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Primary Election Day - THURSDAY, September 6, 2012

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our 'View' on the Primary



Be sure to get out there and vote on Primary Election Day, Thursday, September 6.

Commentary

Primary Election Day is this Thursday, September 6, and although not much else is happening until the November election, we here in Somerville have two very important races to get out and VOTE on, whichever candidate you choose to support.

First of all, State Representative Denise Provost has a Democratic challenger and his name is Harry Kortikere. Not much to see here. Harry might be a nice guy, but from all we can see he's new to the city and he's basically running an online media campaign on Facebook and other places. Some of us live in the district and haven't seen him, but we have seen Denise.

He might be a good guy but we don't know anyone who knows him, never mind us knowing him. Granted, that's not very important, but we think a State Representative should know their constituents. We read his answers recently and we think maybe his starting off at the State Representative level might be overreaching it. He's only been here in Somerville a couple of years.

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New initiatives will begin in Somerville Public Schools

By Cathleen Twardzik

It's time to get ready for another school year, so get your new school supplies together, and strap on your backpack.

The Somerville Public Schools (SPS) will begin the 2012-2013 school year on September 5, and several newly funded, district-wide initiatives, which are designed to support student achievement and to continue to improve upon the district's dedication to providing SPS students with a comprehensive educational experience, will debut.

Kindergarteners, as well as pre-K students, will begin school on September 10.

Quite a few initiatives are included. First, Community Engagement and Family Outreach are among the district's focus areas this year.

Family and community liaisons will work in partnership with the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC), which is the district's community outreach program, as well as school administrators and staff,

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Photo by Cathleen Twardzik

The Winter Hill Community School is the district's first Innovation School.

On Thursday, September 6

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Denise Provost
for
**State
Representative**

Democrat, 27th Middlesex District



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NEWTALK

Election Day is Thursday (tomorrow) not Tuesday. It's unusual but hopefully between all the signs out in the city and in the media everyone will remember to go out and vote this Thursday, Primary Day. There are not many on the ballot but there are two races here that would be of interest. Representative Denise Provost is up for re-election and has a challenger, as well as two fine ladies from Somerville who are running to replace Gene Brune down at the Registry of Deeds.

Business After Hours, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, Flatbread at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day Street, Davis Square. NO COVER. FREE Appetizers. EXCELLENT networking. Cash bar. FREE gift certificate raffle (bring your business cards). Sponsored by East Cambridge Savings Bank Members and non-member guests welcome. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org

Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans out there in the 'Ville: Big happy Birthday to our favorite waitress at a Breakfast Place (Renee's on Holland Street) Ms. Patty Hamel Oppedisano's. Also Nancy Gaudet Bacci, who we didn't mention last year but we were sure to do it this year. She's a hard worker here in the city. Both her and Patty are former Persons of the Week here in Somerville. Also, a former Alderman, Assistant to Eugene Brune and lifelong resident of the city Ms. Grace Abruzzio, who is one very nice and special lady. We wish her a great day. Chris Siggins, a lifelong resident who comes from a popular family. Kristen Fournier, lifelong resident and Cambridge Health Alliance worker, is celebrating this week. Pat Roberto, who owns his own real estate company over in Everett, but he's also a long time resident here in Somerville. Michael Tubinis, although not a resident, we still wish him the very best on his birthday. He's a teacher at Cambridge Ridge. Also, a big Happy Birthday to a good friend and popular family man about town, Mike Podymaitis. Many happy

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Newstalk – August 22

RumorMill says:

Rumor has it Billy Roche is retiring from Nstar and beginning his campaign for Mayor (assuming Mayor Joe leaves), and that Mayor Joe will be fully supporting him.

Luke says:

I would like to see Billy Roche or Bill White. Both are smart guys and would do a great job as Mayor. Sean Fitzgerald got a decent amount of votes in 2011 along with Todd Easton. You can count them both in next year. Sean should have an easy win and it will be interesting to see who pull for Mark's old seat. Easton?

hopeful says:

I am voting for Sean, hopefully White loses or Sullivan, Roche would make a good mayor but how about Maryann Houston?

Steve McGarrett says:

Curtatone running for Governor? I can't wait!! Will Jackie be "helping" on the campaign? The past is itching to come out and rear its ugly head. The great union buster running for Governor. There is a God. Remember this, Mayor Joe-what goes around comes around. See ya on the campaign trail.

yippie says:

hopefully more candidates for every office in the city next year, even for Mayor, get rid of these pension politicians and elect people who are new and hopefully progressive thinkers.

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, with the "High" WNV threat level in Somerville, you have been taking precautions to protect yourself from the possibility of being infected with the West Nile Virus. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alert neighbor reports break-in attempt

Somerville police received a call last week reporting that a man appeared to be breaking into a Putnam St. residence. The caller told police that he could see a man in the back of the residence using a screwdriver to pry open a kitchen window.

As responding officers arrived at the scene they were advised by dispatchers that the man had reportedly fled the area.

The officers then began searching the area and soon found a man walking along Prescott St. who closely matched the witness' description.

The man was stopped and questioned by police, and he claimed that he had just finished getting something to eat and was on his way home.

The suspect, Octavio Carvalho, 45, was detained while wit-

nesses were questioned about the incident. One witness reportedly told police that he knew Carvalho and that he believed the suspect's wife lived at the Putnam St. house at some time. He further stated that he heard the sound of breaking glass before officers had arrived, and that he also saw Carvalho holding a screwdriver in his hand, according to reports.

The witness agreed to do a "show up identification" and was driven past the spot where the suspect was being detained. The witness reportedly made a positive identification of Carvalho.

Police then informed Carvalho that he was under arrest and would be charged with breaking and entering. While waiting for transport, Carvalho reportedly told police that he was "out on

recognizance" for prior charges of breaking and entering. Inquiries confirmed that Carvalho had a prior history of similar incidents, according to reports.

The owner of the Putnam St. residence was notified and an examination of the premises showed that no property was missing, but that one window and two screens had been damaged.

Woman caught 'collecting' colognes

Police officers were summoned to the Kmart store on Middlesex Ave. for a reported case of shoplifting last week.

Upon arrival, officers were reportedly informed by store loss prevention personnel

that a woman, Danielle Dellamano, 29, of Roxbury, was observed putting bottles of cologne in her bag. She was reportedly in the company of a male, later identified as James Dallaire, 27.

The two reportedly split up and Dellamano allegedly made for the exit without stopping to pay for the items that she had taken. She was stopped and her bag searched by store personnel. The bag

reportedly contained over \$200 worth of colognes.

Dallaire was subsequently found in the store bathroom, reportedly disposing of an unknown substance. He was also detained, and brought to

the loss prevention office.

Dellamano was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation. Dallaire was placed under arrest on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250.

Alleged auto burglar nabbed

Police responded to a reported vehicle break-in at a Hancock St. residence last week.

A man fitting the description of the suspect was spotted on Hancock St. by arriving officers and was immediately detained.

Sean McKenna, 30, was told why he was being stopped and was asked if he had been check-

ing vehicles in the area. He reportedly told police that he had approached a car for the purpose of taking a picture, as it was an older vehicle of interest to him.

A search of McKenna's bag turned up a GPS unit and a radio. McKenna reportedly told officers that the property was his, and that he was on his way

to sell the GPS unit, which he had bought from a friend about a year earlier.

The alleged victim who had called in the report to police spoke to the officers at the scene. He reportedly told them that he had heard his vehicle's alarm go off and looked out the window, observing McKenna opening a

door to the vehicle. The alleged victim further stated that as he went outside to stop the unwanted intrusion into his vehicle McKenna ran away.

The alleged victim said that McKenna returned shortly thereafter, police said.

The alleged victim checked the contents of his vehicle and told

police that nothing was missing.

Based on witness reports, McKenna was placed under arrest and charged with felony daytime breaking and entering and receiving stolen property.

McKenna reportedly had a syringe in his possession and there was evidence of drug use by him, according to police.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Sean McKenna, 30, August 27, 11:04 a.m., arrested at 9 Hancock St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and receiving stolen property.

James Dallaire, 27, August 27, 1:15 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250.

Danielle Dellamani, 29, of 53 Adams St., Roxbury, August 27, 1:15 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Daisy Obi, 70, of 63 Pinckney St., August 28, 9:18 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and abuse prevention order violation.

Michael McGann, 52, August 29, 3:14 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of utter false instrument, credit card fraud under \$250, credit card fraud over \$250 and forgery of a document.

Octavio Carvalho, 45, of 57 Prescott St., August 29, 4:46 p.m., arrested at 31 Putnam St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Maureen Farris, 48, of 154 Glen St., August 29, 11:06 p.m., arrested at 150 Glen St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Allen Armiroto, 49, of 24 Boston St., August 30, 2:39 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jennifer Santana, 37, of 256 Putnam Ave., Cambridge, September 2, 2:36 a.m., arrested at 499 Broadway on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Kenneth Smith, 54, of 83 Flint St., September 2, 10:46 a.m., arrested at 66 Franklin St. on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery.

Michael McLeod, 35, of 16 Crowninshield St., Peabody,

September 2, 2:15 p.m., arrested at 110 Powder House Blvd. on warrant charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no inspection sticker.

Alton Matra, 58, of 60 Ather-ton St., September 2, 3:27 p.m., arrested at 206 Washington St. on a warrant charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

August 28, 12:22 p.m., police reported a theft at 255 Elm St.

August 29, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 255 Elm St.

August 29, 6:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Prospect Hill Ave.

August 31, 3:47 p.m., police reported a theft at 709 McGrath Hwy.

August 31, 6:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Sycamore St.

September 1, 4:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Meacham St.

September 2, 11:34 p.m., po-

lice reported a theft at Josephine Ave.

