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Somerville withdraws from Secure Communities program



Photo by Douglas Yu

Mayor Curtatone, members of the Board of Alderman, and ACLU attorney Laura Rotolo participated in the press conference announcing the mayor's executive order regarding the Secure Communities program.

By Douglas Yu

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone has taken what he describes as a "pro-safety and pro-family" action by signing an executive order to withdraw the city from the Secure Communities program, a program initially enacted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to remove illegal aliens who pose a threat to public safety.

Curtatone calls the program "a flawed federal program that has left communities less safe, torn apart families and deported people with no criminal convictions."

In Massachusetts alone, there have been more than 1,000 deportations since the program was enacted two years ago, and 61 percent of the deportees show no criminal records, according to Curtatone. Meanwhile, ICE has admitted that about 5 percent of people who were detained by the ICE are U.S. citizens.

"For two years, we've been told that we don't know what's the best for our community and how to keep our community safe," Curtatone said at a press conference held at City Hall last Wednesday morning. "Like so many actions, Secure Communities began with the best intentions, but in practice,

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Afro D All Starz ready for SomerStreets

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

"Thinking about music, people say things like, 'Well, are you a trumpet player, MC, or spoken-word artist? Is your band hip hop, jazz, or soul?' My answer is, 'Yes. All of the above,'" Pete Shungu, aka "Afro D" said. People can get a taste of his eclectic style when he and his band, the Afro D All Starz, perform June 1 at the kick off of the 2014 SomerStreets festival on East Broadway (McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Avenue). The band's most recent album, *Strength in Numbers*, was recorded, mixed and mastered by Yuki Kanesaka and Wil Renderos of the Audio Chemists.

Shungu performed at Somerville's 2012 Martin Luther King Day celebration, and the Afro D All Starz were invited to perform at SomerStreets by the city's LGBT liaison because, according to SomerStreets' Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, "their music speaks to a sense of community and calls on people to be allies to one another."

Shungu wears his Somerville pride with heart. "We rehearse in Somerville,"

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The Afro D All Starz will be a featured attraction at this coming Sunday's Carnaval @ SomerStreets event.

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This year’s Memorial Day Parade has become a big hit here in the city, by far the largest in the state at least. We remember the days of living a block from the parade route. We’d rush up to see the parade, and it was over within seven minutes. Congratulations to Joe Curtatone’s administration for doing a great job in organizing this yearly event. The crowd along the route was big as well, and appreciative of the many who marched in celebration of our veterans. Our good little friend Delia and her uncle Bobbygeorge have been long time parade attendees.

This Thursday at the SHS/City Hall concourse at 2:45 p.m., join Mayor Joe Curtatone in raising the Gay/Straight Alliance’s pride flag in honor of Pride Week.

Happy birthday this week to some of our fans and friends, both those in the Ville and those with their hearts here. Big time “happy birthday” to our good friend of many years and the matriarch of the Hart family, nurse Mary Hart. She and her husband, Richard, raised 10 kids here in the city. We certainly wish Mary the very best of birthdays; she is a great lady. Another popular lady who grew up here -and who lives and still works here- is Florence Chickie Pero. She is also celebrating this week. Two of our good friends (we don’t use this phrase lightly, like others) are celebrating this week, as well: longtime friend Johanna Webster, a Realtor out of Andover with CBRB; and good friend Nelson Zide, another great Realtor out of Framingham with Key Realty Services. We wish them both a great day for themselves.

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The East Somerville Reunion is coming July 12, and anyone who grew up in the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s here in East Somerville is invited to the City Club on Lower Washington (across from the Holiday Inn). The time is

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Mayor to limit Somerville participation in secure communities program

Roberto says:

In my opinion Curtatone’s action is a very positive thing not for just immigrants but for the city of Somerville. I know people who unfortunately is illegal in the country and still give people job opportunities including american citizens. Once again congratulations mayor Curtatone for the courage and for thinking about not only about all residents but also their kids who will no longer have the risk to get separated from their parents because of deportation.

Uncle Rocco says:

I wish we’d spend more energy and resources on going after people who cheat on their taxes than who cheat on their immigration status. They’re both civil federal offenses. But one group actually adds to the economic health of the country, and the other steals from it.

somdog says:

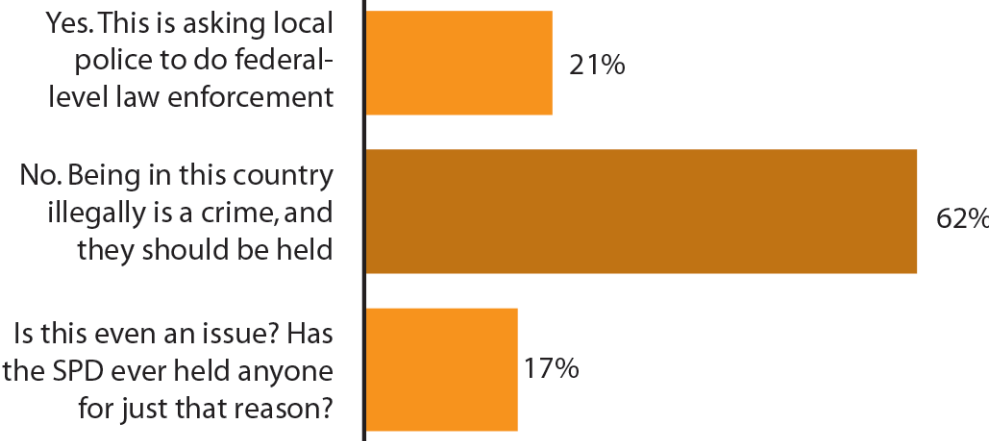
Truly both a disgrace and lie, in an attempt to shore up the Hispanic vote. First, if they are in Somerville Police custody, this means it is at least the second time they have been involved in criminal activity, ICE would not have a detainer lodged if they were not involved with another felony. The Mayor talks about the 10 Illegals turned over to ICE in Somerville, why not report on the charges they were involved with that ICE had issued detainers? Why not address that the reason they had no criminal record is because they defaulted on their charges before their court case was to be heard and that is why they had issued a detainer? If i was a fugitive I would be making Somerville my new home!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you agree with Mayor Curtatone’s executive order for police not to hold immigrants based solely on immigration status. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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BOA meeting addresses transgender rights, fossil-fuel investments

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Members of the Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting this past Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall to discuss several important matters that are facing the city.

To begin, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston explained goings on at the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, including the appointment of two applicants to be sworn into the Somerville Police Department. The two men, Shaun Clark and Alexander Lorenti, were sworn in upon the approval of the BOA, and will now attend the academy.

Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz provided a rundown of matters that were discussed in the last Committee on Legislative Matters, including the approval of an amendment to the city's Human Rights Policy Ordinance to protect transgender individuals from discrimination. This ordinance would add gender identity and expression to the Human Rights Policy.

Alderman Gewirtz pointed out that there was a strong turnout at that committee meeting for this matter, and many were in attendance for the BOA's general meeting as well. The BOA accepted the enrollment of the

report, and the ordinance was ordained with unanimous approval from the aldermen in attendance that night.

The BOA also approved an agenda item that involved the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$2,940 provided by the Somerville Health Foundation to the Council on Aging that will support the Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit 4 Life Fitness Program.

The major public hearings that took place May 22 related to the installation of conduit by Lighttower Fiber Network from a Metro Media manhole to an existing NStar manhole in New Washington Street. This request was accompanied by two separate similar ones from NStar and Comcast, while the first was approved and the two others were both referred for recommendation.

Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin described an act that was recently passed by the state Senate regarding increased opportunities for long-term substance abuse recovery. He requested the support of the BOA on this matter, which was approved as well.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone had sent communications to the BOA to request to appear before the board in an executive session to further discuss litigation



Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin advocated for a study of improved substance abuse recovery programs at Thursdays General Meeting of the Board of Alderman.

strategy as it relates to an Everett casino license and pending community arbitration with Wynn MA, LLC.

The board approved this and two other items submitted by the mayor's office, one regarding to litigation strategy for Clear Channel billboard requests and the other collective bargaining. All three items were taken off the table and approved for further discussion.

Several appointments for the

Somerville Fire Department were referred to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, while licensing and permit requests were also sent to the applicable committees.

The BOA discussed a matter that first sprouted up several months ago, when fossil fuel divestment was discussed by advocacy groups, members of the board and others from the community. City Solicitor Francis Wright had then explained

that either the board or individual aldermen taking action in this matter could be viewed as a conflict of interest, and that he would discuss the matter with the state Ethics Commission.

The specific target was the Somerville Retirement Board, which advocacy groups such as Fossil Free Somerville requested divest from fossil fuel related companies in the original meeting in March. After researching more, the

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City team to visit development applicants' projects

With four finalists chosen for master developer of the targeted redevelopment in Union Square, representatives from the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, the city and the Board of Aldermen will travel to four cities during the last week of May to see for themselves what each of the finalists has accomplished in building mixed-use developments in already dense urban environments.

From Monday, May 26, through Friday, May 30, a 10-person team including representatives of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC), the Board of Aldermen, staff from the city's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, and Mayor Joe Curtatone will travel to Bethesda, Md., Chicago, Portland, Ore., and San Jose.

"Each developer's presentations aside, we have to see for ourselves what they have accomplished," Curtatone said. "Are their projects true, sustainable communities built into the fabric of an existing urban neighborhood? Are the streetscapes welcoming to pedestrians and bicyclists? Have they built in green space?

Are they vibrant urban rooms and not ghost towns during the day? These are critical questions that cannot be answered by pictures seen during presentations, but seeing for ourselves what these developers have accomplished."

The three master developer finalists to be visited next week are each paying an equal amount to cover the travel and related expenses for the city's team, roughly \$20,000 in total, which will cover all 10 members of the team's due diligence visits for this portion of the work. The payments of travel expenses are regulated by the Massachusetts Ethics Commission's regulations, which allows the payments for a legitimate public purpose, in this case business travel necessary to make informed purchasing decisions, selections and inspections. Each member of the city's team will also file written disclosures to the Ethics Commission.

The team will view projects completed by the of the four Union Square master developer finalists: Federal Realty Investment Trust's Bethesda Row in Bethesda and Santana Row in San Jose (Federal Realty has partnered with National Development on its application); US2's

Lake Shore East and University Village in Chicago; and Gerding Edlen's Brewery Blocks and South Waterfront District in Portland. A subsequent site visit will be scheduled to tour the Abbey Group's projects in Greater Boston.

"Thanks to the diligence and hard work of the CAC and the SRA, we have four excellent finalists for this important task, but given the scope and importance of getting Union Square right and ensuring that we achieve the community's goals, we must undertake even more intense due diligence before the SRA makes any decision on a master developer," Curtatone said.

At the end of April, the 20-member Union Square Civic Advisory Committee submitted a final report to the SRA that selected The Abbey Group, Federal Realty Investment Trust and National Development, Gerding Edlen and US2 as its four finalists for Union Square master developer out of the nine teams that submitted responses to the SRA's request for qualifications. Members of the Civic Advisory Committee represent community members, local advocates and business owners with a range of skill sets and perspectives. The

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

All she wanted was a light

A police officer patrolling the Davis Square area last Saturday afternoon heard someone shout, “Fight!” in the vicinity of Statue Park and proceeded to the scene to investigate.

