

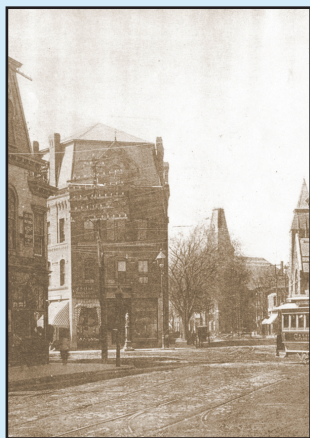


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## Squeezebox Slam 2014 strolling into Somerville



The Nave Gallery and the Somerville Arts Council present the 2nd Somerville Squeezebox Slam on Saturday, June 14, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a celebration, of accordions, button boxes and other free standing reed instruments. Accordionists of all skill levels and musical genres are invited to stroll around the neighborhoods of Somerville, sharing their melodious sounds. The event culminates in a gathering of all players in Davis Square for a grand finale concert. Great fun, not to be missed.

## BOA meets for FY2015 budget hearing

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The Somerville Board of Aldermen held a special meeting on Thursday, June 5, to hear Mayor Joseph Curtatone's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2015.

In front of a crowded room of Somerville residents, elected officials and more, Mayor Curtatone went through the financial assessments and performances of the city throughout the past few years.

He first explained that Somerville has strived to continue to be an exceptional place to work, live and raise a family.

"You've seen this arch of values before, and that's because this budget continues our proven strategy," Mayor Curtatone affirmed. "We do not try to come up with a new game plan every year, coming up with a promised quick fix or an easy solution, because there are no easy solutions, especially in difficult financial times."

In terms of large-scale budgetary appropriations, the Somerville Public School system remains the largest piece of the pie, with a \$3.7 million proposed increase in funding that would account for roughly half of

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## Return of the toy cameras

By Jack Adams

The Somerville Toy Camera Festival returned to Somerville, spread between five galleries, the Nave Gallery, the Nave Gallery Annex, the Brickbottom Gallery, the Somerville Museum and the Washington Street Gallery. On display are 150 Lo-Fi and Toy Camera photos taken by 99 photographers. The galleries will remain open until the last week of June.

Over 400 pieces were submitted, and the entries were whittled down to the final 150 by Somerville-based photographers Meg Birnbaum and Lee Kilpatrick. Birnbaum said they carefully reviewed every entry together while in a Panera Bread.

"I was looking for something that brings some kind of emotion, something that touches the heart. Lee I think looks for something very different, more aesthetic," said Birnbaum. "We traded a few, I'll give you this if you give me that, but we literally talked about every image, so it was really an interesting process."

Several of the photographers came to the opening at the Washington

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Michelle Bates shows off her toy camera works of art.

Photo by Jack Adams

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The city budget committee hearings chaired by Alderman Tony Lafuente, began this past Monday night. First department before the board’s budget committee members was DPW and all its divisions. It was a long meeting but nothing out of the ordinary. Well, except for one thing, a position that was created by the Board of Alderman last year under Highway Personal called “FLEET MANAGER” which proves maybe you don’t have to be a former Alderman to get a juicy job at City Hall. A well-known figure here in the city apparently is the new “FLEET MANAGER” for the city. Ronald Bonney of the Taxi fame and past President of the Chamber and sources tell us a rather large contributor to various campaigns here in Somerville started work June 1. The discussion was around the salary and maybe slightly higher than the board previously said. Apparently the original salary with the job was \$63K but a year later Mr. Bonney being the first person to have this job will now receive little over \$80K. Board members requested job description, job specifications and skills needed to fill the job, the DPW commission Stan Koty promised to get the information ASAP for the board members. The committee meeting with just the DPW lasted was recessed just about 11 p.m. This week was Recreation coming before the committee but too late for press time here. A reminder that the committee’s meetings will be taped and on channel 22, look for it and you can go online to get the proposed budget, might make for an interesting reading with a bowl of chips and tonic! By the way has anyone ever seen the posting for this job? We didn’t...Just saying.

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The Police Chief special committee will be submitting their final choices for the Alderman and residents to meet and be able to ask questions. The committee findings are expected to be submitted on the 25th. We hear of only two local and current Police Officers who have submitted resumes, Deputy Chief Mike Cabral and Deputy Chief David Fallon. Both good choices but we hear it’s not going to be either one as the final choice, and that’s too bad. Deputy Chief Fallon is a good guy and has a lot of support and so does Deputy Chief Cabral. We know that former Chief Holloway didn’t submit a resume like the rumor had it that he did, so that’s good. He cost the city a lot in the 2nd round.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to Reminder: The Somerville Food Truck Festival rolls in

fossilFEST? says:

so, do we care about fossil fuels or not? diesel, gas, propane burning away all day so we can eat truck food. Unbelievable.

janie says:

Never ceases to amaze me. Divest of fossil fuels! They are evil! Get the cars off the road! They are evil! Food trucks, running on diesel oil, with the fumes that come with it, good! We need more! The height of hypocrisy.