September 3, 5:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Josephine Ave.

September 3, 6:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Heath St.

Breaking & Entering:

August 29, 1:56 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Trull St.

August 29, 4:46 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Putnam St.

August 30, 5:13 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lowden Ave.

August 30, 7:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Maine Terr.

August 31, 6:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Sargent Ave.

September 1, 2:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

September 3, 10:56 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

September 3, 12:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

August 30, 10:47 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Hudson St.

September 1, 6:22 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Browning Rd.

September 2, 12:11 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Vinal Ave.

September 2, 6:26 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Otis St.

September 2, 7:51 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Vinal Ave.

Assault:

August 28, 9:18 a.m., police reported an assault at Pinckney St.

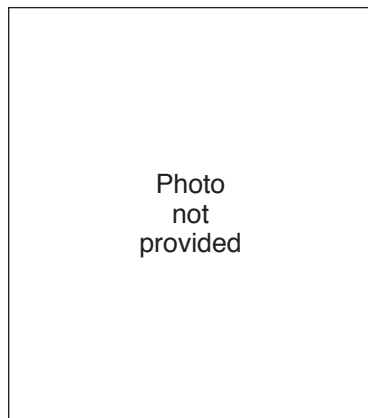
August 28, 10:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Bradley St.

August 29, 11:06 p.m., police reported an assault at 150 Glen St.

Questions for Candidates running for Southern Middlesex Register of Deeds from The Somerville News

We submitted questions to the six candidates for Register of Deeds. The candidates' responses are listed in alphabetical order according to their names.

Response by Robert B. Antonelli



Short bio:

What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?

Why have you decided to run for Register of Deeds?

What do you feel is the most important duty of the Register of Deeds?

What is the number one issue you would address once elected?

Comment (anything you would like to add)

The candidate refused to respond to questions after numerous telephone calls, also unlike the rest of the candidates he didn't have a web site to refer to.

Response by Frank Ciano



Short bio:

A graduate of Boston College School of Management and Suffolk University Law School, founder of Cambridge Lions

and member Sons of Italy. Attorney Ciano has been recognized by the Italian community with invitations from the Consul General of Italy and the Italian Ambassador. He is the recipient of the best of the best award of the Pirandello Lyceum and served as president of the Middlesex Bar Association and Cambridge, Arlington Belmont Bar Association and the Mass. Bar House of Delegates. A small businessman and lawyer, he has fought for the people against banks and insurance companies and has been consulted by many businesses and is Chairman Emeritus of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts.

What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?

The education, background and experience of Attorney Ciano arms him with all necessary tools to get the job of Register of Deeds done effectively and efficiently.

Why have you decided to run for Register of Deeds?

The wait time at the registry, the 7+ year backlog in registered land are challenges which brought Attorney Ciano into the race, when the existing register chose not to run.

What do you feel is the most important duty of the Register of Deeds?

The Register MUST in a timely manner record all papers, which comply with the law. The duty to the public to answer questions and assist and be available to the public. In this day of robo signing, the Register must be vigilant to these incorrect practices and reject such robo signed papers and report same to our Attorney General. The DUTY to PUBLIC is of paramount importance.

What is the number one issue you would address once elected?

The 7+ year backlog and wait time and failure to receive and

record papers within a business day will END, when I am elected.

Comment (anything you would like to add)

As president of two major Bar Associations, I have the respect of the fellow workers at the Registry and my training in business will be used to FIX the backlog and make the Registry yours again. The register is there to help the people and do their business and too long that has not occurred. I shall use flextime and priority counter service so that no one will be turned away and your DEED will get recorded. I shall answer telephones, and email and investigate use of software to assist my coworkers to end the BACKLOG. VOTE CIANO and take your registry BACK.

Response by Tom Concannon



I am a former Mayor of the City of Newton and was the first Democrat elected to that position.

During this same period Newton was selected as the first or second safest city in Country with a population over 75,000 people.

As a former Mayor, I am proud of the of supervision of over 2,500 employs and the fact that Newton had a triple A bond rating during my term of office.

I have two children, Kate Concannon and Maureen McDonald as well as a three (3) year old grandson, Finn McDonald.

I graduated from Boston College with a business degree in Economics. I then received a Masters in Elementary Educa-

tion from the University of Massachusetts at Boston I then taught fifth grade for 3 years in Maynard Massachusetts. I then graduated from Suffolk Law School. I have practiced law for over forty years in Newton Massachusetts.

I have received many awards during my lifetime in Newton.

In 2012 I was honored with a lifetime achievement award by NewTV the local cable access station in Newton.

I was also selected as man of the year in 2012 by the Newton Cultural Alliance, an organization that was founded to encourage the advancement of culture in the City of Newton.

I have been endorsed by many present and former elected officials such as Joseph DeNucci, former Massachusetts State Auditor.

The Middlesex South District of Deeds is one of the busiest Registry of Deeds in the United States. The annual budget of the office is 3.1 million dollar and it generates over \$65,000,000.00 dollars to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Register of Deeds is responsible for all the documents in the Registry of Deeds.

If elected to this office I intend to use every effort I am capable of to make the Middlesex Southern District Registry of Deeds the best run Registry of Deeds in the Country

It is a difficult and demanding job and that's why I decided to run for it.

Response by Maria Curtatone



Short bio:

I am the first generation daughter of Cosmo and Maria Curtatone. I am one of three children, my brothers being Mayor Joseph Curtatone of Somerville and Cosmo Curtatone. I am the proud parent of Isabella and Michael.

I am a graduate of Somerville High School. I attended Emmanuel College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management. Following, I obtained my Juris Doctor at New England School of Law. I am admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, United States District Court, United States Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

For the last 25 years, I have owned and operated law offices in Somerville. Prior to that, I was an Assistant Administrator and Operations Manager in the long-term healthcare industry. I also operated and sponsored a Radio Program aired on WJIB/WRCA and was the Radio Host and Program Director of a Radio Program aired on WLYN.

What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?

For over 25 years, I have managed budgets and personnel in both large and small businesses. As a practicing attorney, I have insight into the workings of the Registry. From my own experiences, I can improve services and operate the Registry with less red tape. It is my opinion no one knows better what services are needed than the people themselves. Overall, I will bring the best of the private sector to work for the public good.

So whether you think the next Register should be an administrator or an attorney, with me you do not have to choose one or the other: I'm both.

Why have you decided to run for Register of Deeds?

As an attorney and an administrator, I have had many interactions with the Registry of Deeds. I have

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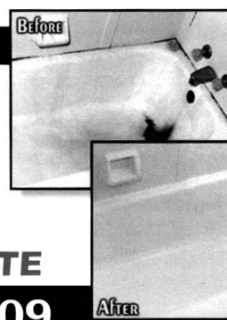
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gained a wealth of knowledge regarding the workings at the Registry of Deeds and the needs of the office. I believe, as a tri-lingual proven administrator and practicing attorney, I am best prepared to take on the administrative responsibilities and legal obligations of this office. In my work experience managing budgets and personnel, while in the private sector, I have identified the problems that exist at the Registry and I am ready produce solutions.

In doing so, I will end the 8 year backlog in the processing of registered land documents and utilize state-of-the-art technology to make the Registry more accessible, efficient and user-friendly. I will ensure information security with property records, promote and implement a focus on customer service and create a system using plain and simple instructions with multi-lingual capabilities.

What do you feel is the most important duty of the Register of Deeds?

Providing excellent service in the recording, safekeeping and accessing of important documents efficiently and without backlog or delay. As trained specialists, employees won't just file and retrieve information, they'll be able to help people manage it. The goal is simple: provide outstand-

ing customer service in order to help people make good use of information, instead of being overwhelmed by it.

What is the number one issue you would address once elected?

The biggest problem currently facing the registry is the 8 year backlog in registered land records. I will utilize my skills and experience that I have accumulated during the past 25 years to serve the people of Middlesex County and eliminate this backlog. In order to implement services where needed, I will effectively allocate the budget and I will do so with transparency. I will conduct regional meetings to form a working partnership with the people, leading to better ideas and reforms.

Comment (anything you would like to add)

Being your Register of Deeds will be more than a full time job, it will be my around-the-clock commitment.

Some campaigns feature a line of politicians, but it's the people who are lining up with me. That's because I listen to their ideas. What's exciting is, their ideas are included in my reforms to improve services.

I am the only candidate with the proven legal and administra-

tive skills who can successfully bring the improvements to the Registry that Middlesex County deserves.

Response by Tiziano Doto



Short bio:

I grew up and went to school in Somerville, the son of Italian immigrants. I went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Salem State University and a Juris doctorate degree from Massachusetts School of Law. I am an elected member of the Wakefield Board of Selectman, and has served on the Wakefield Zoning Board of Appeals and have Chaired the Collective Bargaining Committee. I have practiced law in Somerville and Stoneham since 1993 specializing in commercial and residential real estate and title transactions. I am also a Licensed Real Estate Broker and have served as Title Counsel for a leading provider of title insurance solutions to the legal real estate market. I was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1993, the Federal Appeals Court 1st Circuit and the Federal District Court 1st Circuit in 1994. My wife, Allyson (Druce) and I reside in Wakefield with our three children.

What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?

I serve on the Wakefield Board of Selectman where I have dealt with multimillion dollar budgets and negotiated public employee contracts. I have practiced law in Somerville and Stoneham since 1993 specializing in commercial and residential real estate and title transactions. I am also a Licensed Real Estate Broker and have served as Title Counsel for a leading provider of title insurance. Through my work as an attorney specializing in real estate and title law, I know firsthand how the Registry of Deeds operates and I know what needs to be done to improve it. I have the experience, professional background, and determination it will take to make significant changes there and to get that job done.

