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September 11 remembrance tonight



Photo by Bobbie Toner

The public is invited to join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone for the 12th annual candlelight vigil honoring those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The vigil will begin at the Cedar Street end of the Community Path at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, accompanied by Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Honor Guard. A short procession will lead into Davis Square, where a short speaking program and a moment of silence will take place. For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 2100.

Gear for Grades initiative sponsors backpack distribution

By Rahul Raghuvanshi

The kindergarteners of Arthur D. Healey School were happy for something more than a Friday. For this Friday, students from grade K1 through K6 were given bags full of crayons, pencils and other school supplies at an event organized by Cradles to Crayons.

The event kicked off with bright-eyed students cheering "Yay!" as Principal Jill Geiser announced to the students the goodies filled backpacks they were going to get. "Such efforts help students see how much the community cares for them," Geiser said.

The Citizens Bank Gear for Grades program sponsored the backpack distribution event organized by its community partner Cradle to Crayons.

The Senior Vice President of RBS Citizens Financial Group, Rick Musiol, Jr., believes that there is a strong need for corporations to step up and make efforts towards

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Photo by Rahul Raghuvanshi

Arthur D. Healey School students were delighted to receive their free backpacks laden with school supplies and plenty of surprises last Friday.

Arson investigation underway

By Jim Clark

In a statement released to the public last week, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello, and Somerville Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher urged Somerville residents to remain vigilant in reporting any information that could assist their investigation of the 13 recent house fires that have occurred in recent months.

Of those 13 fires, four have been deemed cases of arson and another five are regarded as suspicious by investigators.

All community members are further urged to read and heed arson prevention tips and safety tips posted to the city website's homepage at <http://www.somervillema.gov/>.

Mayor Curtatone and State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan, along with other city and state officials, provided the community with an update on the ongoing investigation into recent fires that have occurred in Somerville at a press conference held on Friday. 13 house fires have occurred since June 27, most recently Friday, Sept. 6, a blaze that was deemed to be arson. Four fires have been ruled accidental, while five other suspicious fires remain

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NEWTALK

Tonight the city will host a candlelight vigil in remembrance of September 11, 2001. The vigil will begin at the Cedar Street end of the Community Path at 6 p.m. The walk down the bike path will be accompanied by Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Honor Guard. The procession will lead into Davis Square, where a short speaking program and a moment of silence will take place. For more information, please contact the Mayor’s Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 2100. - See more at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/alerts/september-11th-vigil-wed-911-6-pm>.

It takes a small army to make the Fluff Festival a success! They need help in just about every way you can imagine, both before, during and after the event. More than 200 volunteers are involved so there’s literally something for everyone. If you can tie a balloon, smile as you pass out a program, spread peanut butter on bread or have the energy and talent to build one of the games, we’ll find a way to express your sweet intentions. Volunteers get rewards too! Email them directly at volunteer@unionsquaremain.org.

Happy Anniversary to that popular guy here in the Ville, the best DJ around, George Landers and his lovely wife Joan, who celebrate this week their 41st anniversary. We wish them the best and many more happy years. It would have to be happy, has anyone ever seen George without that smile?

Big Happy Birthday around the Board of Alderman horseshoe this week: Alderman Ward 7 Bob Trane is celebrating. So are Ward One Alderman Maureen Bastardi and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. It had better be a big cake at the next meeting, some of those guys can eat a lot, and we wish them many happy returns. Also celebrating this week is former voice on the phone from City Hall Tom Champion. Celebrating this week, we wish HB to Matt Ferreira, who works for the city. Jennifer Hickey is celebrating this week as well. Lauren Trant O’Brien is having her birthday this week as well as Patrick Prophete. Happy Birthday to Rick Hoey, formerly of the Ville, and to Michelle Sylvester, many happy returns. Big Birthday wishes also to Mary Forristall and many best wishes for a Happy Day goes to Jo-Anne Marie Fontano. And

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to New SomerStreets event debuts on Holland Street

Frankly says:

For all who continue to complain that no one shows up to these events, I hope you stepped out from behind your TV or computer screen and took a walk down Holland Street yesterday. The entire street, from Davis to Teele was completely full of residents of your city – your neighbors – enjoying the beautiful day. And this was at the same time as the Patriots opening game! Clearly this was incredibly successful and should become a yearly event. I didn’t stop for a beer, but it was great to see that as an option. If this was anywhere else in the country (except Utah), one would be able to enjoy a beer while walking the length of the street. Next year it would be nice to see even more Davis Square restaurants set up along the street.

sophie says:

Big deal. I assume that once the students get tipsy they will at some point leave the roped-off area. Another instance (as in the football camp/alleged assault) of the city possibly creating a situation leading to a bad outcome. Serving alcohol will certainly keep me and my family from these ‘family’ events in the future.

Boston Kate says:

What’s the difference between serving alcohol in the restaurant or outside the restaurants? Lighten up, people. Cheezus – bitter and crabby much!?

bluesfiend says:

I’m all for people having a good time- but when are the people of Somerville going to see the real costs of police overtime, congested traffic during our precious weekends. Could somebody tell me how much this costs the city?

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel that having the vacant Star Market lot in Winter Hill empty for so long is hurting the neighborhood and businesses in that area. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you feel that having the vacant Star Market lot in Winter Hill empty for so long is hurting the neighborhood and businesses in that area?



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Meet the Candidates: Ward 3 Alderman

The candidates for the primary election on September 24 for Alderman for Ward 3 were each asked four questions and invited to describe themselves and their vision for how best to serve their ward as Board of Alderman members. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order, based on their last names.

Suzanne W. Bremer



Question #1 – What do you see as the role of the Alderman representing their ward?

The role of the Ward Alderman is to see to it that city services are provided to the residents of the ward and their concerns addressed. This is best done by listening, providing information, and leading the process that arrives at thoughtful, workable solutions to the issues confronting both the ward and the city.

Question #2 – What is your opinion on all the new construction developments across the city?

Future development must compliment the size, scale, look and feel of the existing neighborhood. Here in Ward 3 we've had a battle over the development of the site of the former Boys & Girls Club. This is the first development proposed under the Commercial Corridor Development 55 feet (CCD 55) zoning designation passed by the Board of Aldermen last year. The project pitted many of the residents who abut the property against the developer, the Somerville Community Corporation, and it wasn't pretty – parking, traffic, green space, destiny – every urban ill was discussed in great detail, and with much passion. The Board is wise to be revisiting the CCD 55 designation. Four-story (45 feet) tall buildings would be a better fit for the Union Square corridor. I'm also concerned that the focus has been on residential and retail development, not on developing the commercial/reach and development space the city needs to expand the tax base.

Question #3 – What is the most pressing issue now facing your ward?

The most pressing issue facing Ward 3 is the development of Union Square and how it will impact the surrounding community. We face a crucial period in our Ward, and we need to get it right. The Green Line

extension must create economic development without destroying communal ties, attract businesses that work for us while letting us work for them, and keep Somerville the home we know and love. We must lead the charge on these changes, and not let the changes lead us. We need to make absolutely sure that we can safely cross the streets in Union Square, that our narrow, residential streets are not further clogged with traffic, that local businesses can still succeed and that housing remains affordable.

Question #4 – What is your opinion of the present administration and how it responds to residents' concerns?

The current administration has taken Somerville to a new level of excellence in municipal management. SomerSat, and ResiSat, data driven management systems allow City Hall to consistently focus resources where most needed. The Connect CTY mass notification and 311 - One Call to City Hall programs greatly facilitate communications between the city and residents. The challenge now is to bring these innovations to the ward level – to use the office of the Ward Alderman as a clearinghouse for ward and neighborhood specific information and concerns.

Bio:

A librarian with degrees from Boston University and Simmons College, I began my career in a corporate setting, then started my own information technology business, was webmaster for the City of Newton and then directed a \$1.5 million project at Tufts University. Jane Peyrouse and I moved into our house in Union Square more than 20 years ago, and are proud to be raising our children in this dynamic, diverse neighborhood. In 2007, I ran for mayor. The major plank in my platform was the city's need for a long-range, comprehensive plan. 18 months after the election, the city undertook SomerVision, which created just such a plan. Recently, as president of the board, I successfully lead the Community Action Agency of Somerville through a major crisis. Please visit my web site at www.SuzanneforSomerville.org.

Somerville is changing and it falls to us to lead this change. For Somerville to be an even better place to live while keeping Somerville the place we love, we need a strong, indepen-

dent voice at City Hall. I want that voice to be our voice. I want our voice to determine the changes that are coming, and for our shared values of respect and fair play to shape Somerville's future.

The best way forward is for us to go together. I'm a librarian, and as your Alderman, I'll do what librarians always do – I'll listen to your questions, understand your hopes and concerns and work with you to find answers to the challenges ahead. Together, we'll build a better Somerville.

Stephen A. Delani



Question #1 – What do you see as the role of the Alderman representing their ward?

I believe the primary role of any alderman is to represent the best interest of all its constituents. They need to be a voice in city government. The have to be one of the checks and balance between what is wanted and what is needed for their ward and for the city. They should oversee the spending of the city budget and try to reduce it annually and pass on the savings in lower property taxes for its residents.

Question #2 – What is your opinion on all the new construction developments across the city?

In the areas of Assembly row, I am in favor of this as long as it creates jobs and tax revenue for the city. I am concerned about overdeveloping residential areas. I have some concerns that the developers are not following or have received permission to bypass the Green space law. I also have issues when zoning has been changed. I believe there needs to be an oversight committee to ensure all laws are being adhered to. We need to be careful not to over develop neighborhoods; we need to protect the community.

Question #3 – What is the most pressing issue now facing

your ward?

The most pressing issue in ward 3 right now is Health concerns regarding the drastic increase in rodents. I believe this has to become the primary focus of the health and DPW departments.

Question #4 – What is your opinion of the present administration and how it responds to residents' concerns?

I believe the current administration is doing an overall good job in regards to residents' concerns but there is always room to improve.