Upon arrival the officer reportedly spotted one woman striking another woman, as well

as a man who was apparently attempting to intercede and break up the fight.

The officer immediately radioed for backup then separated the two women.

Upon questioning, the alleged victim told police that the woman who was hitting

her, Jill Koerber, 34, became upset because she did get a cigarette lighter that she had asked for from the victim. She then began hitting the victim and her male companion, according to reports.

Koerber continuously shouted obscenities at the victim as

the officers tried to question her, police said. The incident was unfolding in the middle of Statue Park, where many families with children were gathered at the time.

As Koerber repeatedly ignored the officers’ request to calm down and stay quiet, it

was decided that she would be placed under arrest and charged with assault and disorderly conduct.

Koerber reportedly kicked and screamed as she was forcibly put into a patrol car for transport to booking, shouting, “You bitch! All this over a lighter!”

Students just couldn’t leave school voluntarily

Police were called to Somerville High School by the Vice Principal last week to assist in having two students removed from the premises.

The Vice Principal reportedly indicated that the boys had been disruptive and were asked to leave the school grounds more than once, after

becoming involved in a minor incident.

The two juveniles were reportedly verbally abusive to the Vice Principal and continued to re-

fuse leaving the school grounds.

Police officers searched the area and eventually found the boys near the school atrium.

They were subsequently

placed under arrest, charged with disrupting a public assembly, and taken off the school grounds for booking at the Police Station.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Liban Ali, 23, of 362 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, May 20, 4:55 p.m., arrested at 32 Myrtle St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and improper operation of a motor vehicle.

Jeremy Gillis, 30, of 15 Weston Ave., May 21, 2:07 p.m., arrested at Bay State Ave. on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime and drug possession to distribute.

Victor Perez, 21, of 510 Mystic Ave., May 21, 5:22 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and destruction of property over \$250.

Two juveniles, May 22, 1:37 p.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on a charge of disturbance of a public assembly.

Jannell Taylor, 26, of 16 Akron St., Roxbury, May 23, 5:15 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

Julio Castro, 34, of 8 Everett St., May 23, 7:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Christina Laverentz, 31, of 66 Hume Ave., Medford, May 23, 10:06 p.m., arrested at 381 Summer St. on charges of fail-

ure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jill Koerber, 34, of 51 Wallace St., May 24, 3:04 p.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on charges of assault and disorderly conduct.

Chastity Roca, 35, of 235 Westover Hills Dr., Cary, NC, May 24, 4:30 p.m., arrested at 500 Mystic Ave. on charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

Alfrado Faherty, 20, of 268R Powderhouse Blvd., May 24, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jason Lescalleet, 46, of 9 Deer Trail Ln., Berwick, ME, May 25, 5:18 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Charles Cashman, 62, May 25, 12:05 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of trespassing and shoplifting by asportation.

James Huguley, 50, May 25, 7:57 p.m., arrested at 660 Broadway on a charge of trespassing.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 19, 1:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Line St.

May 20, 1:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Bow St.

May 20, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at 396 Highland Ave.

May 20, 4:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Weston Ave.

May 20, 6:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

May 21, 1:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

May 21, 3:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Rogers Ave.

May 21, 3:41 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

May 21, 10:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

May 24, 5:17 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

May 25, 7:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Rossmore St.

Robbery:

May 21, 11:45 a.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Highland Hwy.

May 24, 1:27 a.m., police reported a robbery at Central St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 21, 6:53 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Columbus Ave.

May 25, 1:47 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

Vehicle Theft:

May 23, 1:20 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Myrtle St.

Assault:

May 21, 5:22 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

May 22, 4:47 a.m., police reported an assault at Tufts St.

May 22, 8:25 p.m., police reported an assault at 275 Beacon St.

May 22, 8:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Gilman St.

May 23, 6:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Arlington Ave.

May 23, 9:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Everett St.

May 24, 3:04 p.m., police reported an assault at 4 College Ave.

May 25, 12:08 a.m., police reported an assault at Lowell St.

Destruction of Property:

May 20, 11:31 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 13 Elm St.

May 20, 4:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Linwood St.

May 21, 2:01 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Gordon St.

May 21, 12:27 p.m., police reported a destruction of proper-

ty at 75 Mystic Ave.

May 21, 2:41 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Grand Union Blvd.

May 21, 4:42 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Tufts St.

May 21, 6:00 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Jasper St.

May 21, 2:50 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at South St.

May 23, 7:49 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Ellington Rd.

May 25, 12:05 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 180 Somerville Ave.

May 25, 9:57 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

Disorderly Conduct:

May 19, 11:54 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Medford St.

May 22, 1:37 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 91 Highland Ave.

May 24, 8:01 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 105 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

May 25, 5:18 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 709 McGrath Hwy.

Drug Violation:

May 22, 5:54 p.m., police reported a drug violation at College Ave.

OPEN LETTER

To Mr. Crosby and the Mass Gaming Commission,

By now you have certainly heard from countless Somerville residents regarding the proposed Everett casino. You have no doubt heard concerns about environmental issues, traffic, crime, and a lack of support for casinos in general. I share all of these concerns, and greatly fear the detrimental effects of a casino so close to Somerville. However, as the ward 1 alderman, whose district is right across the river from the proposed casino, I have another fear that is being overlooked. That concern is the economic impact the casino will have on our newly burgeoning East Somerville business districts.

It took nearly 50 years for our work at Assembly Square to finally come to fruition. Businesses are only now opening in what has been heralded as the biggest development on the eastern seaboard. We are also in the midst of a complete renovation of lower Broadway, which promises to turn East Somerville into a hot destination for restaurants and social events. My neighborhood fought for generations to finally get the financial respect it deserves. Now casino executives from Las Vegas arbitrarily picked a contaminated Monsanto site to drop a towering structure that will siphon all the expected revenue from

our efforts.

There are many things that can be said of the pros and cons of casinos in Massachusetts. No one can deny that a casino will make money, which means revenue for the commonwealth. But for every action there is a reaction. Just as it is clear that a casino will make money, it is equally clear that money spent in such a casino will be money lost to every business in the vicinity. The very nature of a casino is to bring customers in and not let them go until they are bled for every penny they have. Casinos do not share. They want all the revenue, not just some, otherwise they would not build the restaurants, bars and activities unrelated to gambling. A casino is first and foremost a gambling hotspot, and with all forms of gambling, the house always wins in the long run and everyone else is left wanting.

It is unfortunate that the good people of Everett are being seduced with the promises of tax revenue and business dollars to sell their neighborhood to Las Vegas speculators. I truly understand their desire to improve their community, but every neighborhood surrounding the proposed site is vehemently opposed to it. A towering gambling structure, surrounded by numerous established business districts, in the middle of one of the most

crowded roads in the state, is not the appropriate location for such a venue.

There is a location, however, that makes far more sense for a casino, and that is the proposed site in Revere. Suffolk Downs is an economically blighted, downtrodden area that is in desperate need of rehabilitation. They already have horse racing, and that business will surely see increased revenue from a casino, as opposed to our neighborhood which will certainly see a loss of revenue. Revere also lost significant revenue due to the state ban on dog racing. If a casino must be built, and that is a big if, it would certainly be better suited to an area already known for gambling, not known for chemical waste and traffic jams.

The people of East Somerville have waited a long time to see their community rise as a destination. We did it the hard way, by creating a desirable mixed-use neighborhood with businesses making an honest dollar. Our efforts should not be undermined by get rich quick schemes from billionaires thousands of miles away. I humbly request that this board reject the proposed Everett site in favor of the Revere location.

Sincerely,
Matthew McLaughlin
Alderman, Ward 1, Somerville

City team to visit development applicants’ projects

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SRA voted in May to accept that report and the selection of those four finalists. It will next continue to discuss the finalists’ qualifications at its next meeting June 5.

“The redevelopment of targeted sites in Union Square and our vision for the future of Union Square is too important to rely solely on applications and presentations alone,” Somerville Redevelopment Authority Chairman Nancy Busnach said.

“Visiting these projects ourselves and seeing first hand the work done by the four finalists will allow us to make a fully informed decision about which, if any, of these developers can take on the task of designing and implementing the Union Square Revitalization Plan while retaining the character of the neighborhood and what we already love about it.”

The master developer partner will work with the city, the SRA,

current property owners and community members to design and implement the first phase of the Union Square Revitalization Plan, including the redevelopment of seven key parcels identified in the plan.

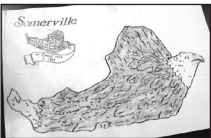
Once a master developer partner is selected, the CAC will act as a sounding board for the master developer. The committee will help shape proposals that will then be brought forward for full public review.

The team and its itinerary

The members of the city’s team include Mayor Curtatone; Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston; Ward 5 Alderman and Housing and Community Development Committee Chairman Mark Nierdergang; SRA Chairman Nancy Busnach; SRA member Michael Dwyer; CAC Chairman Wig Zamore; CAC member Michael Dacey from Fringe Union; OSPCD Executive Director Michael Glavin; City Director of Economic Development Ed O’Donnell; and Amanda Maher, senior economic planner from OSPCD. The itinerary for these due diligence trips is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 27:** Leave Boston at 8 a.m. to Washington, DC
Leave Washington, DC at 4:49 p.m. to Chicago
- Wednesday, May 28:** Leave Chicago at 5:25 p.m. to Portland
- Thursday, May 29:** Leave Portland at 4:30 p.m. to San Jose
- Friday, May 30:** Leave San Francisco at 4:29 p.m. to Boston

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

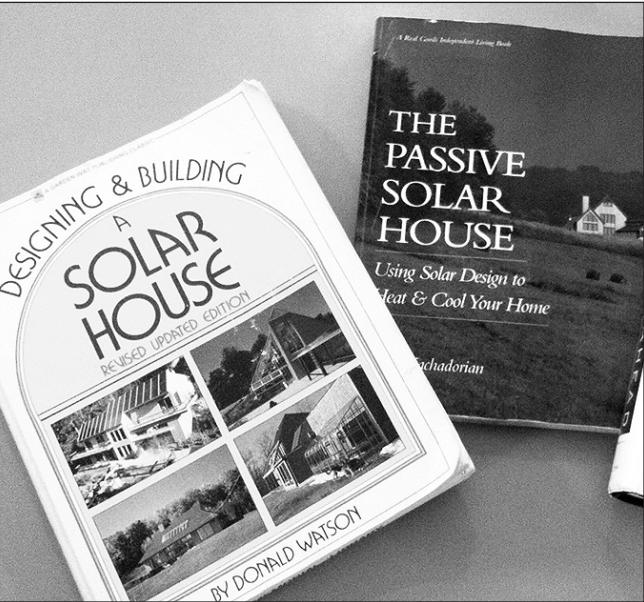


Eagle feathers #53

“Solar”ville

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

About three weeks ago, Somerville had two days in a row of 80 degree weather, the first time since last August. The winter was long and cold, but the sun did shine; and we all benefitted from its power. The sun has been out there for about 4.5 billion years and scientist’s say it hasn’t even approached its middle age yet. It’s a huge entity in which its actions give us our heat, water, and vegetation. It took a long time, 200,000 years, but newcomer, “man,” is now tapping its gifts.



