered with 4 runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning. With two outs, cracker-jack centerfielder Mike Maguire stepped up to the plate and ripped a single into left field. He then stole second base with ease. This was the turning point in the game.

The Braves pitcher James Greeley and their catcher had a conference on the mound, but it didn't seem to calm the nerves of the hurler. The next toss was a wild pitch, and Maguire advanced to third base. Somerville's catcher Ted Dziuba was walked, leaving runners on the corners for shortstop Steve Rogers. Then Rogers hit a line drive into left, scoring two and making it a tie game.

Second baseman Logan Gillis and shortstop Steve Rogers



Sean Sullivan's pitching helped take the Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club to victory in Monday night's match-up against the Brighton Braves in game 1 of the semi-final series.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What four U.S. states have active volcanoes?

2. What actor received an Oscar engraved in the name of Dick Tracy?

3. What is said to be the first sitcom to be exported to Britain?

4. Who is said to have written the first English dictionary?

5. What country developed india ink?

6. What is a popular name given for garlic?

7. What well know Celtics announcer dropped his cigarette and started

his pants on fire while on the air?

8. What is the name of the supersonic passenger jet whose first flight took place in 1969?

9. Who sang the McDonald's jingle in 1969?

10. The movie Sideways increased the sale of what product?

11. What is the name of the first U.S. underground tunnel, once known as the longest?

12. Where did word "hodgepodge" meaning a little of this and a little of that derive from?

Answers on page 23

ers scored on Bobbie Barrett's stand-up double, adding another two runs.

At 9 p.m., in the top of the 4th inning, the score was 4-2 in favor of the Alibrandis. First baseman Mike Cunningham scooped up a dribbler, sliding on the grass and flipping it to pitcher Sean Sullivan for the first out. A pop out, and ground-out, made it a 1-2-3 inning for Sullivan.

The Alibrandis continued on the attack in the bottom of the 5th inning. Rightfielder Mike Maguire was walked to start off the inning. Shortstop Steve Rodgers got a base hit and a RBI. The score: 5-2.

In the bottom of the 6th inning, third baseman Marc DesRoches hit a line drive, rounding second and making it to third base on an error. First baseman Mike Cunningham was walked, and with runners on the corners, Braves pitcher James Greeley decided to have another heart to heart on the hill. A spectator in the stands said, "What we got, a rain delay, here?" But there was no rain, just the sweat of a tiring pitcher. Cunningham stole second base and DesRoches scored, chalking-up another run for the Alibrandis. Then Maguire drilled another into right field, bringing in Cunningham, and completing the final rally for Somerville.

In the final inning the Alibrandis looked sluggish, committing several errors on the diamond and allowing the opposition to score. With just one out left to end the game, Sean Sullivan left the mound after a superb night of pitching. Brian Tanguy stepped in and got the final out with one pitch.

Mary's Lamb


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done this in stadiums, parks, and halls throughout the world for decades. In *The Guinness Book of World Records*, he is listed as the number-one artist for Most Records Sold. In the early 1970's, after the Beatles broke up, Paul started his own band Wings. One of the first two songs he wrote with Wings and produced with his wife Linda was Mary Had A Little Lamb. Together, they thought that the music trade was forgetting about children. It was a rock sound with a twist, using the added sound of a mandolin gearing it to the ears of children. Paul and Linda's children sang in the chorus background, and the name of the song

and the words were from the poem Mary Had A Little Lamb. How more appropriate can you get for children? It reached the Top 10 List in England.

"Mary had a little lamb, fries and a coke." So goes McDonald's advertisements from Down Under. Australia and New Zealand are known for more than kangaroos and koalas. Australian wool is considered the premier wool of the world, and Australia is the number one exporter of wool in the world. So it's not far-fetched for them to have come up with the lamb burger, but I don't think it would fly in this city, or maybe it would.

Things change, like poems...



Mary had a little lamb...she lived in Somerville...and everywhere that Mary went...she had to climb a hill!

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SPORTS

10U Softball wins Middle Essex Division

The Somerville Tsunami 10U softball team finished their season 13-1 to earn the title of co-champions in the 10U B division of the Middle Essex Softball League. In their first year of play, the Somerville Tsunami began practices at the end of June and played 14 games through the first week in August scoring 167 runs on their way to the division championship.

The Tsunami finished with a nine game winning streak defeating teams from Charlestown, Watertown, Burlington, Melrose, and Winchester. By finishing in one of the top four spots in their division, the Tsunami coaches also had the opportunity to coach one of four Middle Essex all-star teams on August

4. Three players were chosen by the coaches to represent the Tsunami for the all-star festivities: Nevalee Hawkins, Pitcher; Ava Regan, 3rd Base; and Chloe Wilson, Catcher.