Bio:

I have been a resident since 1995 when I married my wonderful wife Virginia; my boys TJ & Nick are graduates of Somerville High. Virginia & I love this city so much that we bought our home in 2004. I have worked in retail since 1991; I have held numerous positions from a seasonal associate at Caldor many years ago to a local store manager of a national chain. I have had many years of experience in running a multimillion dollar local business operation as well as balancing budgets. I believe that a city is like a business within the community and ought to be run like one, *Continued on page 5*

LEGAL NOTICE

PRELIMINARY ELECTION CITY OF SOMERVILLE



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered:

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

WARD ONE

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY, 115 Broadway;
Precinct 3. A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;

WARD THREE

Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
Precinct 2. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;
Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

WARD FIVE

Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;
Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;
Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters of WARD ONE and WARD THREE will give their ballots for a Candidate for Alderman in Ward One and Ward Three and qualified voters of WARD FIVE will give their ballots for Candidate for School Committee in Ward Five for the term of two years.

Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

There are some things that money can't buy

A woman contacted police and reportedly claimed that her ex-husband had stolen her credit card and had run up a bill of over \$3000 before she caught on and had the card cancelled.

The woman told investigating officers that she kept an unused Mastercard in her home and that she assumed it had a zero balance due. She reportedly said that she usually did not open

statements that came in the mail because she believed that the balance would always be at zero.

When she discovered that the card was missing she asked her ex-husband, Robert Murphy, 64, of Watertown, if he knew anything about it, he reportedly told her, "I have it and I used it, I will pay you back."

Murphy had been reportedly living at the woman's residence

after their separation, when the credit card was taken and used by him.

The woman informed investigators that Murphy had, prior to this incident, stolen her checkbook and wrote several checks to himself for cash and that criminal charges against him for this were pending.

Shocked by the credit card incident, she had the card frozen

and contacted investigators to make a formal complaint.

Police investigators confirmed that an excess of \$3000 worth of charges had been made on the previously unused card, at several Somerville area businesses.

It was further discovered that Murphy had several outstanding warrants out on him.

Murphy was spotted entering a restaurant that had been paid by

the stolen card and was placed under arrest by the investigating officers. He was charged with forgery of a document, receiving a stolen credit card, larceny over \$250, and forge or utter false credit card, and on further booked on warrant charges of utter false check, failure to stop or yield, larceny over \$250, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

She just wanted to be let in

Police were called to a Medford St. residence shortly after midnight last Thursday on a reported disturbance in progress.

Upon arrival, officers reportedly observed a woman who had made her way into the lobby of the house and was

banging on the inner door screaming that she wanted to be let in.

Officers questioned the reporting party and were reportedly told that the woman, later identified as Maryann Sperlinga, 55, of Medford, had been throwing

rocks at the side of the house and screaming at the top of her lungs. The reporting party told police that he did not know Sperlinga.

Upon questioning the woman, officers were told that she wanted to speak to someone in the

house. The officers informed her that she was at the wrong house and that she was making a great disturbance.

In the course of questioning and advising Sperlinga, it became obvious to officers that she was highly intoxicated.

When told that she would have to leave or else she would be arrested, she reportedly told the officers, "I'm not leaving. Arrest me."

Sperlinga was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

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Do your part - Leave a message on our tip hotline answering machine!! All calls are confidential –Your Privacy is Assured. If you choose, you can leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned (not required). Also, if you prefer you may e-mail directly with your crime tip. We will follow up on all information provided to the best of our ability.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Curtis Preston, 23, of 23 Fairlawn St., Everett, September 4, 2:46 p.m., arrested on a warrant charges of felony daytime breaking and entering, drug possession to distribute, larceny over \$250, and witness intimidation.

Maryann Sperlinga, 55, of 33 Circuit Rd., Medford, September 5, 12:18 a.m., arrested at 287 Medford St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Joseph Mento, 49, of 20 Wyman St., Lynn, September 6, 12:48 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Troy Madison, 33, of 23 Radcliffe Rd., September 7, 12:19 p.m., arrested at 422 Washington St. on charges of abuse prevention order violation and assault and battery.

David Smith, 48, of 49 Marshall St., September 8, 10:13 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery

and witness intimidation.

Ashley Bryan, 18, of 455 McGrath Hwy., September 8, 12:01 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Robert Murphy, 64, of 645 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown., September 8, 1:13 p.m., arrested at 147 Broadway on charges of forgery of a document, receiving a stolen credit card, larceny over \$250, and forge or utter false credit card, and on warrant charges of utter false check, failure to stop or yield, larceny over \$250, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

September 3, 5:45 a.m., police reported a theft at Newbury.

September 3, 5:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Grand Union Blvd.

September 4, 9:50 a.m., police reported a theft at Parkdale St.

September 4, 2:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 5 Middlesex Ave.

September 4, 7:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

September 4, 7:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St.

September 5, 7:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

September 6, 2:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

September 6, 5:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Cutter Ave.

September 6, 5:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 181 Somerville Ave.

September 7, 8:32 a.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

September 7, 1:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

September 7, 3:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Howard St.

September 7, 8:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Harold St.

September 8, 5:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

September 8, 6:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Orchard St.

September 9, 12:53 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

September 4, 2:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Munroe St.

September 4, 4:37 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm St.

September 8, 4:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

September 9, 12:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

Assault:

September 6, 8:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Radcliffe Rd.

September 7, 5:40 a.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

September 8, 12:10 a.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

September 8, 12:01 p.m., police reported an assault at McGrath Hwy.

September 8, 10:37 p.m., police reported an assault at Franklin St.

Disorderly Conduct:

September 5, 12:18 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Medford St.

September 5, 7:02 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Otis St.

September 6, 2:44 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Columbus Ave.

September 9, 11:41 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Mossland St.

Drug Violation:

September 5, 1:43 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 50 Cross St.

Meet the Candidates

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rather than routinely passing on its expenses to its residents and spending beyond its means. As you can see, I am pro-Business, and will certainly support lower taxes and fees for Somerville residents. I believe the more prosperous businesses we encourage to locate in Somerville; this in turn will create more tax revenue for Somerville as well as bring more Jobs to this wonderful city.

The reason I am running again is exactly the same as I represented 2 years ago when I ran against Alderman Taylor. I am not part of the current political process nor do I work for the city. That being said if I am elected, I will not rubber stamp anything. I do not owe anyone any favors. Here is my commitment to you the voter: I will support those proposals which will benefit my ward, create Jobs and revenue for the City of Somerville and benefit you the voter.

Matthew T. Desmond



Question #1 – What do you see as the role of the Alderman representing their ward?

Quite simply, it's to represent the best interests of the residents. When deciding how to vote on an issue, a ward alderman should ask themselves "What affect does this have on the people of my ward? Does this put an unfair burden on them or benefit them in any way?"

Question #2 – What is your opinion on all the new construction developments across the city?

Each development project needs to be scrutinized on how it impacts the neighborhood it's in. In areas like Assembly Square, we can afford to be a bit more liberal with density. In residential areas like Ward 3, we need to be more conservative.

Question #3 – What is the

most pressing issue now facing your ward?

Unbridled development is the major concern in Ward 3. There are a few developers grabbing every piece of real estate as soon as they become available, which causes a myriad of problems. If these few developers get in favor with the ward alderman, the average guy doesn't have a shot.

Question #4 – What is your opinion of the present administration and how it responds to residents' concerns?

This administration has done a great job of moving Somerville forward, while still managing the city very efficiently. However, I believe that it's time to step back and be very careful about what our next steps are. We need to make decisions based on lessons we've learned.

Bio:

My name is Matthew Desmond. I live on Highland Avenue with my wife Kristen, and our one-year-old son, Thomas. I've lived in Somerville for 34 of my 35 years, and in Ward 3 for 28 of those years. I attended Somerville Public Schools and am a graduate of Somerville High School. I have been giving back to Somerville for over 15 years, not only as the high school basketball and baseball coach, but as a volunteer coaching Little League, Pop Warner, and Youth Basketball; for the past 11 years as a volunteer for The Brian Higgins Foundation for special needs children, and for the last 3 years at the Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club, as a tutor and mentor for our most at-risk children.

Robert J. McWatters



Question #1 – What do you see as the role of the Alderman representing their ward?

I think that the most important role for an Alderman is constituent services for all of the residents of Ward three. It is important to

understand the issues, the impact the Ward and be able to effectively advocate on behalf of all the taxpayers and residents. If I am elected I will represent and serve the entire Ward in an effective manner through leadership and hard work.

Question #2 – What is your opinion on all the new construction developments across the city?

I have no issue with Smart growth and transit orient development as long as it doesn't adversely impact the neighborhoods. Development that is purely speculative without proper neighborhood meetings and planning is something I would oppose.

Question #3 – What is the most pressing issue now facing your ward?

The biggest issue for Ward three and the City in my opinion is public safety with all fires erupting in the city. There have been two fires in Ward three and the residents are very worried and nervous. I am concerned about the safety of our fire fighters and residents who have been adversely impacted by fires and placed in harms way.

Question #4 – What is your opinion of the present administration and how it responds to residents' concerns?

In my opinion the administration has done an effective job with addressing residents concerns. However, there is always room for improvement but overall I think they have responded to the issues in a timely manner.

Bio:

I am a life long resident of Somerville. I attended Don Bosco Technical High School. I have a BA in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters degree in Public administration from Northeastern University.

Currently I am a Probation Officer in the Cambridge District Court and have been for 28 years. I also work part-time as the Clerk to Committees for the Board of Alderman and have for 18 years. I also serve as a member of the advisory panel for the Little Sisters of the poor and have for the last 12 years.

I am single and I have a 23 year old son who resides and works in New York City for Boston Consulting Group.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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For an even better Somerville, let's eliminate yard signs

Most people think that elections are too expensive and often too divisive, especially on a local level. I agree. This belief leads me to make a suggestion that minimizes divisions within our community, respects our neighborhoods, and reduces the cost of elections.

LET'S ELIMINATE YARD SIGNS! And house signs too. Here is why...

- Yard signs are often the spark that divides neighbors - sometimes neighbors who live in the same house.

- They are often put up by absentee landlords who cannot vote in Somerville. This is particularly troubling when the tenants, who do vote in Somerville, support another candidate.

- Yard signs contribute to urban visual blight - I think we have enough street signs already!

- Some signs stay up for months after the election, especially those on houses owned by absentee landlords.

- They are expensive - thereby increasing the cost of running for office and discouraging more people from seeking office.