Why have you decided to run for Register of Deeds?

I am running for Registrar of Deeds because I believe that it's time to take patronage, favoritism and politics out of the Registry and turn it into a professional, modern, user friendly office that every citizen can count on. This view is shared by taxpayers across the county who expect more service than they are getting from public institutions. My many years of work as an attorney and realtor has given me firsthand, in-depth experience with and understanding of the Registrar of Deeds office and what needs to be done to make it work better.

What do you feel is the most important duty of the Register of Deeds?

The most important responsibility of the Registry of Deeds is to create, maintain and guarantee the accuracy of all land and title records and transactions in the 44 communities of Southern Middlesex County offering a safe and up-to-date depository of all of the transactions. To fulfill that responsibility requires a hands-on Register of Deeds, experienced in the real estate law and title field, committed to providing excellent service to those depending on the Registry for accurate information and recordkeeping. It also requires a Register of Deeds who will assemble and manage a well trained and detail oriented staff hired for qualifications and evaluated on performance, not political connections.

What is the number one issue you would address once elected?

Making long overdue changes is job one. My agenda is clear:

- I will conduct a complete audit of the office's budget and personnel to remove duplication and waste.
- I will hire and promote only on qualifications, experience and performance. How you do your job will be more important than who you know.
- I will accept NO donations from unions representing Registry workers. Negotiating employee contracts must be above reproach and without bias.
- I will accept NO donations from registry employees or their immediate family.
- I will remove any question of political favoritism in the Registry workplace.
- I will reject all robo-signature documents that threaten the validity of homeowner's deeds.

And I will support legislation to outlaw all robo-signatures in the Commonwealth.

- I will make the registry website more efficient and user-friendly and speed up electronic deeds recording.

- I will make improving customer service and clearing up current backlogs a priority.

Comment (anything you would like to add)

It's time to make the Registry of Deeds work better for the people it serves. It's time to take the politics, favoritism and inefficiency out of the Registry and replace it with professionalism, effective management policies and responsiveness. That's what taxpayers want and have a right to expect. I hope voters will vote to bring positive changes to the Registry by giving me a vote on Thursday, Sept. 6th.

Response by Maryann Heuston



Short bio:

I have served as Somerville's Ward 2 Alderman for twelve years. A past Board President, I have worked for seven years as Chair of the Finance Committee, a position from which I manage the Aldermen's annual review and analysis of the City's \$185 million budget.

For the past three decades, I have also worked full-time as an administrator in the health care industry. I currently hold the position Director of Operations and Training for the Cambridge Health Alliance. CHA is an integrated health system that provides high quality care in Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities through a network of hospitals, primary care and specialty practices, and the Cambridge Public Health Dept. My job at CHA is to develop and oversee systems and processes that increase efficiency, enhance customer service and increase productivity.

I received my Masters Degree from BU and my Bachelors Degree from the University of Massachusetts.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't forget to vote on THURSDAY – primary day.

Our 'View' on the Primary CONT. FROM PG 1

We think it's great that he has pulled papers and is choosing to participate in the process and we certainly encourage that. All too often we have politicians running unopposed and that's not good. When a politician is opposed they are then are accountable. When was the last time you saw Senator Patricia Jehlen knock on your door or even Rep. Carl Sciortino? Better yet, when was the last time they sent us anything telling us what they are doing and maybe asking us our opinions? They both are unopposed in this week's primary, so you won't hear from them until and if they are opposed in two years.

We encourage Mr. Kortikere to run again next year locally and get to know the community as a whole, both new comers and long time residents both. To that end we see no reason to vote against Denise Provost. She's well known, well liked, responsive, she listens and, best of all, she knows the community she is serving in many capacities here in the city over the years. Final-

ly, Denise Provost, as well as State Representative Tim Toomey (note: Tim Toomey unopposed in primary), are the best State House legislators we have right now in Somerville. They represent all the various factions here in the city, not just a certain few. We hope you consider her, and go out on Thursday to vote for Denise Provost to return her to the State House.

Now, for the seat being vacated by our own former Mayor Gene Brune and current Register of Deeds who has decided after almost 40 years of public service to step down and retire. We hope he's not retiring from our community altogether. He's been such a wonderful force here in the city, with all that he does and has done over the years for many local charities and organizations. No other former mayor or former politician can probably ever top his achievements and accomplishments here for his city of Somerville. Most former politicians move away and you never hear from them. Not Gene.

He's here and we are very lucky to have him as a role model for everyone who loves Somerville to look up to and admire.

We have six candidates that are choosing to run for his seat. Of the six, one shouldn't even be running. We think he's an embarrassment to politics. The only reason he's running is probably because his last name begins with the letter "A" - and that is Robert B. Antonelli. Having his last name begin with the letter "A" gives him a slight advantage, but hopefully not in this case. He's first on the ballot and he's hoping that the voters of Southern Middlesex County and, we guess, in particular Somerville, are stupid and don't have a memory of when he was serving as Register of Probate in 1997 and was removed from office. Just Google "Robert B. Antonelli, former Register of Probate" and you'll see that he was removed from office for misconduct while serving as Register. Voters here in Somerville should send him a message that we aren't stupid

and that we didn't forget. DON'T VOTE for Robert B. Antonelli for Register of Deeds. Hopefully, other media will have informed the rest of our county to do the same.

As you can see by this week's paper, Antonelli was afforded the opportunity to answer questions like all the others, but he's shown his true colors by not answering and probably hoping against all odds that he's going to get elected by running on the alphabetical order of his name. So voters, jump over the first name and then make your decision and vote. It's not like we don't have his telephone number. You see, he called us here at the paper and let it be known he was very upset we used his name in Newstalk last week. He wanted to know "who gave us the authority to use his name." He then asked for the name of the owner of the paper. When he was told the owner didn't want to speak with him, he did leave his number and we left several messages on his voice mail about the questionnaire.

We thank goodness for Google. You can't hide your past mistakes or accomplishments with Google around, can you?

Now, saying all that, we do have two fine people working extremely hard who are from Somerville looking to get your vote for Register of Deeds. This is very important in that this Thursday's vote will probably be the deciding factor in who will be the next Register, since there is no Republican candidate in the final election in November. Two fine candidates, both women who are highly respected here in Somerville and elsewhere around the state, in particular in Middlesex County, are in the race.

We know that Maryann Heuston is endorsed by the entire Board of Alderman, School Board members and, more importantly, by the present Register, our own Eugene Brune, who has been out front from the beginning supporting Maryann for the job. We know she's working very hard and has been working

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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

returns Mike, and to all the rest of our fans here and around the 'Ville this week we wish you all a great day, week, and month.

Support this Saturday the 12th annual John T. Forcellese Golf outing down in Falmouth. We wish the family the best and hope they raise a lot of money for the various charities they support. Lots of

Somerville's well known will be there like they are every year supporting this fine charity.

Somerville Garden Club Benefit Night at the Flatbread Company will be held Tuesday, September 11. Help support the programs of the non-profit Somerville Garden Club. From 5- 11 p.m. the Club will receive a portion of the sale of

each pizza, including those ordered for take-out. The Flatbread Company's address is 45 Day Street, Davis Square. The Somerville Garden Club provides free monthly garden lectures and maintains public plantings throughout Somerville. To learn more about the club please visit somervillgardenclub.org.

Riverfest 2012 will take place September 15 at 12 p.m. Swing by the 4th annual Riverfest to enjoy local food truck fare, local music and entertainment for children and adults, view Somerville-made Ford Edsels, browse through local Somerville artist tents, and view the spectacular fireworks display at sunset. Hosted by: Assembly Row, the City of Somerville, DCR.

COMMENTARY

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Education: Our most important renewable resource



By Joseph A. Curtatone

For countless American communities, the first week of school brings a refreshing breath of energy and purpose. For Somerville and other communities in the Boston metro area, it hits with hurricane force. With so many colleges and universities in the region, we're not just watching our own kids go off to school: we're watching as thousands of young adults from across the nation come here to take up their studies. It's a favorite time to complain about traffic, about noise and - in some quarters - about the costs of education at every level.

But can you imagine this city's economy, cultural life or future wellbeing without the lift provided by a strong public school system or the advantages of our location at the center of the

Tufts-Harvard-MIT triangle? I certainly can't. And in an era when, after years of declines in enrollment, Somerville's public school population is on the rise again, can you imagine cutting back on the resources that give our young people the skills and the knowledge they need to succeed? It would be a sin against our responsibilities as a community - and against our long-term economic self-interest.

K-12 and post-secondary education - and a regional economy driven by research and technological innovation - are renewable resources. We get far more out of them than we put in. On the list of high-yield investments in Somerville's future prosperity, they will always rank high.

That's why our schools have been working hard to deliver on the education initiatives I outlined last January in my inaugural remarks. It's also why our economic development efforts are focused not only on smart-growth, transit-oriented principles but on harnessing the economic and technological spinoff from our university-driven innovation sector. With its enhanced reputation as a great place to savor the advantages of urban life, and with its expanding transit options, Somerville is now in a strong position to at-

tract more of that economic activity and broaden its commercial tax base.

If we want to build a strong future for our city, we need to be leaders in both areas of educational development: On the public education front, we need to do the best possible job of preparing our young people for the jobs of the future. On the economic development front, we need to leverage our skilled workforce, our convenient location and our new development zones across the city to attract new technology players that are getting squeezed out of an increasingly congested and expensive Kendall Square and other innovation enclaves.