The Tsunami were led by a group of girls who will move up to play 12U next season including the all-stars listed above, Ishvita Bali, Caitlin Fitzgerald, and Yukti Sharma. The future is bright for the young 10U team with seven girls eligible to return in 2014: Emma Benevento, 2nd Base; Jamie DaSilva, Right Field; Hanna Fray, Pitcher; Jasmine Fridman, Right Field; Neveah Sanchez, Center Field; Jadea West, 1st Base; and Katie Ziko, Right Field.

A program of the Somerville



The Somerville Tsunami 10U softball team co-champions in the 10U B division of the Middle Essex Softball League.



Youth Softball Organization, the Somerville Tsunami softball team is a summer travel team option for 10U and 14U eligible girls who were selected through tryouts or invited to play based on performance during the recreation season. In its second year, the SYSO has launched an instructional league, competitive leagues for girls from 10-15, clinics, coaches training, a winter hitting

clinic and will continue to expand programs through fall and winter programs this year.

The coaches and players would like to extend a big "Thank-You" to the SYSO and Wicked Cheesy in Tewksbury. Their generosity provided the Tsunami the opportunity to compete in the Year End Tournament in Tewksbury against tournament and regional teams from Massachusetts and

Maine. The strong competition was a great experience for the Tsunami girls who ended up losing twice to the eventual tournament champions the Southern Maine Flame.

The Somerville Tsunami would also like to extend a special thanks to the Somerville Youth and Recreation Department for their support, the Patch and Benjamin Moore for sponsorship.

Affordable housing protects character... CONT. FROM PG 9

12.5 percent or more of the units as affordable, which has created 99 affordable rental and ownership units for low- and moderate-income households, like the 24 affordable rental units at Maxwell's Green and 56 affordable rental units at Assembly Row that became available earlier this month.

The requirement is even higher in designated transit-oriented districts—up to 17.5 percent—such as Union Square. Somerville also has more than 50 affordable rental and home-ownership units in the pipeline, and interested residents should contact the city's Hous-

ing Division to learn about upcoming affordable housing opportunities. As development of market rate housing continues to ramp up, our inclusionary housing program guarantees that quality, affordable housing units are integrated into these new communities at no cost to the city.

Somerville also funds new affordable housing through federal HOME funds, and through our own Affordable Housing Trust Fund. One example is Saint Polycarp Village that, when complete, will create 84 units of affordable housing in Ten Hills, with a

lottery for the final 31 units this fall. The city also recently helped fund the new Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center, creating 22 units of transitional housing and seven permanent affordable housing units for veterans, and the upcoming redevelopment of the MWRA building on Alewife Brook Parkway that will yield 25 new affordable units for seniors.

The city was also recently awarded a new Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant by HUD. This creates affordable housing through rental restrictions, but also makes our housing stock safer for families,

and the new grant will allow lead paint abatement in 120 housing units.

We can do more. Our Affordable Housing Trust Fund is supported by our housing linkage fee. That fee is assessed to new commercial development above 30,000 square feet. The Fund has assisted in the development of over 350 affordable housing units, assists first-time homebuyers annually through the Closing Cost Assistance program, assists renters annually through the Tenancy Stabilization program, and makes annual grants of roughly \$55,000 to nonprofit housing

assistance agencies.

I have asked the Board of Aldermen to raise the housing linkage fee from \$3.91 to \$5.15 and lower the threshold to 20,000 square feet. With Somerville on the cusp of seeing rapid new commercial development over the next decade, we can capitalize on this opportunity at a time when rents continue to outpace inflation. We can transform our community in the midst of an urban renaissance while still protecting the diversity that Somerville has always had and always will to make it a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

90 Washington St: (Case #ZBA 2013-41) Applicant, Cobble Hill Center LLC, and Owner, Cobble Hill Apartments Company, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.1.c to construct 159 dwelling units with a ground floor commercial component, a Variance under SZO §8.5.F for height, and a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief. BB zone. Ward 1.


86 Lowden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-59) Applicants and Owners, Stephen and Virginia Post, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending the second story of a rear deck. RA Zone. Ward 6.

170 School St: (Case #ZBA 2013-55) Applicant Edward Dottoli and Owner Cortez Investments, LLC seek a special permit to establish 5 residential units under SZO §7.11.1.c and a special permit to alter the size of parking spaces under §9.13.b. The units would be within a newly constructed mixed use building with an approximately 530 nsf commercial space and nine parking spaces would be onsite. BA zone. Ward 4.

Attest: Lori Massa, Senior Planner

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing to present the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's 2012-2013 programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and to obtain public input on the City's performance regarding its current grants funded by HUD, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program.