- Yard signs are often the subject of vandalism either by misguided supporters or someone looking to make the opposing candidate look bad (the media has reported that this has already happened during this election in other parts of Somerville). This

leads to more divisiveness and diminishes the reputation of the city as a welcoming community.

I have sent my proposal to all candidates in Ward 7 and I hope we can all agree to it. Maybe we can get the citywide candidates to follow our lead in Ward 7, then maybe across the entire city.

For my part, I will refrain from putting up any yard or house signs while I wait for other Ward 7 candidates to consider this proposal. If all other candidates refuse this proposal, I will reconsider my approach. I want to make Somerville a better place, but I have an obligation to my supporters to compete on a level playing field.

We all have friends who want to show their support, but there are other, better ways to do it - stickers on cars and have our supporters contact their friends and family. After all, campaigns are supposed to be about ideas and bringing people together - not dividing neighbors.

I want to bring neighbors together. I want to reduce visual blight in Somerville. I want to reduce the cost of campaigning so that more people may run for office. I encourage all candidates to join me in this effort to raise campaigning in Somerville to a higher level and to remove one more excuse to divide our community.

Joseph Capuano

Candidate for Ward 7 Alderman

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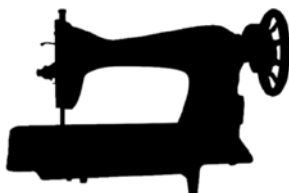
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Prospect Street development gets green light

By Harry Kane

Last Wednesday, Sept. 4, the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals approved a request for a special permit to construct a seven-unit residential building at 97 Prospect St.

The new dwelling will include several amenities such as an elevator, underground parking garage and rooftop deck. Three top floor units will have access to individual rooftop areas, while the other units will have access to either a balcony, deck, backyard, or some combination of each.

Developer Alan Peterson believes the contemporary building will be a nice addition to the community. "Having more residential housing in this neighborhood will accommodate people," he said. The property is a quarter of a mile south of Union Square, near Cambridge.

The 9600-square-foot parcel had, up until 2012, been a used car storage lot.

The new building will contain an underground parking lot with seven resident spaces, and an eighth visitor parking space. Normally, fourteen spaces would be required by law, according to the zoning ordinance: thirteen allotted for residential parking and one required visitor's space. "They sought relief from six of those spaces," City Planner Melissa Woods said regarding the variance for those parking spaces.

Daniel Spinoso attended the



The proposed residential building at 97 Prospect St.

meeting on behalf of his daughter, Jennifer Spinoso, who lives at 14 Oak St. and is a direct abutter. He says he has concerns about parking in the neighborhood. "I think it's a little tight to be honest with you. I really do," he said.

The elder Spinoso said he was "kinda bewildered" that the Zoning Board of Appeals would allow a variance for 6 parking spaces.

"If every homeowner has two cars there's already a problem," Spinoso said. "In addition to that, every homeowner gets two visitor passes, so I mean there's just no room, and the closest street is my daughter's street."

Spinoso owns two pieces of property on Springfield Street, a few streets away from the new development. "There's UPS and FedEx all day long. These trucks that come and service that house are going to have to park on Prospect Street where there isn't any parking. It's already jammed — people going to and from

Union."

Herbert Foster, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, replied to Spinoso's concern. "I understand what the abutter's father was talking about with parking," he said. "I think with the addition of the Green Line... it does it for me."

The new housing units are within 500-feet of three bus lines, 1.1 miles of four T stations, and a quarter mile from another four bus lines, according to a Somerville study. The study determined that 338 on-street parking spaces are within in a five minute walk of the development, and some 30 percent of those spaces are vacant during weeknight and weekend afternoons.

Architect Hank Reisen said, "The goal is to put the foundation in the ground before the snow flies." He's hoping the project will be completed by next spring or summer but thinks it will take at least 9 months to build.

Building facade collapses on Beacon St.



Most of the facade at 296 – 298 Beacon St. collapsed around 10 a.m. Monday morning. The address is the home of Mixtura and Zoe's Chinese restaurant. No injuries were reported.

Mondol not held after dangerousness hearing

A Central Berkshire District Court Judge has denied the Commonwealth's petition to hold a Somerville, Massachusetts youth without the right to bail after a dangerousness hearing last Friday morning.

Judge Frederic Rutberg made that decision following the hearing. 17 year old Galileo Mondol is being held on \$100,000 cash or \$1,000,000 surety bail. If he posts bail, Judge Rutberg ordered that Mondol have no contact either direct or indirect with any of the victims or witnesses in this case, that he not attend Somerville High School abide by an 11 p.m. curfew unless with his parents and surrender his passport to the Southern Berkshire District Court Probation Department.

Mondol was arraigned and pleaded not guilty on September 3, 2013 on one count of aggravated rape of a child under 16, two counts of assault with intent to rape a child under 16, one count of indecent assault and battery on a person who has attained 14 years of age, three

counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon and three counts of intimidation of a witness or other person. He will be back in Southern Berkshire District Court, in Great Barrington, on October 3, 2013 for a pre-trial conference.

The incident allegedly occurred at Camp Lenox in Otis, Massachusetts where the City of Somerville had rented the facility for team-building activities for its Fall sports teams. It is alleged that Mondol, a Junior at Somerville High School, entered a cabin occupied by Freshman students Sunday, August 25 and participated in the assault of three male victims.

The investigation is being conducted by Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office assisted by State Police Detectives assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Somerville Police Department.

— Press release from Berkshire District Attorney's Office.

Backpack distribution

CONT. FROM PG 1

the welfare of students. "We need to make sure that students have what they need," Musiol said. "Such efforts contribute towards a brighter future of young students."

The students were distributed 1200 new logo free backpacks and school supplies as a part of Gear for Grades initiative. The initiative aims at distributing 6,600 backpacks in Massachusetts against a

\$50,000 donation from the Citizens Bank foundation.

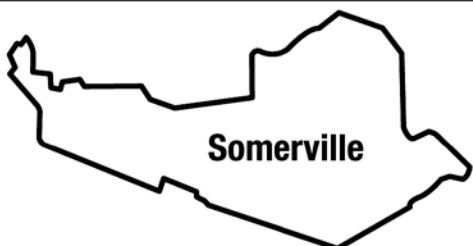
Cradle to Crayons has been partnering with Somerville Public Schools since 2010 and has distributed 4,600 backpacks so far. The CEO and founder of Cradles to Crayons Lynn Margherio feels that it's critical for the self esteem of students to have the basic school supplies to fit in.

"Children need a lot to be confident when going to school," said Margherio. "Every one can contribute by sharing what their kids have outgrown. We expect to have an overwhelming demand for children who do not have the necessary resources to go to school."

The bag distribution event was organized for the third time in Somerville since 2011.

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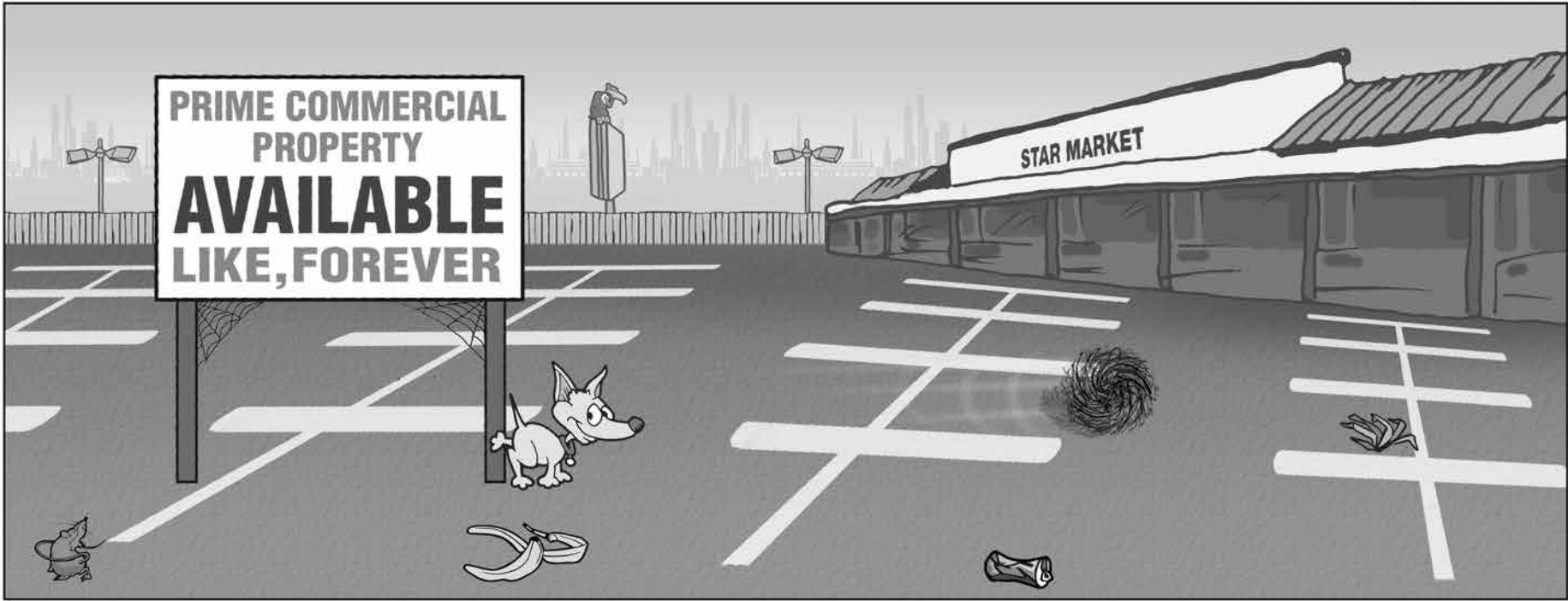
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Still there.