Within the Somerville Public schools, our focus is on boosting academic areas that we know will improve outcomes for our students: This fall, for the first time in years, middle school students will once again have the option of enrolling in Spanish. This will also be the first year of a daily Middle School "X-block" program that lets students focus on areas where they need improvement. These daily sessions will be supported by experts in the relevant subjects, and will provide intensive instruction in small groups. Students that are already high performers will be

able to use the X-block time to enhance their skills even further with challenge and enrichment

To provide additional opportunities for the kind of physical and mental activity that promotes learning and overall health, SPS middle school students will also see new options in intramural sports, including tennis, flag football, volleyball and cross country in the fall; indoor soccer, track and swimming in the winter; and basketball, swimming and track in the spring.

Our schools will be placing a new emphasis on community engagement and family outreach programming, including funding for part-time Family and Community Liaisons and Volunteer Coordinators in every Somerville school. Despite the progress we've made in recent years in expanding the scope and depth of our curriculum we need to encourage families to engage more fully in the life of our schools and we need to harness the impressive skills and knowledge of our residents to enrich the curriculum and the quality of our schools.

Finally, we are building a network of "wraparound" services that coordinate school and non-school programs to give at-risk youth the best possible start in life - and we are using the data

management and analytics that we've developed in the Somer-Stat program to help understand the needs of each young person and get her or him the services that will do the most good. This is the initiative we're calling SomerPromise, and it's so important and valuable that I'll be giving it a column of its own in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, though, you can learn more about SomerPromise by visiting the City's website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/somer-promise>. I hope you'll take a look.

As we continue to improve our schools, we reinforce the message that Somerville is a great place to raise a family, and we add to the long list of reasons why skilled professionals will want to build their lives and careers here in Somerville. In turn, that allows us to tell innovation-industry employers that Somerville is a perfect location for a start-up that needs room to grow in a community that has the workers, infrastructure, services, amenities and quality of life they need to thrive and grow.

At every level, public investment in education (and in basic research) should remain a high priority both for the nation as a whole and for Somerville in particular.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Nikki's story



I know that this article is called *On the Silly Side*, but every so often a serious story must be told. I am starting a series called *Somerville Heroes and Survivors* and this is the first installment.

This is the story about a very strong young woman from a Somerville family who beat many odds. Her name is Nicole Marie, but we call her Nikki. She is the only daughter of my sister Christine. She was nine years old when her mother passed away suddenly in 1992. Her biological father was out of the picture. She was living with her mom at her grandfather's (my father) house and after her mother died she remained in the room that they both shared. It was the room that Nikki's mother grew up in. With the help of her grandpa, myself and my brother Joe, a loving cousin and aunt, and other relatives, this young lady was given great care, love and guidance.

But let me give you a few more parts of the equation. Nikki's grandmother (my mother) passed away in 1986 when she was just four years old. Then, in 1994, her grandpa, my dad, who had become her sidekick, caretaker, guardian and best friend passed away. They had been like two peas in a pod. Grandpa used to fix her hair in the morning, make her breakfast and do all the other things a parent does to take care of a child. In his 70's he had become a dad again as well as a grandpa. As we were in the hospital gathered around him as he was on life support, we explained to Nikki that grandpa's heart didn't work anymore. Nikki sobbingly said, "then I'll give him mine." You can understand the sadness that filled the family members that day. It was the one saddest days in my life.

Somehow we trudged on. My brother, who lived in New York at the time, made frequent visits to Somerville to be with Nikki. She also visited New York quite often too. Then in 1995, six

months after her grandpa died, we lost her uncle, my brother to AIDS. You might be asking how much can one little girl endure? But this was not just any little girl. By age 13 she had lost her grandmother, her mother, her grandpa, and her beloved uncle. Somewhere along the line Nikki started calling me dad and it is a title I have taken very seriously. Being the typical Italian father when she was teenager came very easily. I used to tell the boys, "That white Camaro you see following you will be ME!"

I had moved back into the family house after dad died. It was my job to step in and be a father figure. With the great support of my then wife, and my cousin and her mom (my aunt) along with many friends and relatives, we became a nice little family. I have to add that the entire staff of The Powder House Community School were extremely supportive along with Nikki's school friends and their families.

Nikki attended Matignon High

School with funds left to her by her Uncle Joe. When I had two sons, Nikki was already in place to become their big sister. She helped raise the boys and the love these three have for each other is relentless. Nikki then completed four years of College at Salve Regina in Newport Rhode Island.

On August 24 Nikki was married to the love of her life, Brandon. Although it was painful planning her wedding without her mother, Nikki managed to arrange the most wonderful wedding I have attended in my life. Nikki is lucky also to have stayed friends with a lot of her childhood and college friends and they all pitched in with moral support. They were also part of her huge wedding party. She now has a very rewarding career, a beautiful home in Rhode Island, and two awesome Boxers names Chanel and Louie. I had the unbelievable honor of walking Nikki down the aisle in the magnificent Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate during the week of August 27-31.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2012 session through August 31.

The House has held 194 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.

Thirteen quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 194 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 35 percent or 56 of the 159 House members have perfect 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Rep. Harold Naughton (D-Clinton), who missed 98 roll calls (48.9 percent roll call attendance record). Naughton missed the roll calls while on active duty in Afghanistan as a Captain with the United States Army Reserve. The second and third worst records belong to Reps. Charles Murphy (D-Burlington), who missed 81 roll calls (58.2 percent roll call attendance record) and Harriett Stanley (D-West Newbury), who missed 60 roll calls (69.0 percent roll call attendance record). Stanley's absences were because of an illness. Murphy did not return our repeated phone calls and e-mails asking the reason he missed so many votes.

Rounding out the top ten worst records are Reps. Robert Koczera (D-Springfield), who missed 28 roll calls (85.5 percent attendance); Geraldine Creedon (D-Brockton), who missed 24 roll calls (87.6 percent attendance); John Binienda (D-Worcester), who missed 23 roll calls (88.1 percent attendance); Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica), who missed 22 roll calls (88.6 percent attendance); Jay Kaufman (D-Lexington), who missed 21 roll calls (89.1 percent attendance); Carlos Henriquez (D-Boston), who missed 20 roll calls (89.6 percent attendance); and Byron Rushing (D-Boston) and John Fernandez (D-Milford), who both missed 16 roll calls (92.2 percent attendance).

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' 2012 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	98.9 % (2)
Rep. Carl Sciortino	98.9 % (2)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	95.3 % (9)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SELLING A CHILD (H 1308) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would impose up to a five-year prison sentence on anyone who trades, purchases or sells a minor child. The measure also increases from up to one year in prison to up to 2.5 years in prison the penalty for concealing the death of a child. The measure also strikes a section of the current law that applies the concealment penalty only to a child "born out of wedlock."

MALE BREAST CANCER (H 4019) - The House and Senate approved a measure designating the third week in October of each year as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to raise awareness of the occurrence of breast cancer in men and to encourage regular screenings. Only final approval is needed in each branch prior to the measure going to Gov. Deval Patrick.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST (H 1749) - With September 11 just around the corner, awaiting further House action is a bill that would require the state flag to be flown at half mast annually on that date in memory of the thousands who perished. The measure was given initial approval by the House in December. The same bill in 2010 was given initial approval by the House but it remained in a committee and eventually died.

CHILD ABUSE (H 50) - The bill adding school bus operators to the current list of professionals required to report instances of the abuse, sexual abuse or neglect of a child under 18 is also stuck in the House. The current list of mandated reporters includes doctors and other medical personnel, teachers and educational personnel, police officers, firefighters and many human service professionals. The House gave the proposal initial approval on January 18.

NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 3858) - Approved by the House in July but stuck in the Senate since then is a bill that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; from companies advising employees of work schedules; from correctional facilities advising victims; and from municipalities and state government. It also would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make a robocall except as defined by the law and allow individuals who are called to sue a company for \$10,000 in damages.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"4,180,918." – According to Secretary of State William Galvin, the number of registered voters eligible to cast a

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ballot in the Thursday, September 6, state primary election. The Legislature and Gov. Patrick moved the election from Tuesday, September 18, to Thursday, September 6, to avoid a conflict with the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, which falls on September 16-18.

“I’ve been star-struck most of the time, so I’m really grateful for this opportunity.” – From a State House News Service interview with 18-year-old Wakefield resident Evan Kenney, the state’s youngest delegate to the Republican National Convention.

“We found compelling evidence that these companies conspired to fix prices and overcharge consumers for some of the most popular e-book titles. Today’s settlement paves the way for restitution for consumers harmed by the scheme and restores competition in the e-book market by promoting competition among retailers.” – Attorney General Martha Coakley announcing that book publishers HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster and Hachette have agreed to pay more than \$69 million to consumers who were overcharged for electronic books. Massachusetts consumers’ share of the settlement is more

than \$2 million.

“Children are not toys or property. They are human beings whose lives need to be valued, and anyone hiding the death of a child or selling a child must be prosecuted.” – Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) on approval of her bill that would impose up to a five-year prison sentence on anyone who buys or sells a child and increase the prison sentence for concealing the death of a child.

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

irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of August 27-31, the House met for a total of 47 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and five minutes.

Mon. August 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
Tues. August 28	No House session No Senate session
Wed. August 29	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 30	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.
Fri. August 31	No House session No Senate session

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Nikki’s story CONT. FROM PG 9

Rhode Island. I could feel the presence of Nikki's mom, grandmother, grandpa and uncle as we made our way to the altar. It was the proudest moment of my life so far. Nikki's stepsister Barbie (Barbara Ann) has stayed in her life and was a member of the wedding party. Nikki had a piece of her mom's wedding dress sewn into hers, as well as a portion of it that was used in her bouquet. The bridal bouquet also had a picture of her mom on it. Her wedding was absolutely perfect. The slide show of Nikki and Brandon through the years that was shown at the recep-

tion was heart wrenchingly emotional. Speaking of *Through the Years*, that was the dance I chose for the father-daughter dance which was an unforgettable honor. The pictures of Nikki dancing with her two brothers at the reception are priceless.