Look around you. Its seeds are sprouting all over in the form of solar panels. You can find them everywhere and in every size. They provide power to laptops, toys and hearing aides, to the roof of the White House and space vehicles on the moon. Locally, you can see an increasing amount of roof top panels, and even the squares and parks of Somerville are sprinkled with solar-panel trash compactors called Big Belly. Solar power has come to Gillette Stadium’s Patriot Place and also to Fenway Park, the first professional baseball stadium to go solar. Massachusetts currently has about 47 solar panels for every seat at Fenway. Even on Route 93, as it winds through the city, you can observe that some of its signs and equipment are solar, as are the rooftops of some of the buildings that border it.

These solar panels have more to do with Somerville than one would think. In 1909, The New York Herald, Scientific American, Modern Electronics, Technical World Magazine, and the Engineering News, were among others who featured a Somerville man in their newspapers and journals. His name was George Cove. He moved here from Canada and like his father before him, was an inventor. He once invented an automobile brake and traded its rights for a \$1,400 car, a lot of money for that time. He received a Gold Medal from the Canadian government for his plan to utilize the Bay of Fundy and its fifty-foot ocean tide for power. Add to the list, a seven-year windless electric clock and other inventions. But his most pioneering and inspiring invention was the creation of the first solar panel and battery to harvest the sun’s power and put it to work. Mr. Cove successfully built and tested it at his factory at 486 Somerville Avenue, the site of the now St. Anthony’s School. Patented in 1906, it was called the “Solar Electric Generator” and was the foundation of solar energy today.

So, you can thank George if you find yourself out and about observing and dreaming of solar power at work. Solar cars are right around the corner, and highway pavement itself might soon be turned into giant solar collectors. But be careful because solar panels also power the new anti-speed cameras on our roads.

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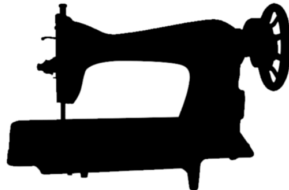
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'Carnaval @ SomerStreets' this Sunday

The city's fifth annual SomerStreets series kicks off for summer 2014 with "Carnaval @ SomerStreets" on East Broadway Sunday, June 1, from noon to 4 p.m. (rain or shine). SomerStreets is the city's take on the internationally renowned "open streets" concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running and other activities.

The event June 1 is produced through a partnership with East Somerville Main Streets, and its programming will extend along East Broadway from the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Avenue.

SomerStreets begins at noon with the motion parade at the Cross Street Senior Center led by Mayor Joseph Curtatone. Carnaval will have live music on three stages with performances by: Afro D All Starz; Marcus Santos and AfroBrazil; Duppy Conquerors; Hot Sauce

Blues Jam; the PHA drum line; On Stage Dance; El Sistema Somerville; Dirty Water Brass Band; Coral infanto-juvenil do BEM; Meta Dance; and The Pennies. Other activities include "SomerPeople" -a celebration of Somerville's diversity- family friendly entertainment, arts and crafts and outdoor dining.

In order to ensure public safety at the event, several road closures and parking bans will be in effect between McGrath Highway and Lombardi Avenue.

- Closed to all vehicular traffic
- No parking on either side of the street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Residents who live on the west side of Broadway will be detoured onto Broadway at Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Residents who live on the east side of Broadway will be detoured onto Pearl Street.
- One-way streets on the west side of Broadway will become two-way streets for the duration of the event.
- Buses will be rerouted from



East Broadway will come alive with the sights, sounds and spectacle of "Carnaval @ SomerStreets" this coming Sunday.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact 311 for more information. For more information on road closures or how to participate in upcoming events, contact Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, director of community relations, at 857-523-9017 or visit www.somervillema.gov.

Upcoming SomerStreets dates and locations

SomerStreets takes place one Sunday per month from June to October. The 2014 events schedule after June 1 is as follows:

- Sunday, July 27: Seize the Summer @ SomerStreets. Highland Avenue (Walnut Street to Cedar Street)
- Sunday, Sept. 7: Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets. Holland Street (Davis Square to Teele Square)
- Sunday, Oct. 20: Monster MashedUp @ SomerStreets. Somerville Avenue (Union Square to Elm Street)



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on one roll call and local senators on 11 from the week of May 19-23.

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen
DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

CHARTER SCHOOLS (H 4091)
House 114-35, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would gradually lift the cap on charter schools in some Massachusetts communities. Lifting the cap would be allowed only in the lowest performing 10 percent of districts that are also at or near the current cap for the 2017-2018 academic year. The measure also requires troubled schools that are in danger of becoming underperforming schools to be designated as “challenge schools” and to develop two-year turnaround plans. Supporters said the bill provides a very responsible and limited increase in the charter school caps and would only affect six districts. They noted it would also give a second chance to low-performing schools by allowing then to develop turnaround plans before being declared underperforming.

Opponents said the cap should not be lifted at all. They argued that these experimental schools have questionable performance records and are draining desperately needed funds and many of the best students from regular public schools.
(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

APPROVE \$36.4 BILLION FISCAL 2015 STATE BUDGET (S 4)
Senate 39-1, following two days and nights of debate, approved an estimated \$36.4 billion fiscal 2015 state budget. During debate, the Senate added a bottom line of \$130 million to the price tag. The House has approved a different version of the budget. A House-Senate conference committee will work out a compromise version and send it to Gov. Deval Patrick. Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that funds important programs to the best of the state’s ability during this difficult economy. The lone opponent said the budget is fiscally irresponsible and is based on millions of dollars in taxes working families can’t afford. He noted it also continues a trend of inadequate local aid to cities and towns.
(A “Yes” vote is for the budget. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY (S 4)
Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10, without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax. Supporters of the bill said that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past several years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argued that the state’s sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days. Some opponents of the bill said the state cannot afford the up to \$40 million revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years.
(A “Yes” vote is for the tax-free holiday. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

REPEAL INDEXING OF GAS TAX (S 4)
Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment that would repeal the indexing of the gas tax to inflation. Supporters of repeal said this indexing amounts to a permanent regular increase in the gas tax. They argued that future legislators, not some faceless, unaccountable economic index, should decide whether to raise the gas tax. They noted that if this index had been in place in 1992, the gas tax today would be 40 cents per gallon instead of 24 cents per gallon. Opponents of repeal said the indexing is a fair indicator of whether the gas tike should be hiked. They noted

the indexing is essential to ensure that there is sufficient money to pay for any rise in the costs of the materials that are used for road and bridge repairs and other transportation projects. The argued that future legislators can always propose decreases in the gas tax.
(A “Yes” vote is for repealing indexing. A “No” vote is against repeal and favors indexing.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

REDUCE INCOME TAX RATE TO 5 PERCENT (S 4)
Senate 5-34, rejected an amendment reducing the income tax from 5.3 percent to 5 percent over three years. Amendment supporters said that voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year’s 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003, and it is time for the Legislature to honor that vote. They argued that the billions of dollars saved by taxpayers will be pumped back into the economy. Opponents said the state simply cannot afford to lose billions of dollars in revenue that will result in severe cuts to very important programs like education, local aid, mental health and substance abuse.
(A “Yes” vote is for the reduction. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

REPEAL “ESTATE/DEATH” TAX (S 4)
Senate 4-34, rejected an amendment that would repeal Massachusetts’ estate tax, also known as the death tax – a tax on the value of the decedent’s estate before distribution to any beneficiary. The first \$1 million is exempt from this tax and the tax on anything over \$1 million is a graduated one that according to the Department of Revenue’s website ranges from .8 percent to 16 percent. Amendment supporters said this regressive tax is unfair and noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents who move to other states where this tax does not exist. Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford the estimated \$360 million annual loss in revenue.
(A “Yes” vote is for repeal of the tax. A “No” vote is against repeal and favors the tax.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

PAY SALES TAX ON ACTUAL SALE PRICE OF CELL PHONE (S 4)
Senate 13-25, rejected an amendment that would require consumers to pay the state’s 6.25 sales tax only on the price they actually pay for a cell phone. Under a current regulation by the Department of Revenue, the sales tax on the purchase of a bundled package – a cellular phone discounted because it is sold along with the customer’s one-, two- or three-year commitment to the seller’s calling plan – is based on the wholesale price that the store paid for it, not on the price actually paid by the consumer. That wholesale price is almost always higher than what the consumer paid for the phone. For example, a phone has a suggested retail price of \$500, but the store purchased it wholesale for \$200 and then sold it at a discount for \$50 because it came with a service agreement. Under current regulations, the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax would be based on the \$200, not on the \$50 the customer actually paid. In that case, the retailer may choose to pay the additional sales tax, share it with the consumer or pass it entirely on to the consumer.

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Supporters of the new proposal said it is ridiculous that a customer and/or a retailer is currently forced to pay a sales tax on an amount that was more than the actual transaction. They argued it is time to change this antiquated and unfair regulation and save retailers and consumers millions of dollars.

Opponents of the proposal said the state cannot afford the estimated \$12 million revenue loss.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment calculating the tax based on the price the consumer paid. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (S 4)

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment that would increase the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 30 percent of the federal credit. The credit is applied toward the taxpayer’s liability, and if it exceeds the liability, the taxpayer receives the excess credit as a refund.

Amendment supporters said this increased credit will help thousands of low-income working families who are struggling to make ends meet and will result in many of them paying little or no state income tax.

Some amendment opponents said the increase would cost the state an estimated \$130 million, which it cannot afford. Others said they might support the idea but that the proposal is a major change and should be filed as a separate bill that would go through the normal legislative process including public hearings.

(A “Yes” vote is for the increase. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

TRANSPARENCY (S 4)

Senate 16-23, rejected an amendment that would require the state treasurer to post on its Open Checkbook website the name and the amount that the state has paid out in any severance and settlement agreements involving state employee disputes.

Amendment supporters said the average annual payout by the state averages more than \$11 million. They argued that state officials often ignore public record laws by stonewalling legitimate requests, charging exorbitant fees and making far more redactions than necessary.

Amendment opponents said a Senate committee is already working on a similar bill. They argued the idea should be considered as a separate piece of legislation that would go through the normal legislative process including public hearings.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

USE SURPLUS FOR LOCAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS (S 4)

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment that would require one-half of any state surplus tax revenue remaining at the end of this fiscal year on June 30 to be distributed to cities and towns as additional local aid. The amendment would cap the amount at \$50 million.

Amendment supporters said this would promote fiscal responsibility and ensure that the Legislature does not squander any budget surplus. They argued that strug-

gling cities and towns need this excess money.

Amendment opponents said it is irresponsible to promise any portion of a surplus to cities and towns without knowing what the state’s financial situation will be at that time. They argued that the amendment would tie the hands of the Legislature.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment requiring that up to \$50 million of surplus revenue go to local aid. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

REVIEW ALL STATE CREDIT CARDS (S 4)

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment requiring the state auditor to conduct an audit of every state-funded credit card distributed by state agencies and quasi-independent agencies.

Amendment supporters said there have been problems involving misuse of credit cards. They argued it is time to crack down and ensure the cards are not abused.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is unnecessary. They noted State Auditor Suzanne Bump has already made great progress in addressing this issue.