The View From Prospect Hill 

How many years now have we waited for something to be made of the site of the closed Star Market? Too many, by most estimates. It is baffling to so many of us that such a great opportunity for some enterprising concern to revitalize the spot has not yet been seized. Several false starts have been made, and oftentimes

thwarted by bureaucratic obstruction or opposition by certain concerned parties, rightly or wrongly. With the past history behind us, we must look ahead to what can and should be done to bring life back to the dormant locale. Perhaps a renewed effort to lure the right kind of retailer should be made by the city and current

holders of the property. Special incentives might be considered to help motivate potential tenants and investors to take the plunge and revive the building and surrounding grounds. Let us also encourage local residents and their representatives in city government to make a concerted effort to help pave the way and make the right kind of

tenant feel welcome and needed as a vital part of the neighborhood. What is currently considered an eyesore by some could rise to its fullest potential and restore itself as a useful, even vital, part of the community. It's taken long enough. Let's move to get the right thing done in the shortest time possible. We deserve it.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

finally, HB to Jenny Minichiello. To her and all birthday's this week, we wish you all the very best from The News.

Campaign kickoffs this week coming up: Candidate for Ward Seven Alderman, Joe Capuano, is having a rally on MONDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 16 at RUDY'S in Teele Square. Time is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Same night, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, Alderman At Large Jack Connolly is having his kickoff down at the EAST END GRILLE, 118 Broadway, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Another candidate for Alderman At Large, the very popular lady from Ward 7, Mary Jo Rossetti, will be having a campaign kickoff rally for her bid to win one of the four seats on the Board of Alderman. Her rally is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, AT THE OLDE MAGOUN SALOON in Magoun Square starting at 5:30 p.m. Mary Jo Rossetti is the popular long time School Committee lady from Ward 7. Remember, if you are a candidate for office and want it in the paper email it to newstalk@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to Winter Hill Bank for receiving an "Outstanding" rating, an award which is granted by the Office of the Comptroller of the currency,

representing the highest possible rating on how well the bank meets the needs of its communities in the area. Winter Hill Bank has its main office and a few local branches located here in Somerville, one of the last standing local banks in Somerville.

Congratulations to Louise McCarthy, who you might remember retired from full time at the Election Office and was recently appointed by Mayor Curtatone to now be an election commissioner. Louise is a very knowledgeable lady and knows quite a bit up there in the Election Department. What a nice and worthy appointment.

Somerville Adult Evening School Registration, Tuesday and Thursday nights on: September 10, 12, 17, & 19, 2013, from: 6:00-8:00 p.m. at: Somerville High School Main Office, 81 Highland Ave, Somerville. Register for Somerville Adult Evening School courses including a 5 week Drivers Ed for the teen in your life. Classes will start September 24 and run for 10 weeks on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and include: Ballroom Dancing, Zumba, Sewing, Knitting, Choral Workshop and show tunes for the American Idols. Also, take Jewelry Making, Pastels or Water-

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If you have a birthday, anniversary or anything you'd like to have in Newstalk, just email your request or comment to newstalk@hotmail.com. A website devoted to Newstalk will be coming online shortly, along with some other happenings.

Somerville residents Joan and Patrick Sullivan will be married 54 years on Thursday September 12, 2013. We wish them the best.

Somerville Garden Club Perennial and House Plant Sale, Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Davis Square. Fall is the perfect time to spruce up your yard. Find the perfect perennials for your sun or shade garden, then add herbs, shrubs, groundcovers, all reasonably priced at this annual sale. Just look for the hundreds of plants in the middle of Davis Square, at the intersection of College Ave. and Holland St., across from the Somerville Theatre. Rain or shine. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. To learn more about the sale and the Somerville Garden Club, visit the SGC table at the Davis Flea on Sunday, September 15, Harvard Vanguard parking lot, Holland St., 10-4. Additional information can be found at www.somervillegardenclub.org.

The 6th Annual Half Way to St. Patrick's Day 4 Mile Road Race benefiting the Brian Higgins Foundation will be held on Sunday, September 15. This year the race will be run in honor of Sean Collier, SPD #310. Interested runners may register on line at: www.thebrianhigginsfoundation.org. Walkers start at 10:00 a.m., runners at 10:30 a.m.

COMMENTARY

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Education: It takes a 'Ville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Our successes as a city are always greater when more of us are fully engaged. Whether planning how our city squares and neighborhoods will look for the next 20 years, battling childhood obesity, or any other number of goals that we set for ourselves, we get our best results when the community gets involved. This goes for education, too.

Any teacher will tell you that the best education is not passive learning by rote or simple note-taking—although memorization and paying attention are important tools—but active, engaging learning. When kids can ask questions, experiment with lab kits and fully explore the topic before them, it's easier to learn and retain. Being active and engaging in education doesn't apply to just students, though. It goes for parents too. And as we've learned, when it comes to reaching the high goals and standards we set for ourselves: It takes a 'Ville.

We're investing in active, engaging education. This year's school budget is an almost 7

percent increase over last year's, providing more students than ever before with opportunities to have hands-on experiences with cutting-edge science and technology, to take music classes and participate in intramural sports. Our investment emphasizes Somerville's commitment to educating the whole child, engaging the community in a students' education and ensuring that every student is exposed to the same rich curriculum.

As part of that, we're investing in getting parents and families involved with our schools. Somerville Public Schools partner with the Somerville Recreation Department to offer before- and after-school opportunities for stu-

dents and outreach coordinators who meet with at-risk students and families, drawing students into recreation programs and providing mentorship. Collaborative outreach and programs with the Somerville Public Library ensure students have the opportunity to use resources, participate in targeted Library activities, and take advantage of additional support during non-school hours.

But we cannot do it alone. This is a two-way street, and creating the vibrant and intensive education we all want for our kids requires the same kind of broad-based civic engagement and partnership that we strive for in every area of Somerville life.

My wife and I know the challenge that parents face. As the parents of four young boys, we have the opportunity and fully embrace the challenge of staying involved in their education. But it's not always easy. You have a job that requires your attention that keeps a roof over your head and food on your kids' plates. There's every time your cell phone vibrates, each time a chime tells you have email, all the things that demand our attention. And after a long day at work, sometimes it's the understandable desire to simply do nothing and relax for 15 minutes.

So it's not always easy, but we want to make it easy for every parent and

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Dear hipster,



By William C. Shelton

First, let's stipulate that you aren't really a hipster. It's just coincidental that you wear apparel, maintain your hair, prefer music and films, embrace philosophies, engage in modes of discourse and make consumption choices associated with hipsters.

Now that even Alife, American Apparel and Urban Outfitters eschew the term, no one wants to be called a hipster. I don't

blame you, I don't like to be stereotyped either. I prefer to be known for who I am.

Please understand that since I don't know you for who you are, I use the term as a convenience. If you would like a more precise definition, then I am addressing you if you identify with rebellious subculture(s), but you enjoy privileges associated with the dominant class; if your rebellion is more about recondite consumption choices than humane institutional changes.

The *Boston Globe* told me that you are moving in substantial numbers to Somerville. This belated observation confirms my own. For some years now, people whose appearance and behavior are consistent with hipster eth-

nographies have been locating in my neighborhood.

So I thought that I would reach out, welcome you, and speaking just for myself, let you know what I would like from you as a neighbor. I don't think that doing so is presumptuous. I think it's healthy for neighbors to have certain expectations of each other, the most basic of which is common respect. I am receptive to hearing what you would like from me as well.

First, I would like you to understand what made Somerville special. Among American cities it was exceptional in its sense of community. By "community," I mean interweaving networks of relationships in which people are known for who they are

rather what they are. Within community there is an unconscious understanding that what we share is more important than our differences.

Communities know how to integrate odd or difficult people, how to make use of their assets while working around their flaws. But to do that the individuals must be known.

It's challenging to convey what this is like. Lived community exposes "online community" as a convocation of strangers. Consider that in the Somerville of the 1950s and 60s, kids couldn't smoke or cuss anywhere in the neighborhood without the likelihood of someone telling their parents. This is quite different from an in group of individuals

who compete for status based on early adoption of obscure bands, films, ideas, and other commodities.

In fact, it's different from most American cities and neighborhoods. But born and bred 'Villens weren't aware of that until it was gone, or until they moved to the suburbs. Many lost jobs when the factories closed. And as happened across America, economic necessity obligated women to enter the workforce, whether they wanted to or not. The opportunities they had routinely created for social interaction and community building diminished.

In the 1970s and 80s, low rents drew young people and hundreds

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Safety last



This article first appeared in the June 10, 2009 edition of The Somerville News.

As a nosey, Somerville loving loudmouth who always adds his two cents, whether anyone wants to hear it or not, here comes about \$500 worth of gripes.

It's hard enough driving in the first place, but when a jogger is running toward you in traffic, that is just plain treacherous. First, you have to swerve away from him or her because, well, it's a natural reaction. This poses the problem of swerving into the oncoming traffic, thus scarring the hell out of the driver in the other lane.

WHY? Why do you people want to give us drivers heart attacks? Some of you city sprinters choose to run in the middle of the two lines of traffic. This is not a smart idea either. You are obviously trying to take care of yourselves by exercising, and that's great - but what if you get clipped by a car? They'll be saying, "It's such a shame he's gone, but boy, wasn't he in great physical shape?" You could also be the cause of a horrific car accident with drivers nervously trying you avoid hitting you and hitting other cars. It's time you exercise nuts used some consideration and think of the safety of others while toning your bodies. You could always join a gym! There has to be a reasonable and intelligent co-existence

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate during the week of September 2-6.

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 reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2013 session

through September 6.

The House has held 224 roll call votes. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tabulates the number of roll calls for which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 224 roll calls. On quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

Only 42 percent or 66 of the 157 House members have perfect 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Rep. Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield), who missed 41 roll calls (81.7 percent roll call attendance record.) The second and third worst records belong to Reps. William Pignatelli (D-Lenox), who missed 30 roll calls (86.6 percent roll call attendance record) and Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee), who missed 29 roll calls (87.1 percent roll call attendance record.)

Rounding out the top ten worst records are Reps. Christopher Fallon (D-Malden), who missed 26 roll calls (88.4 percent attendance); Jeffrey Sanchez (D-Boston), who missed 25 roll calls (88.8 percent attendance); Louis Kafka (D-Stoughton) and Kevin Murphy (D-Chelmsford), who each missed 24 roll calls (89.3 percent attendance); Steven Walsh (D-Lynn), who missed 22 roll calls (90.2 percent attendance); David Vieira (D-Falmouth), who missed 21 roll calls (90.6 percent attendance); and Sean Curran (D-Springfield), who missed 19 roll calls (91.5 percent attendance.)

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' 2013 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which he or she was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the representative missed.