Nikki can now enjoy her new life with her husband and start her family. The strong little girl who had every imaginable obstacle thrown at her was the most beautiful bride ever. She is a happy, well-adjusted young woman with tons of friends and many, many people who love her. She is a true survivor from a

strong Somerville family who all pitched in to make sure she had everything she needed. But it was her own inner strength and self-determination that kept her on a successful course through many adversities.

I wish her all the happiness in the world. Her mom, uncle, grandma and grandpa's presence were strongly felt on Nikki's wedding day. They were all smiling down with love and pride. My only dilemma now is trying to figure out what I want the grandkids to call me. Papa or Grandpa.

Multi-family yard sale .. Hall Avenue Saturday September 8th from 8 to 2 Rain date Sept 9th.

Please send me your ideas for articles and stories. You can go to my Facebook page, email me at jimmydl@rcn.com or leave a message at 617-623-0554.

Jimmy is available to host your event, play music, or just spice up any party or function. Call 617-623-0554 or jimmydel@rcn.com

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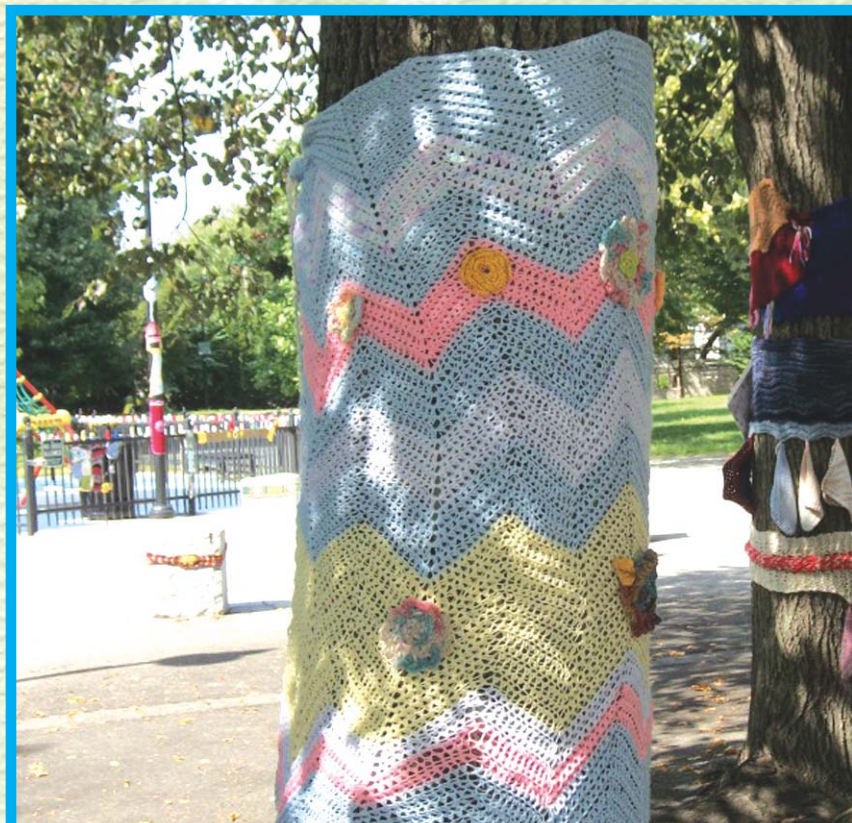
A Yarnstorm of colors

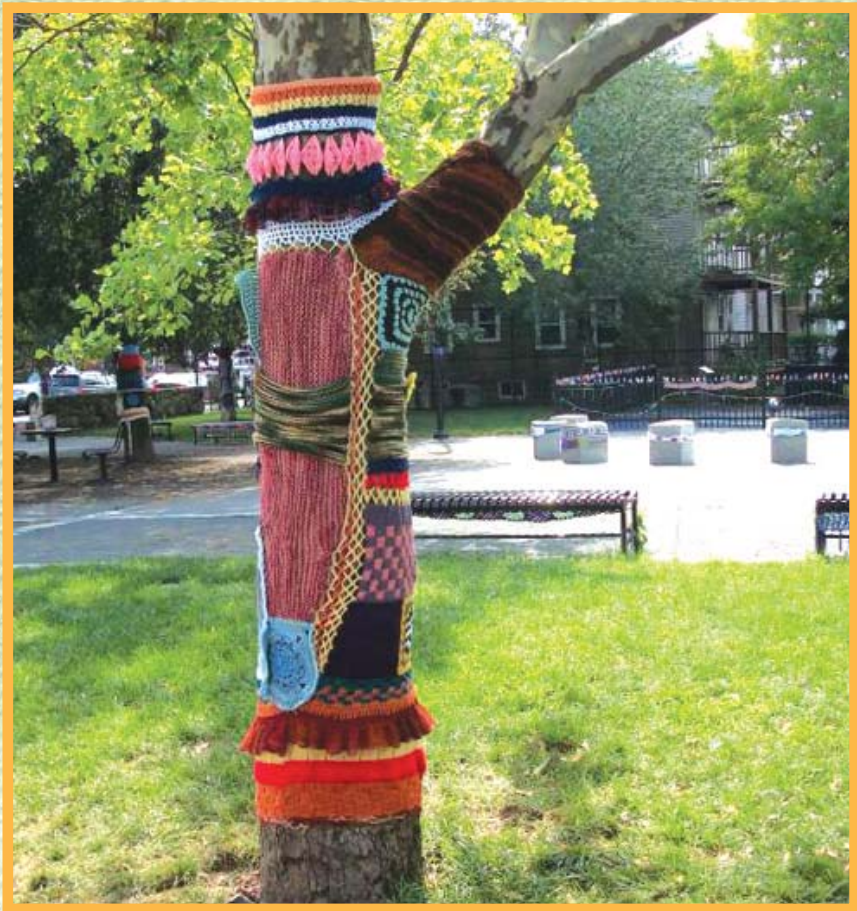
The Yarnstorming installation at Perry Park brought the already vibrant colors of the natural environment to a heightened level of visual stimulation.

By wrapping colorful yarn around bike racks, statues, trees, fences and more, community volunteers took part in *The Wrap*

Around Project, a yearlong campaign of the Nave Gallery to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our area and to support the work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC).

The installation will run until November 11 of this year.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville residents walk in 24th annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

On September 9, 11 residents from Somerville will walk up to 26.2 miles along the historic route of the Boston Marathon® in the 24th annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. They will be among the 9,000 walkers expected to participate with the collective goal of raising more than \$7.5 million to support life-saving adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk is the largest single-day participatory event benefiting the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber and has raised nearly \$80 million since

its inception in 1989 to conquer all forms of cancer. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk for the past 24 years.

"Every year, the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk unites thousands of people - from parents, neighbors, coworkers, cancer patients, cancer survivors, and the young and the old - who share a goal to bring an end to cancer," says Ann Beach, director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "Their dedication and commitment to fundraising for the event enables Dana-Farber to aggressively pursue its life-



saving mission."

Participants may choose to walk one of four routes: the entire 26.2-mile Hopkinton to Boston route, the 13.1-mile Babson to Boston route, the 5-mile Boston College route, or the 3-mile route starting at Dana-Farber's campus. Those unable to participate on Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk day can become "Virtual Walkers" and still fundraise for the event.

Walkers begin in Hopkinton between 5:30-7:30 a.m.; at Babson College between 8:30-9:30 a.m.; at Boston College between 10 a.m. and noon; and from Dana-Farber at 1:30 p.m. The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk finishes at Copley Square in Boston, where walkers can

celebrate completing the course and enjoy complimentary food, beverages, a speaking program, and entertainment.

All walkers must raise a minimum of \$300, and walkers 12 years old and younger have a fundraising minimum of \$100. Pacesetters are extraordinary fundraisers who raise \$1,250 or more. Young Pacesetters are children 12 years old and younger who raise \$500 or more.

To register for the 24th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, to support a walker, or to volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the discount code BOSTON for \$5 off the registration fee.

The Jimmy Fund ([\[myFund.org\]\(http://myFund.org\)\) solely supports Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, raising funds for adult and pediatric cancer care and research to improve the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world. It is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, as well as the official charity of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook: \[www.facebook.com/thejimmyfund\]\(http://www.facebook.com/thejimmyfund\) and on Twitter: @TheJimmyFund.](http://www.Jim-</p>
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Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo are two of the tenors on *The Three Tenors* album - who is the third?
2. What planet did the *Galileo* spacecraft slam into after orbiting it for eight years?
3. What U.S. state does not have houseflies?
4. What is the only fish that blinks both eyes?
5. How did "GOLF" get its name?
6. Can you name the four U.S. states that begin with "I" in less than one minute?
7. Where does a person who is called a "Libroclubiculist" read?
8. What was Boston's State House "Gold Dome" that was originally made of wood covered by?
9. In what year did Jimmy Hoffa disappear?
10. How many "noggins" in a pint?
11. Who was the first woman to run for President in the U.S.?
12. Who composed *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* at the age of five?

Answers on page 16

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4 Mile Road Race and Kids Fun Run

Hosted by The Pub Ball Square Somerville

All registered Participants will receive a T-shirt while they last

Register on line at:

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Sunday, September 16, 2012

Walkers start at 10:00am/Runners at 10:30am

Kids Fun Run immediately following the runners

Post Race Party with Food, Beverages, Prizes, DJ and More!

SFD thanks city for patience and support during annual hydrant testing program

The Somerville Fire Department's Chief Engineer, Kevin Kelleher, issued the following statement: "The Somerville Fire Department would like to thank the residents and businesses of Somerville for their patience and cooperation during our annual fire hydrant testing conducted from August 6 through August 18. During those two weeks, Somerville firefighters tested over 1500 fire hydrants."