(A “Yes” vote is for the review of all credit cards. A “No” vote is against the review.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

WELFARE CHANGES (S 4)

Senate 12-17, rejected an amendment making changes in the state’s welfare and Electronic Benefits Card (EBT Card) systems. Provisions include requiring newly issued or reissued EBT cards to have a photograph; terminating the benefits to any recipient who fails to notify the welfare department of a change of address; establishing that an absence from the state for more than 30 days means the recipient’s Massachusetts residency has been abandoned; prohibiting the cards from being used to buy televisions, stereos, video games or consoles at rent-to-own stores; and penalizing store owners who knowingly sell prohibited items to a recipient.

Supporters said this long overdue overhaul of the welfare system is firm, fair and honest and will crack down on welfare abuse while offering many poor people a road to economic independence. They noted the House and Senate in November approved two different versions of a reform bill that have been stuck in a conference committee since then.

Amendment opponents urged senators to wait until a conference committee has hashed out a compromise version on which each branch can vote.

(A “Yes” vote is for the restrictions. A “No” vote is against them.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS (S 4) - The House gave initial approval to a bill imposing a mandatory ten-year sentence on someone who commits an assault or an assault and battery on a state, local or MBTA police officer by discharging a firearm, rifle, shotgun, assault weapon or covert weapon while the officer is en-

gaged in his or her duties.

MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES (H 3036) - The House gave initial approval to a bill expanding the current “Move Over Law” to include public utility vehicles. The current law requires drivers to reduce their speed to that of a “reasonable and safe speed for road conditions” when they spot an emergency vehicle with flashing lights on the side of the highway. The current law applies to fire trucks, police vehicles, ambulances, disaster vehicles and highway maintenance vehicles.

SHARK FINS (H 4089) - The House gave initial approval to a bill banning the possession and sale of shark fins in the Bay State. Shark finning is the practice of cutting off the fins of sharks and then throwing them back into the ocean to die. The bill is being spearheaded by Sean Lesniak, a nine-year-old boy from Lowell.

Supporters said it is outrageous and a shame that this is all done merely to make shark fin soup, an Asian delicacy.

CHANGES IN ELECTION LAWS (H 4207) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill making changes in the state’s election laws. Key provisions allow online voter registration; 16- and 17-year-olds to “pre-register” to vote and automatically be qualified to vote upon turning 18; and early voting beginning 10 business days before any primary or general election and ending two days before the election.

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 May 19-23, the House met for a total of five hours and 24 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 26 hours and 57 minutes.

Mon. May 19	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Tues. May 20	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 21	House 1:06 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Senate 10:01 a.m. to 9:32 p.m.
Thurs. May 22	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. Senate 10:01 a.m. to 12:25 a.m. (Friday)
Fri. May 23	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Refuting myths about undocumented immigrants



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week I signed an executive order that limits Somerville's participation in the flawed federal Secure Communities program, through which U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) asks—but does not require, as this is a program and not federal law—local law enforcement to hold undocumented immigrants after they have already posted bail or been ordered released by the courts. Somerville is taking this step to bring people who are already valuable, contributing members of our community out of the shadows. We want to encourage and boost cooperation with local law enforcement and keep families together, a factor that can stop crime before it happens. This is pro-public safety and pro-family values. News of my executive order inflamed passionate debate on both sides of the immigration issue, but too many of the arguments against this action are based on flawed logic and ignorance of the facts

about undocumented immigrants in our country. Let's clear up some of those myths.

Some said that crime will go up in Somerville because of this order. Beyond the fact that this assertion paints with a broad, discriminatory brush implying that all undocumented immigrants are criminals, it runs contrary to the facts we've seen nationally and here in Somerville. Nationally, the CATO Institute points out that data shows immigrants are actually less likely to commit crimes than native-born residents. In Somerville, since 2008, our Police Department has had an internal policy that they do not contact ICE about undocumented immigrants unless they are suspects in a serious crime, such as assault, rape, or weapons charges. What has happened since 2008? Crime in Somerville has dropped by roughly one-third.

Let's be clear: If you commit a serious crime in Somerville, you will still be investigated, arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This executive order does not change that, nor will it stop Somerville Police Officers from working and cooperating with ICE on the apprehension of real threats to public safety, such as national security issues, violent crimes and felonies. Regardless of your immigration status, if

you commit a serious crime in Somerville, you will pay the consequences, and if you are an undocumented immigrant, that includes deportation.

What we won't do anymore is participate in the part of Secure Communities that doesn't work. We are not going to hold people for minor violations, like traffic stops, that normally do not result in incarceration. An ICE detainer is a voluntary request according to ICE's own internal documents—not a law—and it's a request issued by an ICE officer, not a warrant issued by a judge. If a court orders someone released for a misdemeanor or other non-violent crime, unless ICE has a criminal warrant or other probable cause not related to immigration enforcement, Somerville Police will not hold them. There's a legal reason for this: a federal judge ruled last month that holding a person released by the courts would violate the Fourth Amendment, and leave our city vulnerable to a lawsuit.

But it's not just a practical and legal action on our part. It's a moral action. These people are already part of our community—students in our schools, workers and customers of our businesses, contributing to our vibrant neighborhoods and our economy.

A common refrain is that these members of our community

should have "gotten in the line" and "followed the process" of legal immigration. The problem is: there is no line or process for most people. Unless you have an immediate relative in the U.S. who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident, legally coming to this country generally means that a person must have a college degree, in a specialty occupation, with a job offer in hand from an employer who is willing to file the paperwork for a labor certification and pay up to \$10,000 in legal and other fees. These provisions would have disqualified many of our parents and grandparents from legally immigrating years ago.

Even for a college educated person in a specialty occupation in that situation, a green card typically takes six to 10 years, so employers who want these foreign born, college educated specialists to start right away must apply for a temporary work visa—which has an annual cap and is capped for this coming year at 65,000. As of April 7, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had already received enough petitions to meet the cap level. Coming to this country is next to impossible for so many who only desire to work hard and provide a better life for their families.

What about fair taxation? Residents pay their fair share of taxes that pay for services, but

what about undocumented immigrants? The truth is that undocumented immigrants pay a significant amount of state and local taxes—\$10.6 billion as recently as 2010. That year, the estimated 120,000 to 200,000 undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts contributed more than \$150 million in state and local taxes. They also contributed a net \$12 billion in taxes to the Social Security trust fund. By 2007, the Social Security trust fund had received a net benefit of somewhere between \$120 billion and \$240 billion from undocumented workers, the vast majority of whom never receive Social Security benefits.

A deadlocked Congress has left us with a broken federal immigration system, pushing members of our community into the shadows on the margins of society. We cannot wait for the federal government to act anymore. We need to make sure that our community members who are contributing to our lives and our economy are not criminalized because of a broken system. These are our neighbors, our children's classmates, our relatives and friends. These immigrants are an integral part of our communities and deserve to live as equals, and not have their lives shackled by a system that everyone knows is broken and is crying out for reform.

Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Rock the bus!



I attended Somerville High School from 1969 to 1971 (Yes, I graduated!). One of my fondest and funniest memories was the bus ride home at the end of the school day. We used to walk down School Street and get the Clarendon Hill via Broadway bus. The driver would park until the bus was pretty much filled up and packed with a bunch of wise guys who would do anything for a laugh. It was very noisy on that bus as we let loose all the pent-up energy from the school day (school wasn't as laid back in those days). Finally, we were free of that ego-maniac "tough guy" math teacher Mr. #%@+@&! We had escaped the taunting of the mean "building master!" Yes, no one could bother us now because we had made it to the safety and comfort of the

bus. It was a hassle-free zone. A teacherless refuge. A safe haven from bullies. A place where we could goof around!

The bus driver knew that there was the potential for a huge amount of tomfoolery. Being let out after a long day of high school, with all the rules, discipline and structure cast us into a near frenzy. He knew there was a good chance that we would yell out the windows, sing songs, and yell and scream like the crazy school kids we were. But of all the disturbed and screwball things we did, there was one trick that drove the bus driver wild. There was one twisted thing we were capable of that would actually force the driver to pull the bus over and get out until we stopped. What was it? We would all stand up on both sides of the bus and rock back and forth in unison until it was rocking and a rolling. We would get it rocking so much that it actually felt like it could tip over!

Yes, I know it seems like we were out of control punks, but hey, we had no cell phones or iPods, no Play Stations, and no laptops or iPads. We had to entertain ourselves!

When the bus finally filled up and the driver started off, we would be OK until we got out of Magoun Square. Then we would start a chant: "Let's rock the bus ... let's rock the bus..." We would get the bus rocking gradually. Then as soon as Ball Square came into view, the chant would change to "do it on the bridge ... do it on the bridge!" By the time the bus went over the Ball Square bridge, it was rocking like a sideways see saw! The bus driver would pull over and get out of the bus until we stopped. We did stop ... as soon as we got over the bridge. Most of us would be off the bus by the time it got to Powder House Park. That poor bus driver!

That old bus was great! It had the thick



cushioned seats that were really comfortable. It drove very smoothly, too. You hardly felt the potholes. We had a lot of fun on those bus rides home from high school. Occasionally, one of those cool old buses will drive in the Memorial Day parade. Seeing one of those big, old orange dinosaurs really brings back great memories; a bunch of teenage goofballs having some harmless fun. Plus, where else could you have such a great time for only 10 cents?

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Bon voyage to the Somerville fact-finding delegation!

The View Of The Times



Mayor Joseph Curtatone signed an executive order last week directing Somerville police to not detain illegal immigrants after they have already posted bail or been ordered released by the courts. The order was issued in response to the federal Secure Communities program, which asks cities and towns to hold such immigrants for processing by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). But the order also reflected a policy already in place within the Somerville Police Department for several years, so it was more of a symbolic gesture than a

change in day-to-day practices. Actions such as the executive order and similar laws passed in other parts of the country, according to proponents, will improve law enforcement’s relationship with immigrant communities, allowing police to gain the trust – and therefore obtain critical information during investigations of crimes – of people who might otherwise not come forward for fear of having their status checked. How willing illegal immigrants are to take police at their word remains to be seen, and it will be interesting to hear from officers on the

ground in a year or so whether the order had its desired effect in that area. Supporters of Secure Communities note that illegal immigrants should be detained regardless of whether they have committed any other arrestable offense because they are here *illegally*. People like Curtatone who disagree sidestep that particular argument by replacing “illegal” with the more bureaucratic-sounding “undocumented.” While immigration has become a clearly partisan issue, there are arguments to be made from a conservative standpoint

as to why the Secure Communities program should be curtailed, not the least of which are constitutional concerns about unreasonable searches. In addition, there is the issue of asking local law enforcement to use its time and resources to do the work of a federal agency without just compensation. In Somerville, at least, little is likely to change since the order itself does little to change what is already in effect. It did grab headlines, though, and that is something certainly not lost on some members of the city’s political community.

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7 to 11 p.m. Come and relive old times that are unique to our city. Anyone who grew up in East Somerville knows what that means. East Somerville was a special place, and a lot of your old friends are going to be there. The reunion is thanks in part to Dan Rogovich.

Another story on our friend Tony Alibrandi in this past issue of *Scout*. It was nice, but we are not to sure that the picture they used for the front page was complimentary. But hey, they must have gotten the idea from us to do the story since we certainly over the years have known Tony and his generous donations to many of our sports teams here. We salute *Scout* for the story and can’t think of a nicer guy here in the Ville.