The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Ralph & Jenny Center at 9 New Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Thursday, August 29, 2013 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323 or email at ballen@somervillema.gov. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Thursday, August 29, 2013. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to October 7, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Alan Inacio at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to ainacio@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

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IFB # 14-22

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

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An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, August 19, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 11:00A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period from 09/09/2013 through 09/08/2014.

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, x3407, or email odeluca@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
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An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at tEffective September 1, 2013, certain fees and charges in the City Clerk's Office are being revised. For information on these fees and charges, contact the City Clerk's Office, or view the list from the City Clerk's Office department page at www.somervillema.gov.

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Fires deemed 'suspicious' by officials CONT. FROM PG 1

regarding any of the fires under investigation at 617-625-1600 or contact the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229.

Mayor Curtatone urged the public to report any information that may be helpful to investigators. "To date, we are fortunate that these fires have not resulted in any significant injury or loss of life to any member of our community or our public safety personnel. Our firefighters and first responders have done a great job," said the mayor. "We are aggressively pursuing a number of leads and have been working and continue to work closely with both state and federal agencies on this investigation. As a precaution, even before the determination of incendiary arson, the Somerville Police stepped up patrols. We

are being vigilant. However, now that the State Fire Marshall has ruled three of these fires to be intentional, we also urge the community to be vigilant. Be alert to your surroundings and report any suspicious behavior or information about the fires to the Somerville Police or the State Arson Tip Line at 1-800-682-9229. We also urge everyone to follow the safety tips provided by our Fire Department to keep their families, themselves and their homes safe."

While it is important to note that three of the fires were deemed accidental, and three others remain under investigation, the ruling on these or any of the nine fires could change based on results of the ongoing investigation.



Photo by Harry Kane

Residents are asked to heed the following fire safety and arson prevention tips:

Call it in:

- Report any smoke or fires to the Fire Department immediately by calling 9-1-1. Don't assume someone else will call it in.
- Report any suspicious behavior to the Police Department immediately by calling 911.
- Contact the Somerville Police with any tips regarding any of the fires under investigation: Call 617-625-1600 or Text tips anonymously by texting to the number "TIP411" (847411). Put "617spd" at the beginning of your text message. If your message requires an emergency response PLEASE DO NOT TEXT and instead call 911.

Protect yourself, your family, and your home:

- Check batteries in smoke alarms and ensure they are operating.
- DO NOT use grills on porches, on any floor of your home.
- If you use air conditioners, be sure they are plugged into updated and secure sockets or surge protectors. Only plug extension cords into one outlet, and do not run cords under any rugs.
- Avoid smoking on porches, or while sitting in bed or on couches.
- Dispose of cigarettes properly in deep ashtrays or cans with sand.
- Remove overstuffed furniture from porches.
- NEVER clean with gasoline, or store it in warm places.
- Remove all highly flammable items from areas close to your home, such as piles of leaves or papers, volatile liquids, etc.
- Lock all doors and windows including basement doors and windows.
- Keep lighting on at night: Leave your front and back porch lights on.

Have an escape plan:

- Have an escape plan and discuss it with your family or housemates: Plan two routes of escape from any room and pick a meeting spot safely away from the house.
- Do not stop to collect any belongings. Consider putting valuable or irreplaceable items in a fire-proof box now so you will not be tempted to look for them when escaping.
- Know how to crawl away from a fire. When exiting, stay low because smoke rises. Smoke can weaken your ability to respond in an emergency or suffocate you.
- Educate your children. They are likely to hide in a closet or under a bed during a fire if they haven't been told what to do.
- Do not reenter a burning building for any reason.

See more at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/news/fire-dept-reminds-residents-important-fire-safety-and-prevention-tips#sthash.E45SHnds.dpuf>.

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

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

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

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

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at 12:30 p.m. August 12 at 1:30 p.m. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages)

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

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

September 8 - Holland Street Café for congregate lunch. From Maya Sol - Mexican Grill. \$6. RSVP a must.

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

Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events

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.

Weekly Gardening at Ralph & Jenny - 10:00 a.m. every Thursday.

Technology with Tufts - Each year students from the incoming freshman class at Tufts volunteer in the community as part of their orientation program. They will be volunteering here at the Council on Aging helping with cell phone, ipads and computer questions. They will offer one-on-one instructions on programming your cell phones, retrieving messages, setting up email or learning how to text. They can answer any other technology questions you may have. Remember to bring in your device at your appointment. Set up an appointment on any of the following days from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 23 - Holland Street Center (167 Holland Street). August 26th - Ralph & Jenny Center (9 New Washington Street). August 27 - Cross Street Center (165 Broadway). RSVP by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. This program is open to those 55+.

Trip Corner:

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival - September 8.

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo - September 13 - 15.

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24.

Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 21

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life A & B

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

August 22

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Farmer's Market|1 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Gardening in the Flat Beds - water and weeding|10 a.m.

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet & knitting|10:45 a.m.