Rep. Denise Provost	99.1 percent (2)
Rep. Carl Sciortino	100 % (0)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	95.1 percent (11)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BACKGROUND CHECKS (S 1839) - Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill that would allow the FBI to conduct fingerprint checks for a national background check on teachers, child care workers and others who work with children. Prior law authorizes only a Massachusetts background check. The Bay State is one of the few states that does not provide for a national check.

25 POSSIBLE 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of 25 possible ballot questions got the green light to go ahead with their campaigns to get their questions on the 2014 ballot. Attorney General Martha Coakley said the 25 met the requirements outlined in the constitution to move forward to the next step. These questions include increasing the minimum wage from

\$8 per hour to \$11 per hour; requiring employers to offer paid sick days; repealing the 2013 sales tax on computer and software technology services; limiting the number of patients who can be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals; cutting the income tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5 percent; repealing a recent law that indexes the state's gas tax to inflation; expanding the state's bottle deposit law; and prohibiting the use by fisherman of any gear that would cause entanglement of whales or sea turtles.

Proponents of each initiative must now collect 68,911 signatures by December 4, 2013. The proposal is then sent to the Legislature before May 7, 2014. If the Legislature fails to approve the proposal, sponsors must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2014 in order to place the question on the November 2014 ballot.

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

HOARDING BY SENIORS (H 3479) - In Room B-1 on September 16 at 10:30 a.m., the Elder Services Committee will hold a hearing on a bill that would include "self-hoarding" under the definition of abuse of senior citizens. Hoarding is the excessive acquisition of and unwillingness to throw away large quantities of objects and items that cover the living areas of a person's home. Under current law, people working with seniors are unable to report the senior's hoarding as a problem because it does not fall under "abuse." The bill would allow them to report it and would lead to the senior getting help before it becomes a dangerous situation. The risks associated with hoarding, including dangers from fires, falling, poor sanitation and many other health concerns, can often be exacerbated when a senior citizen is involved.

ASSISTED LIVING - Also on the committee's September 16 meeting agenda are bills that would require ongoing in-service education and training about Alzheimer's disease for the staff of assisted living facilities (H 539); automated external defibrillators in all assisted living residences (H 552); and background checks of all potential residents of the facility (S 305).

HEALTH CARE - In Room B-1 on September 17 at 11:00 a.m., the Health Care Financing Committee will hold a hearing on a bill that could affect many ill people. The measure would prohibit health insurance companies from charging a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or medical devices that are necessary for the treatment of a chronic disease or illness (S 529). Also on the agenda is a bill that would require that prior to the adoption of any health care or health insurance related regulation, an agency must file an impact statement on whether the regulation would have any effect on health insurance premium rates in Massachusetts (S 560).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"You look around the country. There's not a single town, city or state that's better off for having casino gambling." – John Ribeiro, on Attorney General Martha Coakley's ruling that a ballot question to outlaw casinos did not meet the requirements for the campaign to move forward.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



“This taxation hurts the middle class and the working poor the most ... Taxes should not automatically increase every year. It will be never-ending tax increases if we don’t repeal the linkage.” – *Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman), speaking in favor of repealing a recent law that indexes the state’s gas tax to inflation.*

“Let’s aim high. Let’s be great, Massachusetts.” – *2010 GOP gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker announcing his 2016 campaign for governor.*

“My goal is to ensure that those who are in need receive the assistance they need. And those who don’t, do not receive it fraudulently.” – *Rep. Shaunna O’Connell (R-Taunton), on proposed reforms to the state’s welfare system.*

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

During the week of September 2-6, the House and Senate both met for a total of 14 minutes.

Mon. September 2	No House session No Senate session
Tues. September 3	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Wed. September 4	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. September 5	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Fri. September 6	No House session No Senate session

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Arson investigation underway CONT. FROM PG 1

under investigation.

According to a press release issued by the city, Somerville Public Safety officials are seeking information and assistance from the community to assist the investigation of these fires, and also urge all residents to carefully review and follow the specific arson prevention and fire escape and safety tips below.

“Our Police and Fire Departments are making use of every available resource for the investigation into these fires, and I want to thank State Fire Marshal Coan, the ATF and the FBI for their dogged dedication and assistance with this effort. But we need the assistance of the community as well, both in being our extra eyes and ears on the street and in taking some basic safety precautions,” said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. “We have been more than fortunate that to this

date no one has suffered significant physical injury, and we want to keep it that way.”

Somerville Police and Fire are aggressively pursuing a number of leads and are continuing to work closely with both state and federal agencies on this investigation. Regular patrols have also been increased. Mayor Curtatone also announced today that a Somerville Arson Tip Hotline has been created and the City of Somerville reward for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any person involved with the setting of any of these fires has been raised to up to \$20,000, in addition to The Arson Watch Reward Program, which is offering up to \$5,000 (for a total of up to a \$25,000) for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution. The Somerville Arson Tip Hotline number is 617-629-1847 (617-

629-1TIP). The statewide Arson Hotline is 1-800-682-9229.

Residents are urged to use the arson prevention tips presented below, which include locking all windows and doors and removing easily flammable items from porches and outside the home such as upholstered furniture or yard waste. At some of the arson and suspicious fires, access may have been gained via the basement. At others, the fire was set outside the home. “Please remain alert to your surroundings and report any suspicious behavior or information to the police. If you see something, say something,” said Chief of Police Thomas Pasquarello. “Sometimes it’s a neighbor glancing out a window or a piece of information that seems unimportant that can make all the difference in either preventing arson or solving it afterward.”



Photo by Harry Kane

Arson Prevention Tips and Fire Safety

Keep an Eye Out and Call It In: We Need the Community to Remain Vigilant

Report any suspicious behavior or persons to the Police Department immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Report any smoke or fires to the Fire Department immediately by calling 9-1-1. Don’t assume someone else will call it in.

Contact the Somerville Police with any tips regarding any of the fires under investigation. No tip is too small:

- Call our Arson Tip line 617-629-1TIP (617-629-1847)
- Contact the statewide Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229
- 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 9-1-1.

Specific actions to help prevent possible arson:

Remove overstuffed furniture from porches.

Remove all highly flammable items from outdoor areas close to your home, such as but not limited to:

- piles of leaves or bags of yard waste.
- stacks of papers or recycling bins with paper/boxes.
- flammable liquids such as lighter fluid, gas, paint thinner, and other volatile liquids.
- candles including mosquito candles.
- charcoal, or grills with charcoal or gas cans.
- laundry (don’t leave it hanging overnight).
- rags or oily rags.
- highly stuffed seat cushions.

Keep your home secure:

- Lock all doors and windows including basement doors and windows.
- Lock your garage door (or remove flammable items from garage if it can’t be locked).

Keep lighting on at night:

- Leave both your front and back porch lights on overnight.

Do not store trash or recycling under your porch:

- Keep it farther from the house or inside until your trash day.

Do Not Become a Victim of Any Fire: Tips to protect yourself, your family, and your home:

- Check batteries in smoke alarms and ensure they are operating.
- Have an escape plan and discuss it with your family or housemates: Plan two routes of escape from any room. Check the door handle of closed doors before opening. If it’s hot, use your alternate exit if possible.
- Pick a meeting spot safely away from the house.
- In the event of fire, exit immediately. Do not stop to collect any belongings.
- Consider putting valuable or irreplaceable items in a fireproof 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.
- Please be sure to share this important information with your neighbors, family and friends.

Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets

The City of Somerville hosted its newest event in the annual SomerStreets series on Sunday, September 8.

Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets took place along Holland Street between Davis Square and Teele Square and included live music at Johnny D's Uptown and PJ Ryan's Pub as well as children's activities, family-friendly programming, and student-friendly fun throughout the afternoon. This is the first time the festival has been hosted on Holland Street.





SPORTS

Great expectations for girls' volleyball

By Mike Stoller

The Somerville High girls' volleyball team is hoping to transfer its veteran leadership into more wins this season and possibly a state tourney berth.

"Last year, we fell short of our goal of making the MIAA tournament, but we are hoping to build on what we learned," Somerville head coach Steve Walker said.

Certainly, the Highlanders have the talent to be competitive in the Greater Boston League, with senior tri-captains Charlotte Schofield (outside hitter), Hebron Abadi (outside hitter), and Leslie Duarte (middle blocker) leading an impressive group of skilled players.

"These three girls have been a part of our volleyball program for several years, and know what type of leadership, dedication, and personal drive it takes to lead our team to a successful year," Walker said.

The coach also noted the Highlanders have good balance

among the grades throughout their lineup.

"We have a very balanced team with players in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade all contributing to our team every day," Walker said.

He added, "Our team expectations this year are to be very competitive in the GBL, win the GBL Cup [in the annual tournament], and qualify for the MIAA tournament. We know this is going to require a full team effort from every player on our roster."

As for the competition in the GBL, Cambridge appears to pose the biggest challenge.

"They've won the GBL Cup the past few seasons," Walker said. "We are going to have to work incredibly hard to try and take control of the league. They are always well coached."

Walker summed up, "We believe this season has the potential to be a fun, team building experience that could result in accomplishing our team goals. As long as our team remains focused, we can accomplish great things."



The 2013 SHS girls' volleyball team is looking to achieve great things in the season ahead.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. How many U.S. states start with the letter "M"?

2. What was the once called "Martin's Vineyard"?

3. How many pounds in a stone?

4. What was Mickey Mouse's dog's name?

5. How many sheets of paper in a ream?

6. How many feet in a mile, and how many feet in a rod?

7. Which witch is flattened by a house in *The Wizard of Oz*?

8. What are irons in horse racing?

9. What is a crucial card in the game of Hearts?

10. What Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is about the Emperor of Japan?

11. What does a cartographer do?

12. What is the national flower for Australia?

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Andre Rolim to attend AIC



Andre Rolim of Somerville has been admitted to American International College in Springfield, MA. Rolim was among more than 500 incoming freshmen and their families arriving at American International College, Monday, September 2 for the start of Welcome Week. Zachary Beaver, director of Student Empowerment and Leadership Development at AIC, said there were more than 20 events in five days, including some of the most memorable events students will attend during their time at the college. "An essential experience for every new student, Welcome Week helps students make the transition from summertime student-to-be to first-time AIC student." AIC is a private, coeducational institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in the schools of Business, Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences and Graduate and Adult Education.