The Somerville Fire Department is required, per city ordinance, to test and inspect the city's fire hydrants to ensure that they will function properly when they are needed. Any deficiencies found are then reported to the DPW's Water Department for repair.

"Somerville Firefighters have been testing the city's fire hydrants on a regular basis since the early 1970s after a series of fires, one of them fatal, in which fire department operations were hampered by defective hydrants," said Chief Kelleher.



More than 1500 hydrants were tested by firefighters.

Monday night fire



All Somerville fire companies and engines from Medford, Arlington and Boston responded to a reported fire at 31-33 Irvington Road Monday night at approximately 9:42 p.m. The two-unit condominium sustained severe damage and is currently deemed not habitable. The blaze originated in a first floor bathroom ceiling and extended up to the attic inside the walls. A first floor resident was assisted by American Red Cross volunteers. The fire is not considered suspicious, possibly an electrical malfunction. However, at this time the cause remains undetermined. There were two minor injuries to firefighters.

Yoga at the COA

Gentle chair Yoga is a safe and comfortable way to enjoy the benefits of Yoga exercises. The Yoga poses are done while sitting in a chair so that a person's pelvis and hips are stable, making it easier to move the torso, legs and arms. Standing poses make use of the chair for balance and stability. Yoga poses bring mobility to the spine and other joints of the body in a safe and gentle way. The result is a relaxed, more flexible body and rejuvenated mind.

The class also incorporates breathing exercises to help calm the mind, relax muscles and energize one's being. A quiet time at the start and end of classes al-

lows one to separate from daily duties and enter into the space of one's body, mind and being. Each student participates at his/her own skill level. Wear comfortable loose clothing, layered for your body temperature changes during class.

The Yoga classes take place at the Somerville Council on Aging, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. The class meets Monday afternoons, except holidays, 4:30-5:30, at \$5.00 per class. The class is taught by Margaret Ryan, a certified Sivananda Yoga teacher and retired public school educator.

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Sunsetters' last show



The 2012 Sunsetters' season began with auditions on Monday, May 14, in the Somerville High School Auditorium. Led by Jimmy DelPonte, over thirty young people entertained hundreds, if not thousands, of Somerville residents throughout this summer with their version of classic Broadway show tunes and their modern performance styles and music. Performing in front of standing room only crowds in many neighborhoods across Somerville, their performances finally culminated after over 30 presentations on Monday, August 27, on Kensington Ave. Kensington Ave. resident Claudio Ferro scheduled them, and, along with help from Alderman Bill Roche, coordinated donations from Stop & Shop to give the audience members snacks and cold drinks during the show. Louie's Ice Cream provided free ice cream to all Sunsetters as well as anyone in the audience after the show.

THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet George Landers. Oh, you've seen him all over the city and probably wondered, "Who is that guy?" George is one of - if not the only - DJs that the city has to do all the events. He also works for the City of Somerville. Up until a short while ago George worked as head of Inspectional Services, but he's since been moved up in the City Hall ladder of fame. George played at the recent "Somerville Boxing Night" up at Dilboy, as the welcoming announcer and DJ, keeping the wild crowd (not really) happy with his always in-tuned music. George is extremely outgoing and very friendly. Most of all a very nice guy who is so sincere about how you're doing and what's going on type of thing. Maybe that's the Irish in George. He's been to Ireland many times, we hear. His family is from there. He's lived here in Somerville most of his adult life. George is married and raised his family here and still lives here. Most of all, George is extremely well known in the political circles, but he's not a politician. He's very good at being a DJ on the side, of course, not letting it interfere with his job. And we hear he's doing a great job for the city. You'll see him around the city and now you'll know his name. Say "Hi" and see that big smile. You'll know why we picked George as our choice as The Somerville News Person of the Week this week, September 5, 2012.

Questions for candidates CONT. FROM PG 7

What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?

I am the only candidate with a proven track record as an administrator of a large, complex organization. In my work at the Cambridge Health Alliance, I have overseen large budgets and staffs. I've been responsible for vital, customer-facing, document management systems that demand the same integrity and reliability required at the Registry. As a six-term Somerville alderman, I've developed expertise in public sector budgeting in tough fiscal times.

Why have you decided to run for Register of Deeds?

I'm running because I believe that the Registry plays a modest but critical role in the lives of

every home and business owner in Middlesex South. I also believe that my strong skill-set in systems and personnel management is needed to lead Registry staff and to implement the use of new technologies to improve the quality, reliability, and accessibility of Registry services. My knowledge of employing systems designed to protect personal/health records (HIP-PA) will greatly impact the technological advancements brought to the Registry through my administration. The Registry and its customers deserve someone with extensive management experience as well as an understanding of the public sector.

What do you feel is the most important duty of the Register

of Deeds?

To deliver efficient, accurate customer service. To do that, and to maintain the integrity of a vital documents system that generates millions in revenues, the Register must have the expertise oversee the training and management of large staff, a background in intergovernmental relations, and experience with complex data systems. I am the only candidate that has those qualifications.

What is the number one issue you would address once elected?

Improve customer service by employing new service protocols, increasing channels of communication with stakeholders and enhancing training for employees. I have spent an

enormous amount of my career designing and implementing service protocols thereby reducing wait times in the health care field in doctor's offices and emergency rooms. We will explore the utilization of a customer service system modeled on Somerville's 311 Constituent Services offices. This program provides the ability to gather data and better incorporate feedback and ideas into planning on an ongoing basis. I have created employee training programs that have not only improved customer service but have increased employee satisfaction as well. I will provide a "Service for Excellence" training program, which has delivered proven results by increasing customer satisfaction and providing employees a

sense of pride and empowerment in their work.

Comment (anything you would like to add)

When you cast your vote for Register of Deeds in Southern Middlesex I ask that you consider what it takes to run an agency as large and complex as the Registry of Deeds, with over 300,000 transactions per year, a budget of \$3.1 million, a diverse staff and responsibility for \$65 million dollars in revenue to the Commonwealth. Take the time to evaluate the skills needed to maintain and continually improve such an enterprise. I believe that I am the candidate who brings the right skill-set for the job and I ask for your vote on Thursday, September 6th.

Our 'View' on the Primary CONT. FROM PG 8

all the cities and towns here in the Southern Middlesex District. We think Maryann is qualified for the job as she works full time for Cambridge Health Alliance in a management capacity, as well as having been very active politically here in Somerville. Maryann has been serving as the successful Ward 2 Alderman now for several years. She's active in what's going on in her ward and city. She's everywhere. She truly has shown the residents she cares about her responsibilities as a public servant. Therefore, we think she would

make a great Register of Deeds.

Then there is Maria Curtatone, the sister of our own Mayor Joe Curtatone. Maria is very qualified to run for this office as well. She's a lawyer, and therefore she is well acquainted and familiar with the Registry and its operations. Maria Curtatone has worked very hard. She's all over the county getting her name out there and if you just happened to ride through some of the smaller towns, you can't help but see her signs and the grassroots support she has. So you know she's out there, working hard. Maria

is very qualified for the job and if you know her personally you know that by her personality and professionalism in how she handles herself in court she'll do a great job. Maria may not be supported by a lot of politicians, but she has a dedicated and loyal following of supporters. Actually, a huge amount of them. You might think you've known her for a long time. She remembers where she comes from, and therefore we think she would make a great Register of Deeds.

We really think Somerville is lucky to have two wonderful, ca-

pable, professional and caring persons running for public office like Maria Curtatone and Maryann Heuston. It's just too bad we have to choose one when we go and vote, but we must choose one of these candidates because they are from Somerville. Whichever candidate you happen to choose, support her and let your friends know. Drag them out on Thursday. Let's send a message that Somerville leads the way.

Oh, by the way, there are three other capable candidates running for this office and al-

though we can't say anything good or bad about them, we still support Maria Curtatone or Maryann Heuston because they are from Somerville.

We hope everyone goes out to vote for the candidate of their choosing for whatever reason. Just vote. Every single vote counts. We encourage everyone to read about the candidates here in The News, as well as on the Farm Team publication. Google their names if you like and, finally, go to their websites and read up on them to make your decision clearer. We will.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

September 5

Bowling at 1:00 at Flatbreads with Flo

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Womens' Group|10:30 a.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 6

Farmer's Market at Holland Street

Holland Street

Current Events - all welcome|10 a.m.

Walking|11 a.m.

Farmer's Market|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

BBQ|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strength Exercises with Geoff|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 7

Holland Street Center

Indoor/Walking|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Center Closed

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 10

Welcome Back breakfast and travel to Italy

Holland Street Center

Welcome Back Breakfast|9:30 a.m.

Singing - Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Cultural Monday - Off to Italy|11:30 a.m.

Gentle Yoga is back|4:30 p.m.

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

Cross Street Center

Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 11

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

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

Belly Dancing|5 p.m.

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

Cross Street Center

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance |10:30 a.m.