Musical Conversation with Alan|12 p.m..

Super Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

August 23

Whaling Museum

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

August 26

Holland Street Center

Indoor Gardening|9 a.m.

Wii Bowling|12:30 p.m.

Fit-4-Life Group C|1 p.m.

LGBT "Movies To Come Out To" and Dinner|5:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

August 27

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

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

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Friday|August 23
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Kendall Ramseur
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Saturday|August 24
Johnny D’s
Hear Now Live Presents Delman Ryder|Skinny Cleveland|Paperback|Something with Strings
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Sarah Levecque Trio |6 p.m.
Big Apple Rocks presents Melissa Darling, Summer Beard, Osaka Street Cutter \$10 |9:30 p.m.
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Up:Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m.,No Cover |Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7:30 p.m.
379 Summer St

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Local is for Lovers Marketplace
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.|Performance Hall

Cafe Rags
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|August 26
Johnny D's
Team Trivia
8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
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JohnnyD's
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Sally O'Brien's Bar
Spider John Koerner |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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PA'S Lounge
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379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
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7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 28
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Wednesday|August 21
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7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal|Level 2
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Monday|August 26
Central Library
Summer Evening Writing Adventures
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6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday| August 27
Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
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7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday| August 28
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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

the Arts for the Armory. The Local is for Lovers Marketplace, is a thriving event bringing together local artists, crafters and entrepreneurs. And it's just in time for back to school shopping! There will be live music, delicious brews and food for sale in the amazing Arts at the Armory Café.

The smell of vinyl and vintage goods

fills the air again. The Rock and Roll Yard Sale is Sunday, August 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Union Square Plaza. Chris and Jennifer Daltry of What Cheer? in Providence have been putting on their Rock And Roll Yard Sales for almost 10 years now in Rhode Island and also in Massachusetts as part of the Somerville Arts Council's Arts Union program. Some of New England's best

Record Sellers will be on hand with piles and crates of vinyl to dig through, including LPs, 45s, and 78s, in addition to CDs, cassettes, old 8-track tapes, music and audio gear and other music memorabilia, making for a perfect way to find one-of-a-kind items and support DIY and independent small businesses at the same time.

Some friends of ours are having a huge estate yard sale over in Jamaica Plain this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 235 Forest Hills Street. Unbelievable stuff is being put out at this huge old Bostonian mansion that looks like a castle. Something for everyone can be found at the estate yard sale.

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Paint Nite makes Somerville its new home

By Rahul Raghuvanshi

The fast growing popularity of painting while drinking finally seems to have caught a fever in Somerville. After selling out for several Paint Nite events in Somerville, the company has opened its new office at Somerville Avenue to help organize more Paint Nite events in the neighborhood.

The company co-founder Sean McGrail believes that opening a new office in Somerville was an obvious choice for the fast growing company. "Around Boston, Somerville was the third stop and one of the places we wanted to go to," he said.

The new office is located at 230 Somerville Avenue, near Union Square station. "The proposed T-stop at Union square made the location an ideal spot," McGrail said.

The company has been organizing Paint Nite events at Casey's Tavern and Orleans restaurant. McGrail explained that they look for places where they can find enough space to accommodate around 30 people in a bar.

The events involve experienced painters to help participants paint a pre-decided picture. While painting, the participants are free to order food and drinks. Not only are the participants provided with colors, brushes and paper, they are also allowed to take their artwork home.

"This attracts a lot of participants to return back again to paint and decorate their homes with their artwork," McGrail said.

The newly found concept is gaining huge popularity among people from different ethnic backgrounds and age groups.



Participants pose at a recent event held in Orleans Restaurant, Somerville.

McGrail believes that the concept strikes a chord with almost everyone as drinking and painting are pass times all around the world.

The fast growing popularity is evident in the 6,260 likes on Facebook. McGrail takes pride in the fact that all events have been selling out since the third

week of inception of the company in March 2012. Currently, the company is operating in over 25 cities and is expected to launch soon in Europe.

Somerville School Committee Member engages national audience

Somerville School Committee Chair Mary Jo Rossetti has been appointed to the national advocacy campaign for public education as part of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) leadership team following a series of briefings with state and national education leaders in Memphis last week. More than 100 local officials from across the nation participated in the strategy and planning conference under the direction of NSBA President David Pickler.

Rossetti, who is the current President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and attended the sessions representing that organization, will be part of the inaugural national Advocacy Institute, the first of its kind to mobilize municipal elected officials on behalf of public education. She will be responsible for promoting not only the state and federal agenda for schools, but will also be focusing on the wid-

er scope of issues that strengthen the local network of social and economic supports for children and families.

"Advocacy for children is our responsibility to the community..."