Congratulations to Paul McGlashing of Somerville (a barber at Alibrandi’s Barber Shop), who is getting married this week to Lauren Huckins, also from Somerville. They will be married and have their honeymoon in Aruba. We wish them a long and wonderful

life together. There will be a first-time homebuyers seminar for those considering buying a home. With the rates as lows as they are and rents just going out of sight, now is the time to be pre-approved and find out what you can afford. The Norton Group real estate office at 699 Broadway, along with a credit counselor, will be on hand (and for free) to give some insight into credit scores and how banks have changed and have begun using another score to give individuals a line of credit to buy a home. The seminar is 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at 699 Broadway. There are no obligations and is free to anyone who just wants to find out the process and ask questions. Email johngpratti@yahoo.com or call the office at 617 623-6600 to reserve your seat.

Welcome home to our own Ms. Cam Toner, who is out of Spaulding Hospital and faring a lot better in her own home with her large family. Cam is an institution here at The Times. We love her and we miss her, and we know a lot

of people who love Cam are glad she’s home. Email her (she loves getting emails) at camtoner@yahoo.com. As usual, she will be up to date with new Ms. Cam’s Olio. We’re thinking of bringing back an old column that a previous publisher used to write called *Bluntly Speaking*. Several individuals here at the paper, including our publisher, Ross Blouin, will be speaking out on various happenings here in the city. We know you can’t wait.

One more thing about our website. We have to tell you we don’t mind posting all the comments that come into the site, but please, if you’re going to attack someone on here for real, then use your real name. And if you’re going to reference another paper here in the city, please don’t expect your post to be printed, or, at the very least, it will be edited without the link to the other paper. We get some pretty nasty posts regarding city officials, and we don’t mind that, but when they get personal, we refuse to post, especially posts from

someone commenting under a fictitious name. Just saying! The Somerville Disabled American Veterans Post, Chapter 27, will its second annual golf tournament Friday, May 30, at the Billerica Country Club. The cost is \$125 per golfer. The event will feature an 18-hole scramble with carts, coffee and doughnuts to start and will be followed by a lobster or steak dinner (included). The first place team will receive 400. Call 617-623-9616.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to an informational community meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to the Otis Street Playground. The meeting will be held at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., on Tuesday, June 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and to share ideas to help shape the design of the new playground

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Somerville's Memorial Day Parade 2014

Somerville's annual Memorial Day Parade was held Sunday, May 25. The ceremonies began with a short procession down Highland Avenue to the Central Library and the placing of wreaths on monuments along Central Hill Park. The parade stepped off from the City Hall/Somerville High School and proceeded down Highland Avenue to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Teele Square. The parade concluded in Veterans' Memorial Cemetery with a ceremony of remembrance for fallen Somerville veterans under the supervision of the Somerville Allied Veterans Council.

The parade included 15 performing groups, including new bands and performers such as The Dirty Water Brass Band, the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, the Worcester Brass Band and the Worcester Brass Band Drum Line. As always, the parade included a wide range of community and school groups, the popular specialty units of the Aleppo Shriners and representatives of local veterans, fire and police units from surrounding cities and towns.

The 2014 grand marshal was Col. Mark Cremin, a recently retired veteran with a 32-year military career, including two combat-zone deployments.





SPORTS

Record turnout for Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle

More than 600 runners and 100 paddlers celebrated the Mystic River and the returning river herring on Sunday, May 18 at the Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle.

The 18th annual event was put on by the Mystic River Watershed Association, a nonprofit organization, and included a 5K road race, a 3, 9 and 12 mile paddling race, a bicycle tour led by Bike to the Sea and general festivities. Children's activities were put on by Terry the Inventor Mentor; Bill Turville lent two sculptures to the event – a fish bike and fish car; Charles River Canoe and Kayak rented boats; and face painting was donated by Dragonfly and Snail face-painting.

More than 150 Arlington "Fit Girls" participated in the road race, culminating 8 weeks of training. Mark Jacobson, race organizer, received an award recognizing his dedication to the event and ten years of the paddling race component.

The Iron Herring Award was awarded to Michael Melnikov

of Plainville, MA and Shanna Schmidt of Boston, MA. The award is for the top male and female with the fastest combined overall time in both the 5K road race and the 12 mile paddle race.

This event is generously sponsored by: ExxonMobil Pipeline (Title Sponsor), Rockland Trust, Exelon Corporation, Charles River Canoe and Kayak, Dennis K. Burke, Inc., Federal Realty Investment Trust, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc, Mystic River Engineering, Preotle, Lane and Associates, Utility Contractors' Association of New England, Distrigas of Massachusetts, Horsley Witten Group, Mystic Brewery, Sports Authority, Copley Wolff Design Group, Boston Line and Service Co., Law Office of Michael A. Fager, Winchester Savings Bank, Boston Sand and Gravel Co., Whole Foods Market of Medford, Stoneyfield Yogurt, Patagonia, Saltmarsh Insurance Agency, Cambridge Savings Bank, REI, Irving Oil, Darn Tough Vermont, Green Medford, Above Summit Photogra-



Hundreds of paddlers and runners participated in the Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle on Sunday, May 18.



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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is The Service-men's Readjustment Act of 1944?

2. What actress was billed as "Miss Deep-freeze" when she toured the country demonstrating refrigerators?

3. What product used Bobby Darin's 1958 hit song *Splish Splash* in its commercials?

4. Where did Uniroyal get the steel frame for the 80-foot tall tire that stands near Detroit's Edsel Ford Freeway?

5. Colonel Tom Parker, Elvis's manager, had what earlier act?

6. What is the colored muscle that responds involuntarily to light?

7. Country music comedienne Minnie Pearl always wears a hat with a price tag on it when she performs. What is the amount of the price tag?

8. To whom did super-rocker Elton John pay tribute in his hit *Candle in the Wind*?

9. What was Beatle John Lennon's middle name?

10. What was the band Red Hot Chili Peppers' original name?

11. In what year were women first admitted to Harvard?

12. What was invented by Dr. Edward Land in 1947?

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phy and Honest Tea. More than 200 prizes were donated by local businesses – for the complete list see www.mysticriver.org/herring-run-paddle/.

All race proceeds benefited the Mystic River Watershed Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation based in Arlington,

MA. The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) was founded in 1972 and has largely functioned as a volunteer-run organization, mobilizing activists on a project-by-project basis. Its mission is to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the ben-

efit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources.

For more information about the Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle, race results and photos see www.mysticriver.org/herring-run-paddle/.

22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

On Wednesday, May 21, Cataldo Ambulance Service held its 22nd annual charity golf tournament, Swing Fore Hope, to benefit the American Cancer Society's AstraZeneca Hope Lodge Boston. Thanks to the generosity of Cataldo Ambulance and all those involved, this year's donation to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Boston is \$30,000. In the past 22 years

of tournament play, Cataldo Ambulance Service has donated over \$600,000 to ACS and other nonprofit and community organizations.

This year's tournament, held at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, boasted over 120 golfers whom participated in a full day of activities. Over 50 companies and numerous individuals contributed to support

the sizable donation presented to the American Cancer Society and over 25 companies were represented in the tournament play. Golfers were first provided with a social registration hour including lunch, followed by a shotgun start at noon. The post-play activities included dinner and awards ceremony, raffle items and a silent auction.

Somerville High Scholarship Foundation holds annual fundraiser

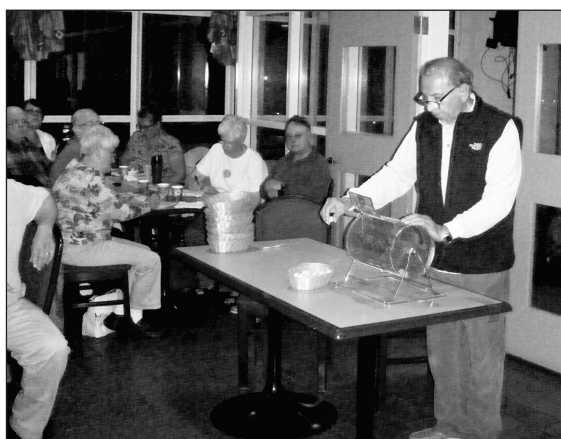
By Tom Bannister

The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation held its annual \$10,000 dollar drawing this past Friday night, May 16, at the Highlander Café at SHS. A group of about 60 people attended the event, which was hosted by the foundation's president, Joe Favaloro, and everyone's favorite former mayor, Eugene Brune.

Out of 250 possible ticket sales, they started the evening with about 235 sold. Lots of door prizes were given out, with every 10th ticket called earning its holder \$100 back until the final 10 numbers were left. The ones left could choose to go on or split the money. The evening ended up with eight finalists, all of who choose to stop and split

so each person won \$1,250.

The final three representing themselves that were present and choosing to split were Alderman at Large Ms. Mary Jo Rossetti, Ms. Paula Mackey and Ms. Pinkham. It was a great night -as always- and the following announcement was made to everyone present: This upcoming year marks the 25th anniversary of the SHS Foundation, and it was announced that the foundation raised over \$1.2 million with a special announcement coming soon of over \$1.5 million. Their hard work over the years has helped many students at Somerville High with their education costs. The committee will be holding a 25th anniversary dinner to mark the event this year with a date to be determined.



Photos by Tom Bannister

The Somerville Food Truck Festival rolls in

Food Truck Festivals of New England has announced the list of participating trucks in the first-ever Somerville Food Truck Festival, coming to Assembly Row on Saturday, June 7.

Launching the 2014 Food Truck Festivals of New England season, the Somerville Food Truck Festival will also launch the second season of ASSEMBLED: The Handmade Arts Market at Assembly Row and will include New England Etsy artisans and food trucks, plus a beer tent, specialty food vendors, live music, sampling tents, and children's activities.

The festival will run from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with over 20 of New England's most popular food trucks. New food trucks participating include: Cameo Macaron, Evan's NY Style Deli, Uyghur Kitchen and Makin' Jamaican. Plus longtime favorites such as: the Bacon Truck, M&M BBQ Ribs, Roxy's Grilled Cheese, and so much more.

Participating trucks in the Somerville Food Truck Festival include: The Bacon Truck, M&M BBQ Ribs, Bon Me, Makin' Jamaican, Cameo Macaron, Munchies Food Truck, Chicken & Rice Guys, Pasta Pot, Compliments Food Truck, Penny-packers, The Dining Car, Plouf Plouf Gastronomie, Evan's NY Style Deli, Roxy's Grilled Cheese, Frozen Hoagies, Sweet

Tomatoes, Fugu, Trolley Dogs, Gabi's Smoke Shack, Uyghur Kitchen, The Latin Spoon, and Whoo(pie) Wagon.

The Somerville Food Truck Festival is being produced in partnership with the City of Somerville and the city's newest neighborhood, Assembly Row, which also hosted ASSEMBLED last summer as well as Riverfest and Holiday Arts & Eats. Assembly Row will be offering festival-goers incentives, discounts, and perks, plus a complimentary coupon booklet with savings at their retailers that extend through 2014.

Somerville is the first of six food truck festivals being produced by FTFNE in 2014, with the Fork in the Road Food Truck Festival at Blue Hills Bank Pavilion next on June 14, and the Worcester Food Truck Festival on June 21. In addition, FTFNE is also producing a variety of monthly and weekly food truck and arts events, all of which can be found in the coming weeks at www.foodtruckfestivalsofne.com.