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Somerville's table tennis titan

By Harry Kane

There's a man in Somerville who has devoted his later life to the game of table tennis. His name is Nicholas Gangi. He's 85 and still playing. Just recently he was awarded the gold medal in the 2013 National Senior Games of Table Tennis. But that wasn't the first time Gangi has received medals for his skills.

As a boy, Gangi belonged to the YMCA on Huntington Avenue in Boston. He would play table tennis near the billiards room. "I used to try to get in there whenever I can, and whenever there was an opponent around," he recalls. "It was difficult to find people that wanted to play." Gangi frequented that YMCA for nearly 8 years.

Later, Gangi played while he was in the army. He was stationed in Korea following World War II for 13 months during the occupation of Japan. While there, he honed his table tennis skills in the recreation room.

He was drafted into the Marines in 1946, but didn't weigh in. "I passed the physical except for one thing, I didn't weigh enough. You had to be 128 and was 118 pounds. So the Sergeant says, 'Nick, come back in a month, get on the scale, if you weigh 128, you're in.' I never bothered to go back. I didn't gain an ounce. I wasn't the type who could gain weight at that time."

Gangi ended up joining the army instead, which sent him to Seoul, Korea. When he got back to Somerville, he went back to his former job at Sears Roebuck in the Mail Order department for a year. Soon after, he found employment at the Defense Department and would work at the Boston Naval Ship Yard for some 20 years. When they closed the shipyard in 1973, Gangi was transferred to the Department of the Air Force, where he stayed until retirement.

In 1982, when Gangi actually began to play competitively, he got his start in a 3-star tournament. "I've always loved table tennis," he says. "I went to my first tournament in Princeton,

New Jersey, and I was unrated at the time and I was in the final and I got a trophy."

Every year the National Senior Olympics hosts a bi-annual table tennis tournament in a different city. "I started off in Baton Rouge in 2001," he said. That was where he met his doubles partner.

"It was quite accidental that he became my partner," said Arthur Lekousi. "I go around different places, you know, and somebody said 'You should team up with Nick Gangi.' I says who's he?"

"Maybe it keeps me going, too, I dunno."

There was a tournament that they were both playing in and Lekousi introduced himself. They became partners and have been playing together ever since.

In 2003, Gangi and Lekousi competed in Norfolk, Virginia and won gold in the doubles tournament. Then in 2005 they went to Pittsburg, and won a silver medal. But in 2007, Gangi didn't place so well in Louisville, Kentucky.

Gangi didn't compete in the National Senior Games in 2009 and 2011. He doesn't fly, and the drive was too long, he says. The 2009 tournament was held in Houston, Texas and the 2011 tournament was in San Francisco.

But In 2013, Gangi made his comeback in Cleveland, Ohio. It was drivable. In truth, it was Lekousi that flew from Maine, picked Gangi up, and then drove them to the tournament in Ohio. Gangi won seven matches to win the men's single table tennis gold medal. He says he lost a couple games, but that's no sweat off his back. In the end match, he played his partner, Arthur Lekousi. "Fortunately we were able to play each other. I beat him three games to one."

Gangi said it didn't matter who ended up winning, rather it was



Photo by Harry Kane

Nicholas Gangi's lifelong love of table tennis has earned him accolades and given him special satisfaction throughout the years.

nice that they both made it to the finals. Gangi and Lekousi also won the men's double table tennis silver medal.

These days, Gangi spends a lot of his time at the Boston Table Tennis Center, a local club with six tennis tables, located at 407 Mystic Ave. in Medford. He's on the staff at the club, too, but he's not paid. "It's all volunteer," he says. He's been there 13 years, ever since it opened.

"Maybe it keeps me going, too, I dunno." He goes there to play table tennis and socialize. One guy comes all the way from Newport, New Hampshire, two to three times per week, he said. "The people that like to play come to our club, because it's not only flexible, it's available."

Gangi has lived in Somerville, Massachusetts since 1944, following his move from East Boston in his last year of high school. He plans on playing table tennis until the day he dies.

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Monday September 16

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Tuesday September 17

Danielle Miraglia & Tom Bianchi 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 18

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

Thursday September 19

Fundraiser

Friday September 20

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
Sand Machine \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday September 21

Les Sampou Band 6 p.m.
One Thin Dime 9 p.m.

Sunday September 22

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Peter Ward & Electric Blues 8 p.m.



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Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Belly Dancing for all at a low price. \$25 for 5 -week series. All levels and all abilities. No experience needed to have fun in this class. Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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 10:30 p.m. (No Wii on 9/9) 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):

Sept. 23rd - Movie and Dinner "Left on Pearl" Film explores the 10-day occupation of Memorial Drive by hundreds of women in 1971. Dinner from Maya Sol. RSVP a must. \$6. Chicken or vegetarian option available.

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 am every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

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

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

Trip Corner:

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 10:30 p.m. Free.

Belly Dancing - Holland Street - 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays. \$25 for 5 week series.

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.

September 11

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

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

BBQ|11:30 a.m.

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.

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September 12

Holland Street Center

Super Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

September 13

BINGO Getaway

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life B & C

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

September 16

Holland Street

Wii Bowling|10:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life|1 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

BBQ|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 17

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Stress Management|12 p.m.

Belly Dancing|1 p.m.

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

Caregivers Group|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

September 18

Suffolk Downs

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

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

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.

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Thursday|September 12
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Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday| September 13
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Teen Game Day
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936
2:30 p.m.5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Monday|September 16
Central Library
Sing Along with Liza Ann Cassesso|617-623-5000 x2950
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|September 18
Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Radio Bar
Fantastic Liars|Dust Clouds of Mars|Free Show
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379 Summer St

Thursday|September 12
Johnny D’s
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Radio Bar
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379 Summer St
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Singer-Songwriter Event: The Loop
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|September 13
Johnny D’s
Power of Love|Heart Attack Ack Ack Ack|Dj Angie Donuts
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Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
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Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
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10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Patrick DeCosta, Graham Moseley Brown, Hugh McGowan \$5 cover |9 p.m.

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Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
TBA
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
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Radio Bar
UP: Soft Pyramids|These Wild Plains|thunderbloods|steep leans \$8
Down: MK’s Nervous System|Miss Geo|SadBeard
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Congratulatinos
9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 15
Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam featuring The Matthew Smart Band
Wesley Stace
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m..
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Lord Spectacular|Bitch Trifecta|Steve Subrizi
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Radio Bar
Up:Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m.,No Cover |Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7:30 p.m.
379 Summer St

Monday|September 16
Johnny D’s
Team Trivia
8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
Back Room
Irish Step-dancing with Ger Cooney
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Full Scene Ahead Presents|Tara White|Fail Safe|String City Duo
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Radio Bar
Up: Americans Mondays at Radio|No Cover Charge featuring Greg Klyma|Joe Klompus|Steve Latanision and special guests
Down: Esh The Monolith|H.W., Baker| Stillborn Identity|Andrew Milicia \$7
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Tuesday|September 17
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17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Danielle Miraglia & Tom Bianchi
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The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic W/Hugh M Gowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-ing Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
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Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan’s
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Radio Bar

Up: Wholly Karaoke with DJ Magic Gus 8:30 p.m-11:30p.m
379 Summer St

Wednesday|September 18

Johnny D’s
Bassekou Kouyate & Ngoni Ba
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm 9 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Backroom Series with Brian O’Donovan|7:30 p.m.
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Free Alley|Citrus Sphere|Rude Young Professional
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On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Full Scene Ahead Presents|Kevin G Moore Band|Average Joe Band|Municipal Leader Of The Night
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Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
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Highland Kitchen

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

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

Radio Bar
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379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Open Mic with Celia Slattery and Bill Duffy
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 11

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

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

Thursday| September 12

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

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

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Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
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Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Friday|September 13

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

Saturday| September 14

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

Sunday| September 15

Central Library
Building Bridges, Printmaking in Vietnam Today
Carolyn Muskat|617-776-7773
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Monday|September 16

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 PM
115 Broadway

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

Tuesday| September 17

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

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

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women
with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|September 18

Central Library
Somerville Arts Council 2013 LCC Grant Info Session
Heather Balchunas|617-625-6600 x- 2985
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Somerville Reads: Meet B. A. Shapiro, author of The Art Forger
7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

Dear hipster,

CONT. FROM PG 9

of working artists and musicians here. Meanwhile Somerville took in a new wave of immigrants, as it had for over a century. These were from Central America, the Caribbean, Brazil and Asia rather than Europe. Tensions were high at times. Racial conflict closed the high school for a few days in February 1990. Many cities with demographic and cultural conflicts like ours experienced drive-by shootings and persistent gang violence. We didn’t. ‘Villens worked through their differences. Although none of us is immune from racism, discrimination and racial taunts are now rare here. We were a city that was unpretentious, yet rich in culture and in diversity. So much so that people who make their living as professionals began moving here. While many of our formal and informal networks that wove the fabric of community had unraveled, Somerville remained exceptional in its sense of community and level of volunteerism. Then Massachusetts voters

chose to abolish rent control in 1996. In-migration increased, fed by financially comfortable people who had been able to accumulate capital by living in Boston’s, Brookline’s, and Cambridge’s rent-controlled dwellings. Housing prices, which had been steadily rising, skyrocketed. Affluent people bought houses at escalating prices and charged more for their rental units, the better to service their mortgage debt. Often they moved to a leafy suburb when their kids came of school age, selling out at top dollar. Developers converted multifamily homes to expensive condos and sold them to childless buyers. If you had come here fifteen or twenty years ago, some ‘Villens would probably have called you a “Barney.” One doesn’t hear that term today. It’s not that the grief and resentment over loss of community have evaporated. It’s that they have boiled down to an unvoiced despair over things being different. Ours is an old story of market relationships dominating human relationships. Somerville is

not exceptional in its gentrification. Hundreds of communities have experienced it. Somerville is exceptional in what it has lost. So many people who grew up here cannot afford to live here. They are the children of ‘Villens who built the city and of immigrants who brought their hopes and dreams. Their departure coincides with your arrival. You didn’t personally push them out. You were simply able and willing to pay housing prices they cannot afford. And many of you will eventually suffer the same fate. Yet you enjoy some measure of privilege just to be here. I’ve heard that privileges should be paired with responsibilities. So there are some things for which I ask you to assume responsibility. Please work to understand our community. You won’t learn much about it from the regional press, whose coverage is little more than press release embellishments. You might not know, for example, that Somerville’s fiscal health is shaky. We rely on state welfare

for a substantial portion of our city budget. And the more that affluent people move into newly built luxury units, the less state aid we will receive, while the increase in net property taxes will not be proportional. Get to know your neighbors and look after their wellbeing, especially elders living alone. ‘Villens communicate forthrightly. In conversations, don’t employ irony or sarcasm, which undermine trust. Don’t answer a question with a question. Yes, be yourself. As I’ve suggested, you can’t be part of a community if you are not known, and ‘Villens have integrated people who are much more diverse than you. A good attitude to aim for is dignified humility. Sociologists tell me that your politics trend toward progressive. There’s nothing wrong with that. But please don’t substitute ideology for working to understand your city and neighborhood, as too many progressives do. You will discover that in a variety of ways Somerville reality differs from your ideological assumptions.