"Advocacy for children is our responsibility to the community, and when families are strong, kids and communities succeed," said Rossetti who was one of two Massachusetts representatives to the national conference. At the Memphis conference, she also shared information on several important initiatives that are being piloted in Massachusetts, including the introduction of a Common Core curriculum designed to promote critical thinking among students

at every level and a new educator evaluation system. In addition, she discussed the integrated advocacy campaign to mobilize community resources in support of all children.

Rossetti has been recognized for her work on behalf of distressed families and mobile students, those who move frequently because of social and economic factors. Earlier this year, she outlined a master plan for serving mobile and transient families in need to the state's Local Government Advisory Commission, chaired by Governor Deval Patrick and former Lt. Governor Tim Murray. "Mary Jo took on the issues of the people nobody else cared about and brought them front and center," said Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of MASC.

Ms. Rossetti was joined by Ann Marie Cugno of Medford, a veteran school committee member and parent activist who will lead the Massachusetts advocacy effort in 2014.



Somerville School Committee Chair Mary Jo Rossetti.

Let's all go to the drive-in CONT. FROM PG 9

Goldfinger, Zebra in the Kitchen, Night of the Living Dead, Bride of Frankenstein, The Birds, The Warriors, Towering Inferno, Blazing Saddles, Monty Python and The Holy Grail, and The Love Bug.

We went over to the Big S restaurant to get onion rings and fries before hitting the drive in because there's were tastier (and cheaper). Speaking of cheap, remember having three kids in the front, four in the back, and three in the trunk? That was in later years when we had our driver's licenses.

How about that bumpy ride over those little hills trying to find the right spot with a speaker that worked? How many times did those big old clunky speakers scratch the car window? We were all glad when the sound system changed to a spot on the AM radio dial. Someone said they once got twelve people in an old Ford Galaxy 500! Ah, those wonderful old bench seats! Sometimes we would end up at the drive in after a day at Revere Beach riding the amusements. Talk about a day

made in heaven.

In our younger days, Mom and Dad let us watch the first kid's feature and then we would go to sleep in the back seat. I remember how big of a deal it was when it was drive-in night with the family. It was a part of Americana that will never be repeated. I feel lucky to have so many great memories.

What happened at the drive-in stayed at the drive-in. Don't forget the lounge chairs, the cooler and the bug spray.

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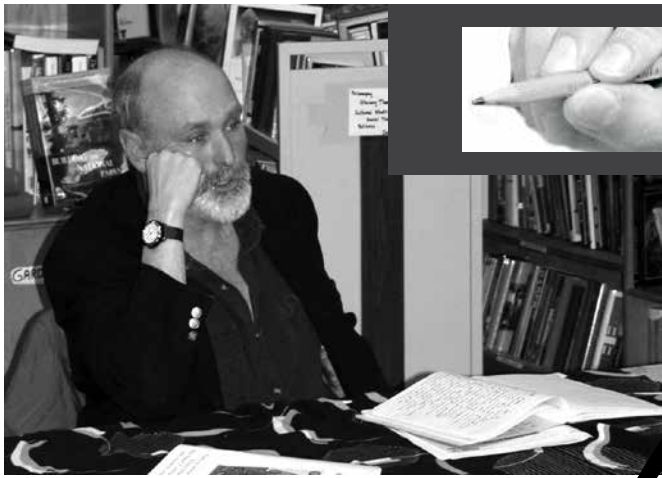
Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