Also new for 2014, all FTFNE festivals will be gated with an admission fee of just \$5 with children 12 and under free.

Assembly Row is located at exit 29 on I-93 North and exit 28 on I-93 South, via Route 28 North.

For public information please call 617-782-7117.



Evan's NY Style Deli will be one of many upper echelon food trucks present at the Somerville Food Truck Festival at Assembly Row on June 7.

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Curtatone signs executive order for immigration issue

By Douglas Yu

Mayor Joe Curtatone signed the executive order Thursday directing police not to detain people based solely on immigration status as required under the federal Secure Communities program.

"Thank you for choosing Somerville as your home. This is your city," Curtatone said during the signing event at the public safety building. "What we've been fighting for is our collective values as a community. Tonight, we are taking a very important step to protect our neighbors and families."

Curtatone said the executive order was issued in order to protect neighborhoods and promote public safety.

"We're not going to let members in our community who share our values and contribute to our economy be pushed into the shadows," he said of what he felt the Secure Communities program has done to people.

According to the city, there have been more than 1,000 deportations in Massachusetts alone since the program was enacted two years ago, and 10 Somerville residents have been detained.

However, Curtatone did not offer details about the cases relating to the 10 Somerville detainees.

Somerville is the first city in the state to limit local law enforcement's involvement in holding people found to be in the country illegally based solely on immigration status on behalf of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which created the Secure Communities program.

In addition, California and Connecticut have each passed a statewide TRUST Act, which limits the state's cooperation with federal immigration authorities by only holding immigrants with criminal records for ICE.

In response to the effectiveness of the signing an executive order, Curtatone and Alderman at Large Jack Connolly both agree that time will test the action.

"You can see the support from the majors cities around country, like New York, Miami and New Orleans, which all took similar policies and jus-

tices," Curtatone said in noting that more and more municipalities across the country are taking similar actions to promote public safety.

Curtatone said that better cooperation with the police and law enforcement had been seen where TRUST Acts were passed and similar policies were adopted.

In the past two years, according to the city, 61 percent of the people deported through Secure Communities have no criminal convictions. In some cities and towns in Massachusetts, that percentage rises to 79 percent.

On the other hand, some Somerville residents questioned this series of statistics about those deported people. They are suspicious about the inaccuracy of the survey.

"There are facts," Curtatone responded. "The Secure Communities program, although well-intended, has some serious negative consequences. You have [U.S.] citizens detained, and you are deporting people who are not dangerous to our community. But the consequence can also be breaking up their families and making the community not safe."

Connolly acknowledged that mistakes could happen during the detention of by and on behalf of ICE, and that is the reason why 5 percent of people held under detainers turned out to be U.S. citizens.

"Somerville is sending a message to the entire country that we should protect documented immigrants and otherwise," Connolly said.

As Somerville mayor, Curtatone is also the city's chief executive officer, according to Connolly. And Somerville's mayor is the only mayor in the commonwealth that has the right to make the decision on his own to withdraw the city from the program, and that means, the decision making process did not involve the votes from the Somerville residents, nor the other city officials.

"What we will not do is simply arresting you because you have statuses on the undocumented system," Curtatone said. "Deporting makes no sense, and it's never going to happen. We need to fix the system."

Somerville withdraws from Secure Communities program

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this program just tears apart families who have committed no crimes."

Curtatone pointed out that the Secure Communities program does however "deports law-biding individuals for offenses as small as a broken tail light, and ask our law enforcement officials to not use their best judgment and discretion, but instead to blindly hold individuals for immigration with no probable cause – an act that a federal court recently ruled is a violation of the Fourth Amendment.

"This is a broken system that everyone knows is broken and crying out for reform," Curtatone said. "Crime in Somerville is down by one-third since 2008, not because we put more officers on the street or deported people with no criminal convictions. We make Somerville safer because we addressed every factor that affects public safety."

The Secure Communities program allows ICE to ask local law enforcement to hold arrested immigrants for up to 48 hours after the person has posted bail or been ordered released by the courts. On the national level, half of the people deported through Secure Communities have no criminal convictions.

"[The program] pushes people into the background and into the shadows and discourages witnesses and victims from cooperating with police," Curtatone said.

By now, more than 60 municipalities across the country, including New Orleans, Newark, N.J., Miami, San Francisco and New York City have modified their policies on ICE holds. In addition, both California and Connecticut have passed statewide TRUST Acts, which is legislation that limits the state's cooperation with federal immigration authorities by only holding immigrants for ICE who have criminal records.

The Massachusetts Legislature will also curtail the program's scope within the state by mandating that individuals ordered released by Massachusetts judges and magistrates will not be detained for ICE in spite of the court's release order, that those with criminal records will go to ICE, and those without criminal records will not.

"We are not interested in those persecuting those individuals; we are interested in protecting those individuals," Alderman at Large John Connolly, who is also chairman of the Public Safety and Health Committee of the



Photo by Douglas Yu

Board of the Alderman, said.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang also attended the press conference to support Curtatone's decision. Before Niedergang took office as alderman this January, he had been part of the Somerville School Committee for eight years. During the time, the committee would contact people who are isolated because some of their family members are deported on a weekly basis.

"We hear and know the fear that people feel about being picked up"

"It's been clear how much pain [deportation] caused in our community to the people who are among the most vulnerable," Niedergang said.

Laura Rotolo, attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLU), thinks that Somerville's putting a limit on the extent of voluntary collaboration between the city and State Police and ICE sends two important messages.

"It sends a message to the Somerville community and another message to the federal government," Rotolo said. "It says that Somerville will let the police do their job and the immigration enforcement do their job, so that you need not fear a simple 911 call or a traffic infraction will put you into a deportation pipeline. It also sends a message that the

immigration policies are fundamentally broken."

Rotolo called on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass on a proposed Massachusetts Trust Act, and for the 350 other cities and towns in Massachusetts to follow Somerville's lead to come up with their own immigration policies.

One of the local journalists present Wednesday asked whether Curtatone would change his mind if Nicolas Guaman, an illegal immigrant in the U.S. for nine years who was recently convicted on manslaughter charges after striking and killing a Milford teenager with his truck while drunk, had killed a Somerville High School Student.

"He should face the justice system, and he should face the punishment he should face," Curtatone said.

"We hear and know the fear that people feel about being picked up," Curtatone explained as to why some residents in Somerville are afraid of reporting crimes, because they have undocumented relatives and concern that they will be found out.

Curtatone confirmed that the Somerville Police Department is going to continue to work with ICE to find individuals who have been convicted of crimes. That, however, will take place within the criminal warrant system.

"Laws like this [Secure Communities] just don't have the impact that it intends to have," Curtatone said. "If we want to keep our community safe, we have to earn the trust in the community. We have to protect the families."

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|May 28

East Branch Library
Preschool: Sing Along with Jeff Jam
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|May 29

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

Friday|May 30

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|June 1

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Monday|June 2

Central Library
Sing-along w/ Liza Kitchell
Cathy Piantigrini617-623-5000, x2954
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 3

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

Wednesday|June 4

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

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Wednesday|May 28

Johnny D’s
Igor & Red Elvises|8:30 p.m.
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
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead presents
Braver|Rude Young Professionals|Son-ic Switch|Bad Fogelberg
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Thursday|May 29

Johnny D’s
Sirsy plus Paper Waves & Analog Heart
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thurs-days
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Campfire hosted by Ben Bullock w/ Dan Lavoie
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Walter Noons and Andy Pratt
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 30

Johnny D’s
Bill Blumenreich Presents, Michael Ian Black|7:30 p.m.
Free Friday featuring Blue Light Ban-dits plus Sunshine Riot|10:50 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tuna Rangers|6 p.m.
Jody Blackwell & Erinn Brown \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA’S Lounge
Finer|Wild Sun|The Bikes|The Land-ladys
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
Dave Wells & Andrea Gillis
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Poems for Our Great Departed
7 p.m.|Cafe
The Stand-Up Shakespeare Show
7:30 p.m. Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 31

Johnny D’s
Jeff Jam Dance Party|4 p.m.
Billy Dodge Moody Plus Xenia Dun-ford & Appalachian Sun|7 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast |6 p.m.
New Million Box, Preacher Roe,

Zipper|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
BCAP & The Peoples
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe’s
Dan Dodd/Tapestries
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ El Sid!
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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Arts at the Armory
Rick Schilling
10:30 a.m.|Cafe
ABC Spanish In Motion Concert
11 a.m.|Performance Hall
David Johnston
4 p.m.|Cafe
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Concert
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-land Ave

Sunday|June 1

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Dogs in a Pile |5 p.m
Amber Casares|8 p.m.
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Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
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Dub Apocalypse
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Sunday Night Live Music
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Game Night
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Arts at the Armory
Calling All Heroes!
3 p.m.|Performance Hall |191 High-land Ave

Monday|June 2

Johnny D’s
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Pres-ents:, One Microphone|7 p.m.
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
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Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary &

Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.
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Americana Night
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Stump! Team Trivia
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Arts at the Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
I WISH: Volume 3! A Miscast Cabaret!
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 3

Johnny D’s
The Mass Whole Notes, Vinyl Street|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
The Porter Squares|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Ama-ral
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The Ghetto People Band
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First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory
Treasures Forever
3:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Teen Open Mic Night
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|June 4

Johnny D’s
Bees Deluxe with Ethan K Band & Malabar Band|8:30 p.m.
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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.
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Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|May 28

Central Library
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6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|May 29

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

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday|May 30

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

Saturday|May 31

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

Third Life Studio
Jazz Dance Brunch!
A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell
January 25 through March 1
10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday|June 1

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

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

Monday|June 2

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

Central Library
Chess Night
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave.

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

Tuesday|June 3

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1
79 Highland Ave

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

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

Wednesday|June 4

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

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. 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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Jennifer Holiday & The Boston Pops: Tuesday, June 3. Jennifer Holiday made an indelible impression on audiences as the original Effie in *Dreamgirls* with her show-stopping, heart wrenching performance of *And I'm Telling You, I'm Not Going*, earning both a Tony Award and a Grammy. See her perform with The Boston Pops at Symphony Hall. The price is \$52 which includes your transportation and seat at the performance. SEATING IS LIMITED. Check in time is 7:00 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 10:30 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or with additional questions.

Barbeque: Monday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. For a \$1.50 donation, you can enjoy a BBQ sponsored by Elder Services. RSVP is a must so please call Flo or Ana at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you would like to join us.

Barbeque: Tuesday, June 10, 11:30 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. For a \$1.50 donation, you can enjoy a BBQ sponsored by Elder Services. RSVP is a must so please call Kim at 617-666-5223 if you would like to join us.

Suffolk Downs: Wednesday, June 11. And they're off! Come join us for a relaxing day of live horse racing, dine on a delicious buffet in the clubhouse and award the jockey with a trophy for the race that is named after the SCOA. Check in times are 10:15 a.m. at Holland Street and 10:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:30 p.m. \$31 per person. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information. Additional trips to Suffolk Downs scheduled for Wednesday, August 10 and Wednesday, September 17.