Zumba GoldBingo|11:30 a.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 12

Bowling at 1:00 at Flatbreads with Flo

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 5

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

Friday|September 7

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

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

Saturday|September 8

Central Library
Too Human in Concert
Ellen Jacobs
617-623-5000 x2914
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Tuesday|September 11

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 p.m.-11:45 p.m.|40 College
Ave

Wednesday|September 12

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

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

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Wednesday|September 5

Johnny D's
The Fretless
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Goodnight Moon|Evelyn
Horan|Thomas Anderson|Joseph
Aaskov
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Tilt-A-Whirl - Comedy10
p.m.|Bands at 11 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
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Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-
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Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-
9177

Rosebud Bar
Free pool|Game Night|Interactive
Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 6

Johnny D's
Revolutionarys
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders grassy
Thursdays |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
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The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

The Boyfriends|Old Monk|Camp
Hope|Space Bums
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On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Private party
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch
Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
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Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Unregular Radio
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
The Fagettes|Brendan Boogie &
The Broken Gates|Be Brave Be
Bold
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|September 7

Johnny D's
Tim Gartland
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Les Sampo|6 p.m.
Stan Martin & the Honkytonk
Heroes |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Spike The Punch
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Silent Season|Craving
lucy|Jetpacks For sale|The
Goodbye Theory|Huxster|Matt
Hannon
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Moxa|Background Orcs|Soul
Panacea
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Dave Crespo's After Party|Dylan
Sevey and the Gentlemen|Last of
the Independents|Streight
Angular|The Magnus Effect
381 Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Cantina la Mexicana
The Dennis Brennan Blues Band
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Somerville Singer Songwriter
Series
7:30 p.m.|Cafe
The First Annual A Cappella
Jamboree
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Radio Bar
Moe's Lounge: Subpar Co
star|Dominic|Froggy and the

Friendship
379 Summer St

Saturday|September 8

Johnny D's
Booty Vortex
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m.
Gone to Seed with guests \$5
cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Spittin Vinnies
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Fantastic Liars|The
Brooklyns|Emma Cerra|Dan
Rodman|Front Bar5 p.m.-Aoe
Socha
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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Parachuter|Ghost Ocean|Last
Builders of Empire|Harborlights
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1557

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Easy Ed|Juke Joint Rythm
Rockers|whiskey kill
381 Summer St

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Cantina la Mexicana
Drew Townson y los Texicanos
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

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Radio Bar

Radio-Up: Virgo-A-Go-Go
Presents: Tallahassee|Three Day
Threshold|Summer Villians|Great
Elk.Radio-down:4 p.m.That
Beatles Band-all ages free.|Radio-
down:8 p.m The Pandemics|The
Oggs|Penalty Kill|Cry Havoc
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory

NYC Songwriters Beat Comes To
Boston!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Spokes 2012: A Somerville Bike Fest

5 p.m.-9 p.m.
Union Square Plaza

Sunday|September 9

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
Subpop Rec Artisy Jaill|Hardly Art
Rec Artist Fergus &
Geronimo|Sinnnet|9 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

My Band Is On Fire benefit for
musicians & others displaced by
Columbia St fire. Great bands all
night at Sally's, Precinct, and PA's
for one \$10 ticket! At Sally's:
5:30 Connor Wood, 6 Kara
Kupla, 6:30 Derek Devlin, 7 Rick
Berlin, 7:45 Streight Angular,
8:30 Madame Psychosis, 9
Axemunkee
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The Burren

Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar

Help Our Bands Are On Fire 2pm
live music all day fundrasier
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar

Sci-fi meet-up

381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar

Roy Sludge
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory

Ensemble 451 presents a tribute
to John Cage
4:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|September 10

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Bur Run|6:45 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Rosebud Bar

Closed Mondays
381 Summer St

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Tuesday|September 11

JohnnyD's

Kenny Tudrick|Marc Pinansky &
The Bored of Health
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt,
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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|September 5

Central Library

Book Group: Mystery
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Thursday|September 6

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Sunday|September 9

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Monday|September 10

East Branch Library

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(Session 1)|6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Session 2)|7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
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Central Library

Chess Night
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Tuesday|September 11

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Wednesday|September 12

Central Library

Somerville Arts Council Grant
Meeting
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Somerville Climate Action
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Guns recovered in traffic stop

Three men were arrested and eight handguns recovered on Sunday as a result of a routine traffic stop in Somerville. At about 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 2, Officer Robert Hickey, who was on routine traffic enforcement duty, observed a 2004 BMW traveling on Medford Street at an excessive rate of speed.

As the vehicle continued to increase its speed Officer Hickey activated his lights and siren, pulling the car over near Thurston Street. The operator, Sherwood Gustave, age 37, of

Mattapan, was found to have a suspended license and was placed under arrest.

Meanwhile, as back-up officers arrived, an empty pistol holster was observed on the rear seat of the vehicle.

The two passengers, Anthony Paulino, age 18 of Somerville and Gunter Vital, age 47 of Cambridge, were removed from the vehicle.

A search of the car led to the recovery of eight handguns, six of which were fully loaded. Two of those guns have been confirmed as stolen.

Paulino and Vital were subsequently arrested. All were charged with unlawful possession of handguns and ammunition, among other charges. Gustave was also charged with speeding and operating with a suspended license.

Chief Thomas Pasquarello had high praise for the officers who were involved. "Getting eight guns off our streets makes our community a little safer," said Chief Pasquarello.

All three men were arraigned and charged in Somerville District Court on Tuesday morning.



Guns recovered in traffic stop in Somerville on Sept. 2.

New initiatives will begin in Somerville Public Schools

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to develop a stronger connection between the school, families and the community.

"Approved funding support in this area will allow us to hire school-based family and community liaisons whose primary role will be to improve and [to] increase family engagement that creates strong supports for teaching, learning and school achievement," said Dr. Sarah Davila, District Administrator for Family and Community Partnerships.

"These liaisons will also collaborate with school-based volunteer coordinators to strengthen the connections between schools and their respective community and to leverage the vast array of skills, experience and energy that our community members bring to the table," said Davila.

Also, an initiative made it possible for the Winter Hill Community School to become the district's first innovation school.

"One of the basic tenets of our school system is the understanding that students thrive and have the most positive educational experience when a community is united in working toward common goals," said Susana H. Morgan, Coordinator of Grant Writing & Information in the Somerville Public Schools.

It is essential to note that, "Our students will benefit from a robust and rigorous curriculum that allows them to maximize their potential, as students, and as individuals," said Morgan.

Somerville is an extremely "engaged community," in which business professionals, families, community members and partners, as well as the city, work, along with schools, to encourage students.

"Community Engagement and Family Outreach are a key component of the school committee's and district's two year goals, and align strategically with our goals of improving student achievement and supporting innovation," she said.

The Somerville Public Schools' world language department is enlarging its curriculum to include middle school grades throughout the district. Based on broad community input, which was obtained in spring 2012, SPS middle school students will be able to take Spanish as an optional course. The district has hired three full-time teachers to support that course, which will take place five days a week.

It is expected that students, all of whom will be enrolled in the course for two years, will meet the high school Spanish I course requirement, and they will begin their high school world language study with Spanish II.

This language course will be challenging, and it will make it possible for students to "transition into" Honors Spanish II during their freshman year of high school, which will provide an opportunity for them to take advanced placement Spanish at the end of their high school world language study.

"The course content will focus on the two components of the communicative strand of the curriculum. The interpersonal component targets students' communication with each other and with the teacher in that language [and] the presentational component targets students' mastery of oral presentations, either individually, or in groups," said Jim Nocito, K-12

World Language Department Head of the Middle Grades Spanish Program.

"A tremendous amount of culture will be interwoven throughout the class. Two of the three teachers are native Spanish speakers. One is from Columbia and one is from Argentina. The third was a student-teacher at the high school last year who was eager to stay on, and brings great passion to that team. Finally, we want students to have fun, as they gain an appreciation of the language and the culture," said Nocito.

Another new initiative this school year, which will involve each classroom in grades 1 to 8 throughout the district, is a daily Intervention and Enrichment period of 40 minutes, which is less formally called the 'X' Block.

The block "supports what students are learning in core curriculum classes by providing students with the appropriate level of support or enrichment during this time block," said Morgan. Students who demonstrate proficiency in language arts and math will participate in enrichment and challenge activities "to further enhance their skills," she said.

The Spanish Language program will be available to eligible

students in 7th grade and 8th grade at the start of the school year during that time slot.

An expanded middle schools intramural sports program will provide students in grades 7 and 8 a chance to "hone" critical team and leadership skills by participating in a variety of competitive sports programs. Fall middle school intramural sports include tennis, flag football, volleyball and cross country. Winter sports include indoor soccer, All-City Swim Meet and Indoor Boys and Girls Track and Field Meet. Spring programs include basketball, swimming and participation in the Hershey Track Meet, which will be sponsored by the City of Somerville's recreation department.

Students in grades three and four will have the opportunity to take part in an intensive "music model," which will run after school. It is designed to achieve social change for underserved communities by the use of ensemble-focused music education.

El Sistema Somerville will operate each Monday to Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Edgerly Campus of the East Somerville Community School. The program will serve as many as 50 youth in its inau-

gural year. It will include SHS music students, as well as community members and college students, all of whom will serve as music mentors.

Diane Cline, Violinist, was recently hired as the Director of El Sistema Somerville.

Interested individuals may find more information about El Sistema Somerville on their Web site at <http://www.sistema-somerville.org/el-sistema>.

"We look forward to another great year of teaching and learning at the Somerville Public Schools. We're really pleased about the new initiatives that we have in place for this year. These initiatives will help us continue to move forward in providing our students with an outstanding education. We're also glad to welcome many new educators and administrators to the Somerville Public Schools and to the Somerville community. There's a great deal of positive energy and excitement about the coming year, and we look forward to working with all of our community partners and stakeholders to provide our students with an exceptional learning experience," said Tony Pierantozzi, Superintendent of Schools.