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Wednesday, August 21		5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues and Innovations
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
7:30am	Life Matters	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:00pm	Basic Buddha
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Struggle	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Friday, August 23		7:00pm	Energy Theater
10:00am	Talking about Somerville	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Active Aging	7:00am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, August 25	
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	Energy Theater	12:00am	Free Speech TV
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Culinary Kids	6:00am	Program Celebrai
2:00pm	Culture Club	11:30am	Drawing with Mark	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	12:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
3:30pm	Inside Talk	1:30pm	From Scratch	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:00am	International Church of God
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Atheist Viewpoint
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:30am	Basic Buddha
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Play by Play
7:00pm	Play by Play	5:00pm	Greater Somerville	12:30pm	Physician Focus
7:30pm	From Scratch	5:30pm	Talking about Somerville	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Inside Talk
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Show	2:30pm	Life Matters
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
10:00pm	Tonight's Special	7:30pm	Culture Club	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
Thursday, August 22		8:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Outside the Lines	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	7:00pm	African Television Network
6:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	Saturday, August 24		8:00pm	Telemagazine
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Culinary Kids	11:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Basic Buddha	7:30am	Rooster Tails	Monday, August 26	
10:30am	Eckankar	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:00am	Healthy Hypnosis
1:00pm	African Television Network	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:30am	Physician Focus
2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:00am	Eckankar
3:30pm	Cambridge Health Alliance	11:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:30am	Perils for Pedestrians
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Show	1:00pm	Dukes of Sports	10:00am	Bay State Biking News (timeslot)
				11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
				12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				1:00pm	Dukes of Sports
				2:00pm	Active Aging
				2:30pm	Paths to Wellness
				3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
				3:30pm	Esoteric Science
				4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
				5:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading
				6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
				7:00pm	Nepali Producer's Group Presents
				7:30pm	Play by Play
				9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
				10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
				11:00pm	The Struggle
				Tuesday, August 27	
				12:00am	Free Speech TV
				6:00am	Road to Recovery
				7:00am	The Struggle
				7:30am	Ablevision
				8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
				10:00am	Tele Kreyol
				11:00am	Gardening Programs
				12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
				1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
				2:00pm	Chef's Table Series
				3:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
				3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
				4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
				5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)
				5:30pm	The Literary Scene
				6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
				6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
				7:00pm	Art at SCATV
				7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
				8:00pm	Dead Air Live
				9:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers
				11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:30pm:	Brown School Music Fest!	11:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
Wednesday, August 21		12:30pm:	Senior Picnic 2013	11:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	Sunday, August 25	
9:00am:	Municipal Management Program Discussion	1:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit	Thursday, August 22		12:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Ed 15 Rwd - SHS Boys Soccer v SJP 11/11/12	1:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
12:30pm:	Open Air Circus	2:30pm:	Somerville By Design – Davis Sq. II	2:00am:	ESCS African American History Month	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee
2:00pm:	Somerville By Design – Davis Sq. II	6:00pm:	Municipal Management Program Discussion	8:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	10:00am:	kid stuff - Mental Health
3:00pm:	Sit & Be Fit	7:15pm:	Family Fun Day	9:00am:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly	10:30am:	String Camp Finale Concert
7:00pm:	Senior Picnic 2013	7:30pm:	Somerville: Practical Progress	12:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	12:00pm:	Ed15 RWD- SHS Boys Soccer
8:00pm:	Municipal Management Program Discussion	8:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	1:00pm:	ESCS African American History Month	vs E Boston 10/5/12	
9:30pm:	BOA Agenda for 8.22.13 Meeting	9:00pm:	Senior Picnic 2013	2:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	Open Air Circus 2013	
Thursday, August 22		Monday, August 26		3:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	2:00pm:	
12:00am:	Senior Picnic 2013	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm:	Brown School Music Fest!	4:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
1:00am:	Municipal Management Program Discusion	12:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 8.22.13	4:00pm:	East Somerville Community School	5:00pm:	National Night Out
2:30am:	Congressional Update	3:30am:	Somerville By Design – Davis Sq. II	Spring Concert		6:00pm:	Ed15 RWD- SHS Boys Soccer
3:00am:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville II	9:00am:	Taste of Somerville	5:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	vs E Boston 10/5/12	
9:00am:	Sit & Be Fit	9:30am:	Family Fun Day	6:00pm:	National Night Out	8:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 8.22.13	7:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2013	10:00pm:	Brown School Music Fest!
12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.		9:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	10:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.
1:00pm:	Senior Picnic 2013	3:00pm:	Somerville School Committee - LIVE	10:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy	Monday, August 26	
2:00pm:	SomerStreets – Seize the Summer	Tuesday, August 27		Elementary School		12:00am:	Healey School Talent Show
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:00am:	Municipal Management Program Discussion	kid stuff - Mental Health		1:00am:	Ed15 RWD- SHS Boys Soccer
Friday, August 23		1:15am:	Family Fun Day	Friday, August 23		vs E Boston 10/5/12	
12:00am:	Congressional Update	1:30am:	National Night Out 2013	12:00am:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders	8:00am:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
12:30am:	Somerville: Practical Progress	2:00am:	Senior Picnic 2013	12:30am:	kid stuff - Mental Health	11:00am:	String Camp Finale Concert
1:00am:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville II	9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	1:00pm:	String Camp Finale Concert	12:30pm:	Open Air Circus 2013
2:05am:	Chuckie Harris Park Ribbon Cutting	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	8:00am:	Brown School Music Fest!	2:30pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health
2:30am:	SomerStreets – Seize the Summer	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit	8:30am:	East Somerville Community School	3:00pm:	Ed15 RWD- SHS Boys Soccer
9:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	1:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	Spring Concert		vs E Boston 10/5/12	
12:00pm:	Special Olympics 2013	1:30pm:	Open Air Circus 2013	9:30am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	5:00pm:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
1:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	3:00pm:	Family Fun Day	10:30am:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony	5:30pm:	String Camp Finale Concert
2:00pm:	Africanam:erican History in Somerville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:30am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	7:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
3:05pm:	Family Fun Day	7:30pm:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville II	1:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	7:30pm:	Brown School Music Fest!
7:00pm:	ArtBeat 2013	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 8.26.13	2:30pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	8:30pm:	An SHS Music Department Interlude
8:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	Wednesday, August 28		3:30pm:	2013 SHS Graduation	9:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2013
9:00pm:	Somerville: Practical Progress	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville	Tuesday, August 27	
9:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	12:30am:	Somerville By Design – E. Somerville II	7:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	12:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet
Saturday, August 24		3:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	8:30pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony	1:30am:	2013 SHS Graduation
12:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		9:30pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	8:00am:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
1:00am:	National Night Out 2013	Wednesday, August 14		10:30pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	10:00am:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
2:00am:	Somerville: Practical Progress	8:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	Saturday, August 24, 2013		11:00am:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
2:30am:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	9:30am:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	12:00am:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville	11:30am:	kid stuff - Mental Health
9:00am:	Congressional Update	10:00am:	East Somerville Community School	1:00am:	kid stuff - Mental Health	12:00pm:	String Camp Finale Concert
12:00pm:	ArtBeat 2013	Spring Concert		1:30am:	String Camp Finale Concert	1:30pm:	National Night Out
1:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	11:00am:	Brown School Music Fest!	3:00am:	Ed15 Rwd - SHS Football	2:00pm:	Ed15 RWD - SHS Boys Soccer
2:00pm:	Somerville: Practical Progress	12:00pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	v Cambridge 11/22/12		vs E Boston 10/5/12	
2:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	1:00pm:	Brown School Music Fest!	8:00am:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville	4:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
7:00pm:	ArtBeat 2013	3:30pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	9:00am:	2012 SHS Highlander Football Highlights	5:00pm:	National Night Out
8:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	5:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	10:00am:	SHS Lady Highlander Basketball	6:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health
9:00pm:	Somerville: Practical Progress	6:00pm:	An Evening of Song	12:00pm:	National Night Out	6:30pm:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
9:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	8:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	1:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville	7:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2013
Sunday, August 25		8:30pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	2:00pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School	9:00pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School
12:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	9:00pm:	String Camp Finale Concert	Spring Concert		Spring Concert	
1:00am:	National Night Out 2013	Thursday, August 22		3:00pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble	10:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
2:00am:	Somerville: Practical Progress	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville	11:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health
2:30am:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	1:00pm:	Shrink Rap	7:00pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	Wednesday, August 28	
9:00am:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	12:00am:	Ed15 RWD - SHS Boys Soccer
		9:00pm:	String Camp Finale Concert	10:00pm:	World Language Awards Night	vs E Boston 10/5/12	