The Holland Street Farmer's Market is back. Starting Thursday, June 19, and every Thursday following until November 1. From 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Mobile Farmer's Market will be at our Holland Street Center. Fresh Produce at affordable prices for older adults (55+) – WIC, SNAP, EBT and Farmers Market Coupons accepted and if you use one of these methods of payment you receive 50% off.

Travelling Chef – Panini Day: Thursday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. For \$1.50 donation, you can join us as the travelling chef makes fresh paninis. RSVP is a must so please call Flo or Ana to reserve your space at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Venus De Milo & The Temptations: Thursday, June 12. That's right folks, The Temptations. Their hits include *My Girl*, *Just My Imagination* and *Papa Was A Rolling Stone*, just to name a few. Meal choice of Chicken or Haddock. Includes dessert and coffee/tea. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:15 p.m. \$79 per person. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, meal choice or additional information.

Castle Island: Friday, June 13. Another great opportunity to get a little exercise and meet other seniors as we spend the day walking around historic Castle Island, located in South Boston. Don't feel like walking? Come, sit back, relax and enjoy the weather. Check In time is 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time

is 2:00 p.m. A \$5 transportation fee is required. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have additional questions. Do not forget to pack a lunch (or you can purchase one at the famous Sullivan's takeout) and SUNSCREEN.

Nutrition Fair: Monday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Health & Nutrition information as well as resources. Demonstrations and recipe tips. Free samples, giveaways and door prizes.

A Cape Ann Explorer: Wednesday, July 9. For a price of \$69 you will enjoy a scenic cruise on the Essex River followed by wandering the shops of Pigeon Cove in Rockport and the culinary delights of Chef Manny at Azorean. Luncheon choices are lobster casserole, baked haddock or braised beef. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 8:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time is 4:30 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have any questions.

The Somerville Council on Aging along with Mass Audiology will be having **FREE HEARING SCREENING** as well as FREE Hearing Aide Clean & Check. Do you have questions regarding your hearing or hearing devices? Screening is by appointment only so please call and schedule yours. Contact Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext.2300. Monday, June 30th from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. Wednesday, June 11th from 10:00 to 11:15 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street. Wednesday, June 11th from 12:30 to 1:30 at our Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway.

The trip to the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City is **SOLD OUT.**

The Mohegan Sun trip scheduled for May 20th is **SOLD OUT.**

The Symphony Orchestra trip is **SOLD OUT.**

The Tanglewood trip scheduled in July is **SOLD OUT.**

The June 4th lunch at the Highlander Café is **SOLD OUT.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Afternoon at the Movies, June 30, *Captain Phillips*.

Thursday, July 3, the City of Somerville will be holding its annual **July 4th Celebration** at Trum Field.

The Mayor's Annual Picnic is Wednesday, August 8.

IMPORTANT INFO:

An ongoing collaboration with the **Somerville Fire Department** has resulted in a program to distribute and install free, new smoke alarms in eligible households. For more information and an application, call us at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night: Monday, May 19. May's "Movie to Come Out To" will be *The Topps Twins – Untouchable Girls*. Dinner will be provided by West 7 Bistro with a yet to be determined menu. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For additional information and to RSVP please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life: Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information. We have available slots and would love to have you.

LGBT Advisory Group: Will now meet on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

STAY ACTIVE:

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H)

Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Free, 1:00 P.M., (H)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street = (H)

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street = RJ

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway =(C)

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 Cards

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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Thursday, May 29

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday, May 30

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday, June 2

9:30 Moonlighters (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movies: "Enough Said" (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Tuesday, June 3

9:00 Mudflat Pottery (C)

10:00 SHINE by appointment (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer Tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday, June 4

10:00 Cards

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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two of the band members live in Somerville, I'm a Tufts alum, and I lived in Somerville myself when the band first started," he said. "We have played a lot of gigs in Somerville over the past few years at venues like Johnny D's, Precinct, etc., as well as events like SomerStreets."

One of his favorite places in Somerville is the First Church Somerville.

"I started going there back in 2007," he said. "My then-girlfriend -now wife- Melissa basically asked me out on a date to church after we had only been together a couple of weeks. I hadn't been attending any church for several years at that point, but I agreed to go with her and am very happy about that decision. We got married in that church in

2011, and our first daughter, Malia, was just born in April, and I continue to attend and play an active role at First Church as well."

Molly Baskette, lead pastor of First Church, was thrilled to talk about Shungu.

"Pete is, very simply, an amazing person: passionate about justice; talented but humble; loving and open; smart and discerning but open to new wisdom from others," she said. "He has a real heart for people on the margins -people of color, queer folks, urban youth- and will work hard to represent them and support them. We asked him to be a deacon (one of the senior lay positions in our church), even though he is a fairly 'new' Christian, because he is so wise and kind despite his youth. Pete is

a stalwart member of our choir, marching band and praise band, Project Soul. He does often arrange music, and plays trumpet or sings."

Shungu is generous and forthcoming about the writing in the All Starz's music:

"Many of the tunes were written by Steve Mossberg, who used to play keys with the band, but others were created more organically," he said. "(Mossberg) is really a talented composer and arranger."

"In terms of lyrics, I write all my own lyrics, and Tanya (Richardson), our singer, writes most of her own lyrics as well," he added.

"Ultimately, I was drawn to the message, the energy and talent, and knew it was something I had to be a part of," Richardson,



who has been with the band for two years, said. "Overall, I'm a music lover in general. Although I've grown up listening to a lot of soul music, R&B and hip hop, I appreciate a lot of other genres."

All Starz drummer David Beauchesne shared the feeling of writing new music.

"The moment when you realize you have a new song coming together is very exciting, he said.

"I also enjoy doing college gigs, and we've done a fair amount already. I'm also looking forward to our upcoming performance at the SomerStreets festival. That should be fun."

Shungu agreed, saying, "It's always fun to play festivals; it gives people of all ages, youth, families, the opportunity to access our music and provide a festive, positive atmosphere."

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Poetry books capture history and social times

By Kenneth Gloss

It's finally spring and the time of the year when young men and young women turn to love in the classic form of poetry.

But when you collect poetry books, you're stepping into a world of words that has had a huge impact on literature. Poets were the forerunners for many of the trends that evolved in literature, because they were the first to dare to try new forms of expression. Poetry is like the hub of the wheel that influenced the spokes of literature springing from it. That alone makes it a fascinating area for collectors.

As with anything, you have to choose a specific area of poetry to collect before embarking on a book buy. There are millions of poetry books available, in every time period and choosing an author or an era is the best way to focus your collection. People who have an interest in the classics - Latin and Greek literature - may choose to collect copies of the works of Virgil or to find different editions of *The Odyssey*. From there, you can move on to books printed from the 1400s to the 1600s. Poetry was popular then and there are literally hundreds of different editions of works from those periods. Then there are the great, classic poets, such as Shakespeare, Shelley, Keats, Wordsworth. These are the perennial favorites with collectors, some of whom collect for the love of the work, some who choose these authors for their style.

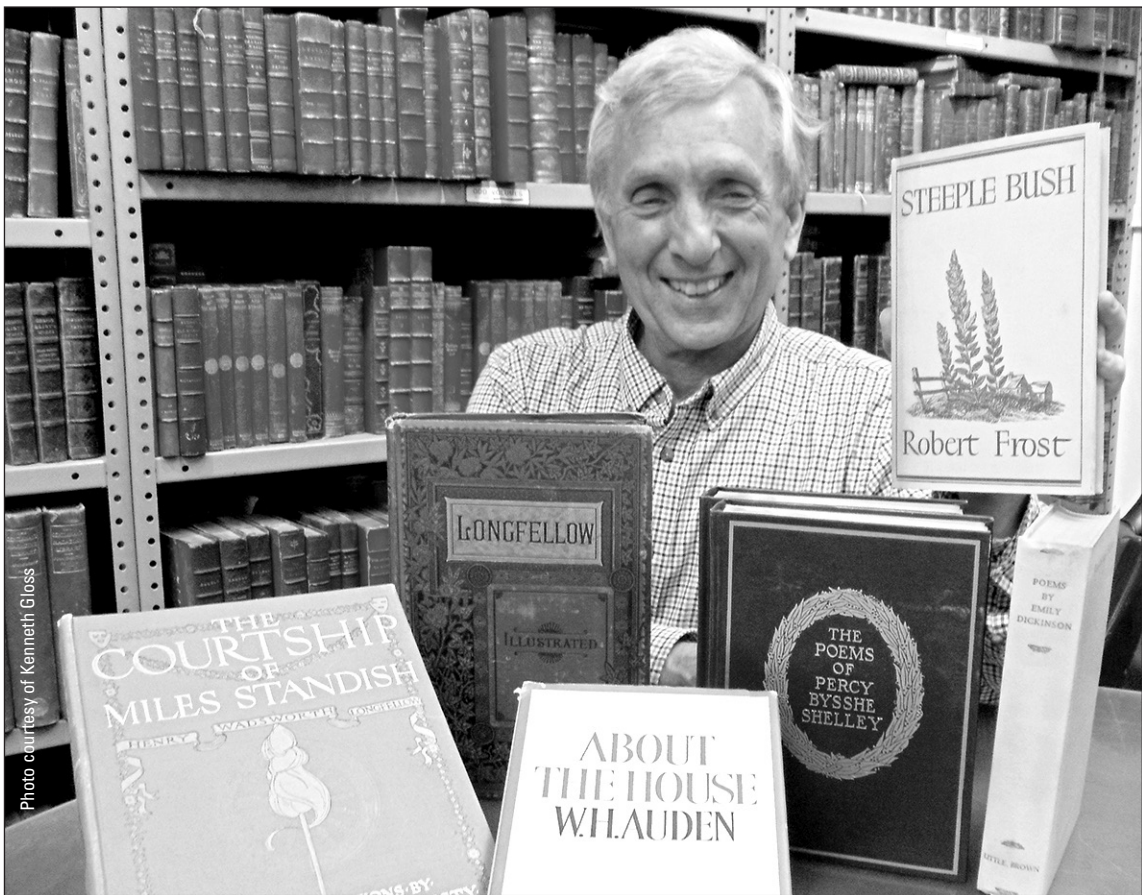
There are collectors who narrow their focus to one ethnic

group or type of poetry. Some people collect just women poets, others who zero in on the poetry of the Harlem Renaissance. American poets, such as Longfellow, Holmes, Emerson and Emily Dickinson are also a popular choice with poetry collectors. Their works are plentiful and easy to find in bookstores around the country.

Some people collect the works of just one poet. Robert Frost has enough work out there that people can make a whole career out of collecting his material and looking for all of the books, cards, letters, signed manuscripts, etc. that he wrote. An early edition of Frost can cost thousands of dollars. First editions of his later books, which aren't as rare, can be purchased for as little as \$50. Of course, anything with his autograph is worth more than a book without his signature.

Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* is another favorite with collectors. A first edition of that collection can cost tens of thousands of dollars. The book was first released in the 1850s and published up to the turn of century. What makes Whitman unique however, is what happened with each edition. Before a new version was released, Whitman would add or subtract lines, constantly revising the poetry. Each edition of *Leaves of Grass* is unlike the others in some way. It makes collecting Whitman a lot more fun.