Please commit to the community. Considering your personal preferences, you will probably be drawn to localvore and artisanal activities. Somerville is rich in them. But consider doing something that not just celebrates virtuous commodities but builds human relationships. You are well educated. Why not tutor a kid? While we now have an abundance of residents with advanced degrees, our school test scores remain deplorable. Coach a youth sports team. Work for more affordable housing. Join a local congregation. If you’re an entrepreneur, start your company here. If you work for a growing company, influence it to move here. We have two workers for every job, while Cambridge and Boston have two jobs for every worker. Help to reweave the fabric of community. Do my requests seem presumptuous? Demanding? If so, I’m sorry you feel that way. But then I would also ask you to consider living elsewhere.

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Education: It takes a ‘Ville CONT. FROM PG 9

guardian to stay involved in their children’s education. We invite you into our schools. Whether a classroom helper, a mentor, an after-school tutor, an event organizer, or any one of the many ways you can volunteer, I guarantee you it’s the best investment you can make. Research is clear that when parents become involved with their kids’ education, those kids earn higher grades and test scores. They’re more likely to enroll in more advanced classes and push themselves academically, going on to graduate and postsecondary education. They have better attendance, social skills and behavior.

All those benefits aside, the greatest benefit is being a part of your kids’ lives. When we’re wrapped up in all the things that can pull our attention away from our families, being involved in our kids’ education—which is really our kids’ full-time job—only brings families closer together. And not only will your children benefit, but you will too. You’ll gain a better understanding of your children’s day-to-day life, be able to communicate with them better, and sometimes the couple of hours you spend each week volunteering in the classroom or simply helping your children with their homework can even provide you with a respite from your own daily grind.

If you haven’t volunteered before, there are tons of options—just ask your child’s teacher or principal where they could use help. You might also have to try on a couple of opportunities before you find the right fit. Don’t be discouraged if you volunteer for a specific role in your children’s school and find it’s not right for you. There’s a place and a space for everyone in the Somerville Public Schools, both students and parents and guardians alike.

Education needs to be the bedrock of our community, because every aspect of Somerville, from our local economy to our crime rate, is born out of how highly we value education. We show how much we value education with our investments in our students’ education, ensuring every child gets a robust and well-rounded learning experience that nurtures the whole child, equipping them with the tools to compete in a 21st century global economy. We know that our students’ parents and guardians value education too, and we invite all of you to help lay the foundation of your children’s future and our entire city’s future. Because as we’ve learned time and time again, it takes a ‘Ville.

Safety last CONT. FROM PG 9

between jogger and driver.

Now, let’s discuss you gas saving, green conscious cyclers. God love ya! Can you try to stay a little closer to the parked side of the street, please? I know it’s difficult and I’ve said it before, but please remember that it’s hard to stop our vehicles on a dime. Some of you bikers taunt us drivers, but we really are just trying not to hit you. Honest! The blinking lights and florescent strips at night really help too, thank you. When I see a bicycle heading toward me, I start sweating profusely. You are taking precious moments off of my life. Please stop trying to take me out. We have to share the road, and we all want to enjoy old age. And do I even have to mention the granddaddy of all drivers’ nightmares? It’s those cyclers who are towing junior behind them in those canvas rickshaw thingies. God help us!

Now, let’s talk about you speeders and tailgaters. Slow the hell down! There are kids everywhere. And most of you nuts who are driving like “Speed Racer” down residential streets are on your cell phones or applying make-up. Do you know why they call them cell phones? It’s because, God forbid, if you hurt someone, you’ll end up in a cell. There was an old guy years ago who would throw rotten apples at speeding cars. Ah, the good old days. And just a word to you out of state drivers who are habitual tailgaters. Haven’t you caught on yet? The closer you are to a Somerville driver’s car, the slower we go. Come on, get with the program.

One more word to pedestrians, of which I am proudly one and want to stay one: You must make sure the driver acknowledges that he sees you before you proceed into the crosswalk. I used to do this myself, but I’ve really smartened up lately. I just told you about speeders and cell phone talking drivers. Do not assume that just because it is a crosswalk that a driver is going to stop. Sometimes they are not paying attention, and sometimes the drivers are not aware that there is in fact a crosswalk. Make sure they see you! Take that extra safe second to actually make sure the car slows down before you walk across the street. Drivers are often preoccupied and distracted by kids in the car or other things. Also, if you just dart across the street willy-nilly, tossing caution to the wind, that’s very foolish. Some cars take an awful long time to stop, even if they DO see you. If their brakes are bad, well, that just makes it worse. Believe me no driver wants to hurt a pedestrian, so please help us out. A mother or dad who is driving a mini-van full of excited kids deserves a break. Do not assume that they will see you. And bikers, lose the iPods and headphones, and pay attention.

Bottom line, let’s all strive for a safer Somerville. Drivers, slow down and get off the cell phones. Joggers and bikers, let’s co-exist in harmony. By the way, Somerville has an awesome bike path available!

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Trot on down to DogFest 2013

The Somerville Foundation for Animals announces the 4th Annual Somerville Dog Festival. The festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trum Field on Broadway. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

The fundraiser to benefit local animal-related charities will feature a variety of exciting dog sports demonstrations and multiple “try it” rings in which the public can try sports and games with their dogs.

The City of Somerville has again graciously donated space for the event. “I’m happy to see that this popular event is expanding and growing, bringing the community together for a fun day at Trum Field that also raises much needed funds to support services for at-risk animals. I thank the Somerville Foundation for Animals and all the organizations that make this festival a reality, and am gratified that the city can co-sponsor this event,” said Mayor Curtatone.

“A major partner and key element in the success of this event

is the City of Somerville’s active participation and support of the event,” said Dr. Adam Parker of Porter Square Veterinarian and president of the foundation. “Our goal is to provide opportunities for families to enjoy healthy activities in the city with their dog and raise funds to support animals in need.” Beneficiaries have included Northeast Animal Shelter, Animal Rescue League of Boston, NEADS Canines for Combat Veterans and Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog.

Planned exhibitions and “try its” include dog agility, free-style, working dogs including Somerville Police K9 unit, Frisbee dogs and tracking demos. There will also be an art show and silent auction, which will also include items from the Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics. Crowd-pleasing best trick and best dog/owner look-a-like contests are featured and a dog production of Little Red Riding Hood. A free “Come when Called” clinic and training instruction will also be offered.



Everyone’s best friends will be celebrated at the 4th Annual Somerville Dog Festival this coming Sunday at Trum Field.