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Poet/State Rep. Denise Provost



Denise Provost writes:

"I started writing – mainly, but not exclusively poetry – as a child. I got a full scholarship to Bennington College during my sophomore year of high school, based in large part on a manuscript of poetry. In my senior year, I decided to go to law school, after having decided that I was not suited for a graduate degree in English literature.

I graduated from Bennington in 1971, started law school in 1972, graduated from law school in 1982. I worked as a lawyer for the City of Newton, then was recruited by the City of Somerville, to work for reform mayor Eugene Brune. Working in local government gave me ideas about how government could become more transparent and responsive. In 1993, I ran for Ward Alderman in Ward 5, coming very close against a long-time incumbent.

The incumbent resigned a year and two weeks later, and the Board of Alderman appointed a replacement. I ran against the appointee in 1995, again coming close. After that second defeat, I figured my political career was over. Then, in 1999, the ward 5 incumbent did not run for re-election, and one of the at-large aldermen made the same decision. I ran for the latter seat, and won.

I served on the Board of Aldermen for almost seven years, running for state representative in a special election. I won that election in February, 2006, and have since represented Somerville's 27th Middlesex District.

As my children got older, I found I was writing more poetry again, and decided that I needed a teacher. I was accepted into Susan Donnelly's poetry writing workshop in 2010. Since then, I've had poetry published in a number of print and online journals."

I had the pleasure to interview Provost on my Somerville Community Access TV Show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Are there any canonical Somerville poets worth mentioning?

Denise Provost: Sam Walter Foss. Foss Park is named after him. I believe he was a poet during the early 20th Century. He wrote some good poetry actually. His poem about Prospect Hill is used every Jan 1st when we go up to Prospect Hill to raise the first flag.

DH: In your statement it mentions your poetry manuscript helped you get into Bennington College. What was the theme?

DP: I wrote about ideas, and observations. At one point I did a series of poems about each one of the colors. I wrote about nature. I wrote about ideas I encountered.

DH: What got you started as a poet?

DP: I liked it. And I also think I started because I was very fond of song. One of the things I like about songs is that they have meter. And usually they have rhyme. Early on thoughts would come to me in the form of metric rhymes' little bits of lyrics. I would make up new lyrics to different melodies. And at some point these turned into poems.