The popular authors: Longfellow, Frost, Allen Ginsburg, ee cummings, Yeats, are among the ones that people ask for the most. I get constant requests for



Collecting poetry books can be an especially rewarding and satisfying pursuit, according to expert Kenneth Gloss.

certain editions of theirs. Many people think poetry doesn't sell that fast, or isn't as popular as it once was. I disagree. If someone calls me and says they have a collection of 300 books of poetry, the collectors hear about it and it's sold quickly.

One thing new collectors need to be wary of is claims of rarity of works by 'unknown' authors. Some works are rare because they were published by vanity presses and the author, who paid for the printing, only ran a few hundred copies. Yes, there are few of these editions available, but it doesn't make them worth anything. A self-published book, regardless of how many copies exist, is rarely worth much.

The best part about collecting poetry is the range in prices and

the variety of material. You can find reproductions, reprints and gorgeous old editions of works that cost little or nothing. Many of these were gift books published in the mid-1800s that collectors can buy for \$10-30.

As technology advances, so do the trends in collecting. Many people now are collecting audio books of poetry because hearing the words read makes for a stronger experience. The popularity of poetry reading nights has increased the availability of audio poetry.

Poetry is one of those forms of literature that has been popular throughout the ages. No matter what time period you are interested in there is a type of poetry that goes along with it. Poets, who were often the first

to take chances with words, have greatly affected the way people think and write. The literature of each era reflects the changes and breakthroughs in the poetry. Poetry will continue to be popular with collectors for decades to come because it's a unique language that speaks to millions and lasts forever.

Kenneth Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. The Brattle Book Shop is celebrating its 65th year of Gloss family ownership. Visit their Website at: www.brattlebookshop.com for a list of his free and open talks, to get books appraised or call 1-800-447-9595. Ken is often a guest appraiser on PBS' Antiques Roadshow.

BOA meeting

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city solicitor maintained that any elected official might run into trouble advocating for this type of activity in their official positions because of their direct financial interests in the Retirement Board's decisions considering pensions and other matters.

Wright added that the members of the board can advocate in their personal and private times, but must remain cautious. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang stated that he and other members of the board were still concerned about not having a voice in this matter, especially as it is

such an important consideration with community impact and financial implications.

At the end, this matter was placed on file.

After a few other approvals on items for rodent-related inspections and public works matters, the BOA adjourned.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

to meet the needs of the community. For more information, contact Arn Franzen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2545, or AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

***** Applications are now available for the "Pocket Change" pilot program, designed to help low-income young adults, ages 18 to 24, gain full-time employment with local em-

ployers. On Tuesday, June 3, the city, the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and The Career Place will host an information session from 6 to 8 p.m. at the SCC's office at 336 Somerville Ave. (second floor) for those interested in the program.

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phenomenal Taste of Somerville at Davis Square! 50+ outstanding restaurants, farmers, & breweries with live entertainment, hosted by Jimmy Tingle. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 4 (Rain dates: 6/11, 6/18), at 50 Holland Street (Buena Vista parking lot will be transformed into a one-day phenomenon, the Buena Vista Pavilion)



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Monday June 2

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Tuesday June 3

The Porter Squares 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 4

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

Thursday June 5

Open jam @ BYOBluegrass Party
grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday June 6

Johnny Come Latelies 6 p.m.
Paa Sec Diery Band \$5 cover

Saturday June 7

Somerville High Jazz Band 4 p.m.
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart 6 p.m.
My Own Worst Enemy, The Easy Reasons,
Desolation Bells 9 p.m.

Sunday June 8

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.
Deb McDonnell Band 8 p.m.



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Wednesday, May 28					
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folklorist	12:30pm	Culture Club
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Play by Play
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake,	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents		Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV
2:00pm	Physician Focus	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	7:00pm	This is East
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Active Aging	Friday, May 30		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	7:30am	Shrink Rap	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay USA
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	Sunday, June 1	
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	10:00am	This is East	6:00am	Program Celebrai
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6:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	11:30am	Peace by Piece	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
7:00pm	This is East	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	12:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	International Church of God
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	10:30am	Active Aging
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	11:00am	The Folklorist
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:30am	Basic Buddha
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Play by Play
11:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Martha Coakley	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
Thursday, May 29					
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters
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10:30am	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture in Somerville	9:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show		Lieutenant Gov. Candidate
11:00am	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	6:00pm	Abugida TV
11:30am	Ablevision	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
1:00pm	African Television	Saturday, May 31		9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	7:00am	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access	11:00pm	No Film Film Festival
3:00pm	Chef’s Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Cowboy Episode	Monday, June 2	
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:00am	Ablevision
		10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
		11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22					
Wednesday, May 28					
9:00am:	Secure Communities Press Conference	8:30pm:	PorchFest 2014	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
9:30am:	Limiting Secure Communities	9:10pm:	Historic Preservation Meeting	12:30am:	Keep Moving
Sunday, June 1					
12:00pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	12:00am:	Immigrant Community Meeting	1:00am:	Talking Business
12:15pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Mayor’s Business Town Meeting	1:30am:	Secure Communities Press Conference
12:45pm:	SomDog Spring Fling	2:00am:	PorchFest 2014	2:00am:	Limiting Secure Communities
1:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol	2:40am:	2014 Spring Clean Up		Executive Order Signing
1:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	9:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour		Voices of Somerville
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Alan Feldman: A psychologist of the mystery of love

Ah! Ain't love grand! Yes grand, tragic, maddening, evolving ... in all its infinite variety. Feldman in his collection *Immortality* explores love and its many manifestations, as well as other themes. I had the privilege to interview Feldman on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer* recently.

Alan Feldman's *A Sail to Great Island* (2004) won the Pollak Prize for Poetry from the University of Wisconsin. *The Happy Genius* (1978) won the annual George Elliston Book Award for the best collection published by a small, U.S. non-profit press. His work has appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Yorker*, and *Kenyon Review*, among many other magazines, and included in *The Best American Poetry 2001* (edited by Robert Hass) and *BAP 2011* (edited by Kevin Young). Feldman's recent work appears in *Hanging Loose*, *Cimarron Review*, *upstreet*, *Southern Review*, *Yale Review*, *Salamander*, *Southwest Review*, *Cincinnati Review*, *Catamaran*, *Worcester Review*, and online in *Boston Poetry Magazine* and *Cortland Review*. His poem *A Man and A Woman* was featured in Tony Hoagland's 2013 article for *Harper's*, *Twenty Little Poems That Could Save America*.

Feldman was a professor and chair of English at Framingham State University, and for 22 years taught the advanced creative writing class at Harvard University's Radcliffe Seminars. He offers free, drop-in poetry workshops at the Framingham (MA) public library near his home.

Doug Holder: We were both born in New York City, and moved out to the suburbs of Long Island. I always found the suburbs stifling. How did you find it?

Alan Feldman: I was desperate to get out of the suburbs. But I will tell you something about Woodmere, L.I. where I grew up. My mother and Louise Gluck's mother were best friends. Louise grew up in Hewlett and I grew up in Woodmere and so apparently it was a fertile ground for poets. And Louise had an exhibit of her paintings at the Hewlett library when I was in high school. Her paintings were striking. Later, I met her on a bus when I was attending Columbia University. She told me she was taking a very good poetry course with Leoine Adams. And Louise was very beautiful, and so I thought I would sign up for the workshop, and maybe get to know her. But the workshop was not for me so I stopped going. But I forgot to drop the course. So my transcript will show the only course that I took in poetry writing, I failed.

My parents were both teachers and they took me and my sister to Europe for three months in 1952. I remember vividly when we were in Rome, I saw the Protestant Cemetery where Keats and Shelley are buried. It was an experience I will never forget. Here we were visiting the graves of folks long dead and we didn't know personally. I was all of seven years old. Shelley's grave was very well-tended. He came from a well-to-do background. It was covered with ivory, and Keats' grave was essentially bare. And then I remember my mother crying at Keats' grave. I thought: "How could something like this affect a living person?" This planted the idea in my soul that there is a transmission from the dead to the living via poetry. This ... I believe ... was a big influence for me becoming an artist and poet.

So Woodmere was my home, but it was my particular home and family.

DH: You taught in the South Bronx in the late 60s. That must have been, to say the least, challenging.

AF: It was incredibly difficult. I had a choice to

teach or ship out to Vietnam. I think I chose the wrong thing (laugh). I was placed in a special services school. This was where the average sixth grader was reading at a third grade level. A third of the staff were brand new and had never been a teacher in the classroom. I was terrible at it. After the first half year they took me out of the classroom and made me a specialist in Language Arts and Science. I got to teach the same lessons all day long, so I got to learn how to teach. The second year they gave me class 5-1. This class had kids who scored the highest in the math test. They were like little geniuses. Some of them were reading way above grade-level. And we put on plays and I had them painting. I think I succeeded here. But the idea that you can drop a bright and educated person in the classroom and they can automatically teach is wrong. There is so much technique in classroom management. I wasn't ready to teach kids whose main issue was to stay in their seat.

DH: You sent me some poems from your collection *Immortality*. Many of the poems deal with the psychology of love. One of the poems is titled *The Rowboat*, *The Girl*, *The Light*. This poem took place when you were very young. You were out on a rural lake and a young girl swam to your boat. Everything smelled of pine, desire, things were elemental. Now you have gotten older things have changed in this realm. Things are more urgent. There is a deeper appreciation of the world.

AF: As you get older – and I will be 70 soon – your desire becomes generalized. You desire the world and everything in it. As a child you take that for granted.

DH: Your wife Nan Hass is an accomplished artist. Do you guys collaborate?

AF: We understand each others' obsessiveness. We are both infected with this need to make art. Nan works all the time and has an incredible drive. She understands me. If something you are working on gets a hold of you, you are going to be immersed in it. We both give each other space. We are hilariously bad at collaboration. We worked on a book of poems, my poems and her illustrations. We got into such a fight about the binding that it almost destroyed our marriage (laugh). So our collaboration are limited and with parameters.

DH: You were a professor at Framingham State University for many years. In your opinion what makes for a good teacher?

AF: A really good knowledge of the subject. A love for the subject. A strong desire to be helpful. A sense of organization. I have observed so many shapeless classes. The essential purpose is too vague.



Poet Steve Lappen has sent us a poem, so please concentrate ... if you can.

CONCENTRATION BLUES

I look admiringly upon the book's front cover,
Its design as inviting as a tour through the Louvre.
As I turn to the first page of text,
There is the slightest bit of hesitation,
Even resistance offered by the book.

The words on the page begin a dizzying dance.
With fear and trembling I slow the dance
To a rhythmic crawl.
Still and all my eyes cannot keep pace.
Rhythm gives way to a chaotic burn.
My eyes surrender to letters
Bound together in a meaningless string.
At last, I close the book.

I look admiringly upon the book's front cover,
Its design as inviting as a tour through the Louvre.
I sigh a sigh of needed relief.
I sigh a sigh of mounting disgust.
Concentration's caress will not be mine.

— Steve Lappen



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Answers

- Known as the G.I. Bill, a law that provided a range of benefits for returning World War II veterans
- Kim Novak
- Drano
- It was the ferris wheel at the 1964 New York World's Fair
- Dancing chickens
- Iris
- \$1.98
- Marilyn Monroe
- Winston, after Winston Churchill
- Tony Flow and the Majestic Masters of Mayhem
- 1969
- Polaroid Camera

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