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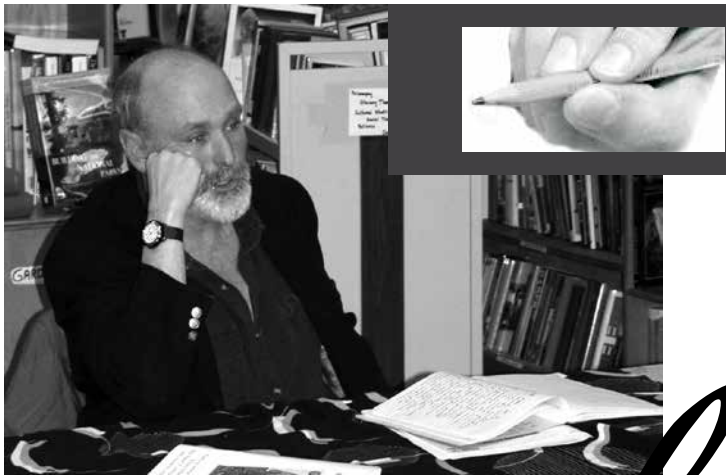
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	6:00pm	Basic Buddha
7:30am	Life Matters	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Struggle	7:00pm	Energy Theater
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Friday, September 13		8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Talking about Somerville	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:30am	Art at SCATV	7:00am	Shrink Rap	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, September 15	
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	Energy Theater	6:00am	Program Celebrai
2:00pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	1:30pm	From Scratch	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:00am	International Church of God
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:30am	Atheist Viewpoint
6:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Basic Buddha
7:00pm	Play by Play	5:00pm	Greater Somerville	Noon	Play by Play
7:30pm	From Scratch	5:30pm	Talking about Somerville	12:30pm	Physician Focus
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
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
Thursday, September 12		7:30pm	Culture Club	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	Outside the Lines	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	10:00pm	The Steve Katso’s Show	7:00pm	African Television Network
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	Saturday, September 14		8:00pm	Telemagazine
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
10:00am	Basic Buddha	7:00am	Culinary Kids	Monday, September 16	
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	Health is Wealth	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	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
					Nossa Gente e Costumes
					Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
					Creating Cooperative Kids
					Active Aging
					Paths to Wellness
					Exercise with Robyn and Max
					Esoteric Science
					The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
					Somerville Newspaper Reading
					France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
					Nepali Producer’s Group Presents
					Play by Play
					Dedilhando au Saudade
					Bate Papo con Shirley
					Tuesday, September 17
					Free Speech TV
					Road to Recovery
					The Struggle
					Ablevision
					Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
					Somerville Newspaper Reading
					Tele Kreyol
					Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
					Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
					Cooking with Georgia & Dez
					Chef’s Table Series
					Somerville Housing Authority
					Henry Parker Presents
					The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
					Poet to Poet (LIVE)
					The Literary Scene
					France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
					Somerville Prevention Series
					Art at SCATV
					Greater Somerville (LIVE)
					Dead Air Live
					Penny’s Dreadful Shilling Shockers
					The Entertainer’s Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		Sunday, September 15		12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	Saturday, September 14	
Wednesday, September 11		12:00am:East Somerville Community School Opening		1:00am:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	12:00am:	
9:00am:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	1:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	1:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	9:00am:	
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 9/9/13	2:00am:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	1:30am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	
		3:00am:	National Night Out 2013	2:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	11:00am:	
3:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013	9:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		Raising Families - Real Food	
7:00pm:	Fire Press Conference 8.19.13	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Wednesday, September 11		SHS Girls v Austin Prep	
7:15pm:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	9:00am:	Raising Families - Real Food	12:00pm:	
7:30pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands			10:00am:	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	2:00pm:	
8:00pm:	The Mayor’s Report	1:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	12:00pm:	ESCS Grand Tour	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	
8:30pm:	Welcoming Greentown Labs Press Conference	1:30pm:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	12:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	4:00pm:	
9:00pm:	BOA Agenda for 9.12.13 Meeting	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:30pm:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	6:00pm:	
Thursday, September 12		7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	4:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	8:00pm:	
12:00am:	Fire Press Conference 8.19.13			4:30pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	SHS Girls v Austin Prep	
12:15am:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	8:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	6:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	10:00pm:	
12:30am:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 9/12/13	8:00pm:	Raising Families - Real Food	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	
1:00am:	ArtBeat 2013	Monday, September 16		8:30pm:	ESCS Grand Tour	Sunday, September 15	
2:00am:	Senior Picnic 2013	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	12:00am:	
3:00am:	Somerville: Practical Progress	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	10:00pm:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	
9:00am:	National Night Out 2013			Thursday, September 12		ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:00am:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	12:00am:	Raising Families - Real Food	2:00am:	
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	1:30am:	Senior Picnic 2013	12:30am:	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	Raising Families - Real Food	
1:00pm:	Senior Picnic 2013	9:00am:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	1:30am:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	9:00am:	
2:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 9.12.13	9:00am:	National Night Out	ESCS Grand Tour	
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE			10:00am:	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	10:00am:	
Friday, September 13		3:00pm:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	10:15am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	
12:00am:	Somerville Fight Night 2013	7:00pm:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting	12:00pm:	Raising Families - Real Food	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	
2:30am:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	8:00pm:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	12:30pm:	String Camp Finale Concert	SHS Girls v Austin Prep	
9:00am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	8:15pm:	Fire Press Conference 8.19.13	2:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	
		8:30pm:	The Mayor’s Report	3:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	4:00pm:	
12:00pm:	ESCS Opening	9:00pm :	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	3:30pm:	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	
1:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	10:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2013	3:45pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	6:00pm:	
2:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	Tuesday, September 17		5:30pm:	Raising Families - Real Food	8:00pm:	
3:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	12:00am:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting	6:00pm:	String Camp Finale Concert	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
7:00pm:	ESCS Opening	1:00am:	Union Square Micro Museum Opening	7:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show	SHS Girls v Austin Prep	
8:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	1:15am:	Fire Press Conference 8.19.13	8:30pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	10:00pm:	
9:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	1:30am:	The Mayor’s Report	9:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	
10:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	2:00am :	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	11:00pm:	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	ESCS Grand Tour	
Saturday, September 14		3:00am:	Open Air Circus 2013	Friday, September 13		ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
12:00am:	ESCS Opening	9:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	12:00am:	
1:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	
2:00am:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	9:30am:	Raising Families - Real Food	9:00am:	
3:00am:	National Night Out 2013			10:00am:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
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12:00pm:	ESCS Opening	1:30pm:	National Night 2013	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton	Project Star: A Yankee in the ‘Ville	
1:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	
2:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	2:30pm:	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	2:00pm:	
3:00pm:	National Night Out 2013			3:00pm:	Raising Families - Real Food	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	
7:00pm:	ESCS Opening	8:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands	3:30pm:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	ESCS Grand Tour	
8:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	8:30pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	5:00pm:	ESCS Grand Tour	SHS Girls vs. Austin Prep	
9:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 9.9.13	9:00pm:	ArtBeat 2013	5:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover	SHS Boys Soccer vs. Malden	
10:00pm:	National Night Out 2013	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	kid stuff - Mental Health	8:00pm:	
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						SHS Girls vs. Austin Prep	
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						SHS Boys Soccer vs. Malden	
						12:00am:	



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Warehouse Weekends: Local Voices

I have been speaking with the folks from the Harvard Book Store and they do have a Somerville Connection. Here is a press release about an exciting event that is going to be right here in Somerville!

Harvard Book Store Warehouse Weekends: Four Weekends of Books, Culture & Community

Local Voices: Small Presses and Literary Journals
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15.

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Harvard Book Store Warehouse, 14 Park St., Somerville, MA

Tickets: This event is free; no tickets are required. We know you value local.

We know you make it a point to shop at independent businesses, attend neighborhood events, support community organizations and champion area artists.

That's why we're such good friends.

That's also why you're invited to join us this fall for Harvard Book Store's Warehouse Weekends where local is the name of the game. We've asked dozens of our favorite community cohorts to help us celebrate our collective ind(ie)pendence with bargain books, free samples, contests, workshops and more!

For four consecutive weekends this fall, our 6500 sq. ft. warehouse in Somerville will feature chap-book giveaways, consultations with literary editors, zine workshops, bookbinding demonstrations, Instagram scavenger hunts, and more. Add to that 25,000 books and delicious, locally-sourced food and you've got yourself a party.

Each weekend will feature a different theme. This weekend's theme showcases a variety of literary journals and small press books.

Warehouse Weekends will feature a unique set of local partners and activities including: AGNI, American Association of Variable Star Observers, Athena Mae, The Baffler, Boston Comics Roundtable, Boston Review, Cambridge Science Festival, **Cervena Barva Press**, Fugu, Harvard Review, **Ibbetson Street Press**, Inman Review, Kickass Cupcakes, MBTA Gifts, Million Year Picnic, MotherJuice, Papercut Zine Library, Ploughshares, Pressbound, Pressed Wafer, Q's Nuts, Rose Metal Press, Rye House Press, Sabertooth Bakery, Salamander, Scoopsies Ice Cream, Small Beer Press, Somerville Arts Council, Taco Party, Taza Chocolate, Ward Maps, **Wilderness House Press**, Zephyr Press, Zymbol.

Our Warehouse is located on Park St. in Somerville, between Somerville Ave. and Beacon St. not too far from Union Square. The closest T stop is Porter Square, on the Red Line, and bus lines #83 and #87 have stops on Somerville Ave. near Park St. And unlike at most parties...friends of friends are definitely encouraged to bring friends! See you there!

Meet B. A. Shapiro, Author of 'The Art Forger'

On Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m., the Central Library welcomes B. A. Shapiro, author of this year's Somerville Reads selection, *The Art Forger*.

Synopsis: On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art worth over \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and Claire Roth, a struggling young artist, is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye.

Claire makes her living reproducing famous works of art for a popular online retailer. Desperate to improve her situation, she lets herself be lured into a Faustian bargain with Aiden Markel, a powerful gallery owner. She agrees to forge a painting-one of the Degas masterpieces stolen from the Gardner Museum-in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. But when the long-missing Degas painting is delivered to Claire's studio, she begins to suspect that it may itself be a forgery.

Claire's search for the truth about the painting's origins leads her into a labyrinth of deceit where secrets hidden since the late nineteenth century may be the only evidence that can now save her life.

B. A. Shapiro's razor-sharp writing and rich plot twists make *The Art Forger* an absorbing literary thriller that treats us to three centuries of forgers, art thieves, and obsessive collectors. It's a dazzling



novel about seeing-and not seeing-the secrets that lie beneath the canvas.

This event is free, refreshments will be served, and all are invited to attend. You can register for the event online at <http://bashapiro.eventbrite.com>.

Somerville Reads is a project that promotes literacy and community by encouraging people all over the city to read and discuss books on the same theme.

Somerville is in a state of constant flux and change. As time goes on we will see gentrification increase, changing our neighborhoods in many ways, both good and bad. Somerville Poet Theresa Romanoff gives us her personal experience of this change in her poem: *Number Sixteen*.

Number Sixteen

Number sixteen on my street has disappeared from sight
It was torn down to make way for new condos
That huge family house stood on my street for many, many years
With a lovely family living inside
There was a mother, father, and children and later grandchildren came
I remember the hallways with hand painted pictures all over the walls
As time went by the father passed away, much later a son far too young to die
Not long later the matriarch; a lovely, kind lady to all she knew
The house was sold and developers stepped in and now the house is gone
The heart and soul of the property snatched away forever
What is left is a big hole, a huge gaping maw in the ground
You'd never know a home used to be there with flowers and grass all around.
And a grape arbors growing abundantly in the back yard
I turn my head as I pass by the place; it all seems rather obscene
To have a deep black hole instead of a home on my street at number sixteen.

— Theresa Romanoff

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Ms. Cam's

From on page 14

Olio

Answers

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| 1. 8 States – Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, and Minnesota | 16 ½ ft. in a rod |
| 2. Martha's Vineyard | 7. The Wicked Witch of the East |
| 3. 14 | 8. The stirrups |
| 4. Pluto | 9. Queen of Spades |
| 5. 500 | 10. The Mikado |
| 6. 5,280 ft. in a mile and | 11. Make maps |
| | 12. The eldelweiss |

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1pm. to 3p.m.
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71578023 \$989,000.

Lexington



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 14
12 pm. to 2 p.m.
22 Bartlett Ave

Cape, 4 rooms-plus.
2 bedrooms, 1 bath.
Off- street parking. Full Basement. Corner Lot.
71580973 \$429,000.

Somerville



71479359 \$1,175,000.

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

Somerville



71441940 \$750,000.

Single family home with barn. Zoned BA, possible 3 units, maybe up to 5 with special permit.

Malden



Selling Price! \$305,500.

Condo, top floor unit. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Private deck off kitchen. 1 car off street parking.

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