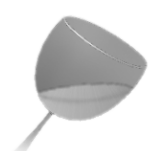
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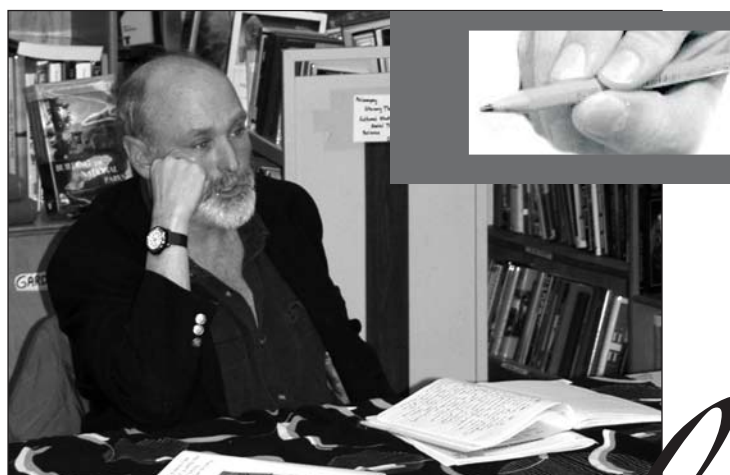
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

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

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 5		7:00pm: (15)	Project STAR		Your Doctor's Visits	11:30am: (15)	SHS Football vs Swampscott
9:00am: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	7:30pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	2:00pm: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	12:00pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
9:00am: (15)	Open Air Circus	7:45pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets - Going Green on Rt.16
11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:15pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	7:00am: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	12:40pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night
12:00pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	9:30pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	7:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Swampscott	1:50pm: (15)	Project STAR
12:00pm (15)	Kid Stuff	Friday, September 7		8:30am: (13/22)	Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visits	7:00pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
12:30pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	12:00am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	9:00am: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
1:30pm: (15)	String Camp Final Concert	12:00am: (15)	Project STAR	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:30pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through
2:00pm: (13/22)	Yarnstorming at Perry Park	12:30am: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	Sunday, September 9		8:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.
7:00pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	12:45am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	Tuesday, September 11	
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:15am: (15)	Open Air Circus	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Swampscott	12:00am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville
7:30pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	2:30am: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	1:30am: (13/22)	Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visits	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
8:00pm: (13/22)	Going Green on Rt.16	9:00am: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes	2:00am: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	12:30am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
8:10pm: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30am: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through
8:30pm: (15)	National Night Out 2012	12:00pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	1:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.
8:50pm: (13/22)	Yarnstorming at Perry Park	12:00pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	12:00pm: (15)	String Camp Final Concert	9:00am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
9:00pm: (13/22)	Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference	12:45pm: (15)	National Night Out 2012	12:30pm: (13/22)	Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference	9:00am: (15)	Open Air Circus
Thursday, September 6		1:30pm: (13/22)	Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visits	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.	11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.
12:00am: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	2:00pm: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	1:10pm: (13/22)	Somerville Gives Back	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:20pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	12:30pm: (13/22)	The Sunsetters on Hall Ave.
12:30am: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	7:00pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	1:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Picnic 2012
1:00am: (13/22)	SomerStreets - Going Green on Rt.16	7:00pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	7:00pm: (15)	String Camp Final Concert	1:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
1:10am: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes	7:45pm: (15)	National Night Out 2012	7:30pm: (13/22)	Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference	1:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
1:30am: (15)	National Night Out 2012	8:30pm: (13/22)	Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visits	8:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
1:50am: (13/22)	Yarnstorming at Perry Park	9:00pm: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville	8:10pm: (13/22)	Somerville Gives Back	7:00pm: (15)	Special Olympics 2012
2:00am: (15)	Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference	10:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Swampscott	8:20pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	7:30pm: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes
9:00am: (13/22)	Yarnstorming at Perry Park	Saturday, September 8		Monday, September 10		8:00pm: (15)	Project STAR
9:00am: (15)	String Camp Final Concert	12:00am: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	8:15pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/10/12
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1:30pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm: (13/22)	Art Beat 2012	1:20pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	1:00am: (15)	Project STAR
1:40pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Swampscott	9:00am: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	1:15am: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/10/12
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Jean Monahan: A Meditative Writer



I like to write my poetry amidst the din of a café—the atmosphere for some reason makes me able to focus. Poet Jean Monahan needs quiet. For her poetry is a form of meditation—and at times painful meditation.

Monahan, is a single mother, works a full time job, and tries to write when time allows.

She is the author of three books of poetry: *Hands* (chosen by Donald Hall to win the 1991 Anhinga Prize); and *Believe It or Not* and *Mauled Illusionist*, both published by Orchises Press (1999 and 2006). She has received several awards and an artist residency at Yaddo. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals and magazines, including *Poetry*, *The New Republic*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *Salamander*, as well as in several anthologies. Her MFA in Creative Writing is from Columbia University's School of the Arts.

I talked with her on my Somerville Community Access TV Show *Poet to Poet Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: In the manuscript you sent me *Pomegranate* you write a lot about fruit. You could say it is a kind of a fruit bowl of a collection. What is it with you and fruit?

Jean Monahan: (Laugh) Maybe I am a fruitcake. I have always liked to use inanimate objects and just let them speak for themselves. Something like a pomegranate has so many historical references. One thing that I read was that some people consider this fruit to have been present in the Garden of Eden. With all the seeds inside this fruit it could represent the galaxy. Fruit, of course can be pretty metaphorical. I was working on this manuscript and I began to realize that I had a number of poems that dealt with food. Food has a lot of associations for me.

DH: When you lived in East Cambridge you wrote in a small, separate room. Now, in your house in Salem you have a room to write. We know that Virginia Wolf talked about a writer having a room of one's own. Do you need a room to write—to write well?

JM: It is interesting because there are so many ways people work. When I am ready to work I have to be in a meditative state. I need quiet—absolute quiet. When I used to be in the East Cambridge apartment I used to put on a fan or something to create a low level buzz or white noise. Writing can be excruciating—so you need to eliminate the distractions and just focus. The room I have now is wonderful because it is a lot bigger than the little alcove that I had. I am less focused now than I was then because my life is different.

DH: In an interview I read you say for you—poetry is a form of meditation.

JM: Yes I don't formally meditate. But I find when if I am writing a poem that is going to work as a poem inevitably I will get into a meditative state where the poem comes out of my unconscious rather than my conscious state. That's hard to do. And since I have not been writing much the last few years it is harder to get in that state. When I was writing regularly I knew the poem was going somewhere when I didn't know what was coming next.

DH: You went to the Columbia University MFA Program. Who did you study with there?

JM: I studied with Richard Howard. Tom Lux was there briefly. A lot of people would come in for a week or so and then we would have the regular faculty. I had Bill Matthews—he was a big influence on me, as well as Molly Peacock. Dan Halpern was running the program. The stuff I learned there was great. The environment was stimulating. Very competitive. A lot of people in the program had degrees in English. My degree is in Psychology. There were a lot of conventions and understandings about writing that I didn't have. In a way that helped me because I wasn't overly influenced by some of these notions. And yet there were a lot of things I needed to know.

DH: You have described writing like mud wrestling with a pig.

JM: I think even when I wrote regularly—and more at ease with it; I found it very hard to get to the place where it was working.

DH: You taught in China around the time of Tienanmen Square Riot in the late 80's. Did you know poets then? Was there more powerful writing because of the danger of living under an oppressive regime?

JM: I was teaching English to university students. I helped them speak English. If someone was writing powerful poetry they didn't tell me about it because things were quite oppressive then. One of my students told me Mao was a poet. He wrote in the tradition of the poet/warrior. So Mao utilized poetry—metaphor to convey his ideas. He wrote in a tradition of recognizable metaphor.

DH: There is often an element of surprise in your work.

JM: You can't engineer it consciously. Sometimes you write a poem and you are surprised. A thought can come about in the writing process that surprises you—but it rings true. I like it—it doesn't happen often. When I don't see it coming—that's a thrill.

DH: What is a poem?

JM: Richard Howard said to me: "A poem is a made thing." There is a very big difference between poetry and journalism, as well as diary writing, a letter, etc... A poem is the initial impulse and then all that shaping and crafting.

Life After Water

In the life before water, we were rock.
Molten. Singed. The heat was in our mouths:
it took our words away.
Now we swim in the lake of vowels. I and you.
Water is about drift and change.
The trick is to embrace what absorbs
and dissolves you, let each stroke pull
the shadows into light.
When you step on a fish, you take on its power.
The edge of the lake is where we end.
In the life after water,
wind speaks with a louder voice,
the sky is white with dying stars.
Only those with water in their ears
can hear them fall.

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Lyrical SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Cynthia Duda is a colleague of mine at Bunker Hill Community College. Not only is she a great teacher, and carries herself with dramatic flair, but she also can write one mean poem. Case in point: *From My Boss Who Got It*.



From My Boss Who Got It

My boss went to see The Boss when Bruce
got back together with the E Street Band
and they played The Meadowlands, a place
somewhere in the swamps of Jersey
I've never been and don't foresee going—
too much driving and too many peep,
which is how my French aunt who avoided
crowds put it. Instead, I put my feet
in my sneaks and walked to work, took
messages from nasty peeps, sorted mail,
typed a will, made copies of Hobson
Jobson, then walked back home to my dogs
and flowers as if I'd been far away,
though it's less than a mile to my office,
while my boss was driving to the Bronx
from Boston to catch a Yankees game
after a day trip to Martha's Vineyard
(just repeating it makes me dizzy)
before he caught the music. It caught
me long ago, a boomer in bed
with the measles, Jo Stafford, Sinatra,
Kirsten Flagstad singing arias
on neighborhood radios. If it's good
I want it regardless in my ears
each night when I water my garden,
cook dinner, fold laundry. Today
when I woke I wanted a cello
to play when my children go back
to college to soften the darkness
and quiet. It's August, you see,
or would if you looked through the window
of Doonan and Graves where no one wears
shoes when the boss is away—discalced
I call it—and what I got was a white
cotton tee with the Boss's picture on it
from my boss who got it by driving
as if the distance was only the walk
through the office from his desk to mine.

— Cynthia Duda

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