DH: You are a graduate of Boston University Law School. Why did you not stick with a literary career?

DP: I remember the application for Bennington asked me what centuries did I want to specialize in. I was convinced that I wanted to be a Medieval-

ist. And then I got to college and I started reading other material, and I realized I couldn't spend my life with metaphysical poets of the 15th Century.

DH: Do you think you would make a good poetry teacher?

DP: Possible--maybe even probably. I have worked with young people. I have a good eye and a good ear. And I know I am a good editor. I edited professionally for the New England Journal of Law and Medicine.

DH: Are you familiar with any lawyer/writers?

DP: Well of course Franz Kafka was a lawyer for the German Workers Compensation System. Andrew Marvel is a favorite poet of mine. He was a diplomat and in the British parliament.

DH: Do you write political poetry?

DP: Occasionally. Sometimes I am inspired by the newspaper to write poetry. And sometimes it is rather satirical. I love Calvin Trilling. He writes wonderfully, funny political poems. Even when they are not topical anymore they are fun to read.

DH: Has what you write about now changed from when you were young?

DP: No. Every bit of that WOW! response I had as a kid I still have. If my subject matter has changed it is because my world is much bigger now. I have children now, although I don't write about them that much. I write a lot about things I remember. Like once I was at the gym and saw a woman who reminded me of someone I knew years ago. I decided to write a story about her in the form of a sonnet. Sonnet-writing is a challenge for me. I have to say everything I want to say in 14 lines.

DH: The poem is never finished, right?

DP: As Paul Valery wrote: "The poem is never finished it is abandoned."

DH: David Slavitt--a noted poet, author, translator etc... ran against Tim Toomey, a state legislator, and lost by a landslide. He told me that poets would make good politicians because they have built in shit detectors. Your take?

DP: I think that if you are a self-disciplined poet, and you listen very carefully--you have to have one. It helps you hone in on the essence of things.

The Deal

Crafty Bob, and his good friend, Mr. Wynn, woo Foxborough. They make a solemn vow that the great Pleasure Dome that they'll put in won't turn the town to Vegas, or Macau.

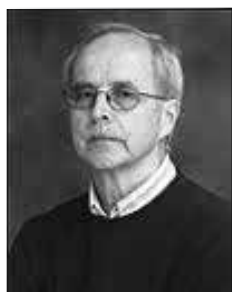
"Bucolic" is the way Foxborough will stay. No high rise buildings, or parades of cars will spoil its home town feel, or Patriot ways, but make the tax base plump; leave life unmarred.

I don't live there. It is not up to me to trust these wealthy gentlemen, or not. I'll watch Foxborough's courtship, and I'll see if the Deal can be marketed, and bought.

I'm certain that the one per cent must know what benefits the rest of us, below.

– Denise Provost

In college we receive an education, as well as on the job. Professor Bill Harney of Endicott College remembers with his poem *Learning on the Job*.



Learning on the Job

We made cans there,
A few college kids, summer help, working alongside blacks and poor whites
In a dying business. We made jokes and helped each other on the floor
But at lunch everyone sat with their own kind
And groused about everyone else.
Almost all the work we did was sent back to be redone. The equipment
Was decades old and the trouble-shooters on the machinery
Were old retirees and anyone they could get. The company
Had only one rule: "no unauthorized repairs."
Their specialists stuck screw drivers in live sockets
Or forgot allen wrenches in drill presses
Then blamed the black operators
But never got the lines up and running
Once they were down. Sidney Swoopes
Was taught by life and taught me in
Whispered, rhythmic wisdom
That every little contempt the bosses show you
Is a reason for a worker to pull back, slow down
Without any change you could see, that was the
Beauty of giving as good as you get, he said.

– Bill Harney

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Olio

Answers

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| 1. Alaska, California, Washington and Hawaii | 7. Johnny Most |
| 2. Spencer Tracy | 8. The Concorde |
| 3. I Love Lucy | 9. Barry Manilow |
| 4. Samuel Johnson (April 1775) | 10. Pinot Noir Wines |
| 5. China | 11. The Holland Tunnel |
| 6. Stinking Rose | 12. It is a corruption of the word "hotchpotch" a stew made from a little of this and a little of that |

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Brockton

Under Agreement!



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

Malden

Sold!



Selling Price! \$305,500.
Condo, top floor unit. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Private deck off kitchen. 1 car off street parking.

Burlington

Sold!



Selling price! \$359,900.
Condo, 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace. Garage parking, Spacious common roof deck.

Somerville

Under Agreement!



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

Brockton

Sold!



Selling price! \$169,500.
Single family. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Open concept kitchen, dining area. Corner lot, fenced yard.

Somerville



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

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