A. Moore says:

BYO. Bring your own oil.

philb says:

I’m pretty sure fossilFest, janie and A. Moore only care about fossil fuels when someone perceived population they don’t like are burning them.

summary says:

summing up that article—the issue needs more study for a strong answer, but meanwhile—the generators used on trucks are very inefficient and dirtier than electricity. “spew more hydrocarbon, nitrous oxide and particulate matter” “emit more Carbon Dioxide, up to 3 times” also, says you have to consider the truck returning to ‘home’ and the generators are involved in the prep and clean up.

Bravejoe says:

My wife and I went with a friend to the event and enjoyed the crowds of people but were not committed enough to stand in the long lines for a taste. We observed that one of the longest lines ran from the Bacon Truck... it wrapped around the scallop truck...

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## 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 feel Somerville needs more playing fields. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

### Do you feel Somerville needs more playing fields?



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# Rodent Taskforce addresses rat issues

By Douglas Yu

"If you have rat problems in your property, call 311 Somerville."

This is a call from the City of Somerville to residents to address the mounting frustration over rodent infestation. 311 Somerville, part of the Mayor's Office, provides constituent services that allow residents to obtain valuable information about the city.

In 2008 and 2009 alone, rodent calls from the city were about 200 in total. In 2012, the calls rose to more than 600. The creatures, which often eat pigeon's droppings, are increasingly found in residents' backyards, dumpsters or even in their kitchens, chewing leftovers and trash barrels.

This week, the Board of Alderman joined the Rodent Taskforce to host a public hearing at City Hall about rodent issues. Public members were invited to testify about how rodents affect their neighborhoods.

Paulette Renault-Caragianes, Director of Health Department of the city, addressed the current efforts that the Taskforce has made. "We have a residential rodent control assistance program; a new uniform residential trash cart program, comprehensive

dumpster inspection, registration, and enforcement," she said.

Besides these efforts, Renault-Caragianes also mentioned that they were going to continue public education about ways of avoiding infestation, even in those neighborhoods where rodent issues are less prominent.

People who try to file complaints about rats need to follow a certain application process through 311, according to Steve Craig, director of 311.

"We ask questions like 'is that property occupied?' 'How many units are there in your property?'" Craig said. "We also asked if there is additional information, such as if there are any elderly, financial hardships, disabilities, as well as any other information that we need to capture."

Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Goran Smiljic, said that once they receive a complaint they would schedule an appointment with the property and see if there is any evidence of rodent activity.

The challenge for 311, as Alderman John Connolly said, is that certain property owners may live far away from Somerville and they are hard to reach when the neighbors of their properties complain about on-going rodent



Photo by Douglas Yu

Members of the Somerville Board of Alderman joined with members of the Rodent Taskforce to examine plans and procedures that will be put into effect to try to stem the tide of rat infestation in the city.

activities around their buildings.

"Some of the landlords live on other continents and they are impossible to reach." Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston was concerned about how absent landlords pay for inspecting their properties.

"Assuming that [absent landlords] pay their property tax bills, if there is an extremely problematic property caus-

ing rats to run rampant in the neighborhood and affecting other areas, would it be something for the committee to get together with the legal department to find out if we can go on that property and put a surcharge on their tax bill for inspectional services? I think that will be very helpful," Heuston said. Smiljic will look into it.

Dian Blewett, who lives on

40 Tennyson Street, reported during the public hearing that rats are found along the retaining wall in the back of the houses on Tennyson Street. And behind the retaining wall, there is a large dumpster on the property of a Sycamore Street apartment that is like a "drive-through restaurant" for rats.

Blewett was looking for help from the city

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Somerville man found guilty for 2009 murder

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced that a Somerville man has been found guilty this afternoon of first degree murder for the 2009 homicide of Christopher Souza, 24, of Somerville.

Michael Barnett, 33, of Somerville, was convicted by a Middlesex Superior Court Jury of first degree murder and armed robbery for the November 22, 2009 death of Christopher Souza. Middlesex Superior Court Judge Heidi Brieger scheduled sentencing for tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

“The defendant has now been held responsible for the drug-fueled murder of Christopher Souza,” District Attorney Ryan said. “I commend the determination and commitment of the Somerville Police and the State Police Detectives who continued to pursue new leads and evidence in this case to obtain justice and closure for Christopher’s family and friends. We hope this verdict brings them some peace and healing.”

On the morning of November 23, 2009, the victim was discovered by his mother lying motionless on his living room floor. The victim had several cords wrapped around his neck and was determined to be deceased. An autopsy by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of death to be strangulation by ligature and the manner of death to be homicide.

An investigation was immediately launched by Somerville Police and State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office. During that investigation, it was discovered that the defendant had been looking to purchase drugs on the night of November 22, 2009, but did not have any money to do so. The defendant went to the victim’s home to call his drug dealer. While there, the defendant strangled the victim to death with the cords from his Xbox and Playstation video game consoles and then stole the victim’s game systems which he later sold to purchase narcotics.

The defendant sold the Playstation for \$50, and used the money to buy drugs. Police were able to confirm the IP address of the Playstation and contacted the buyer who had activated Souza’s online account. The buyer told police that he had purchased the game system from Barnett.

Barnett was indicted March 28, 2013 by a Middlesex Grand Jury on charges of murder, armed robbery and witness intimidation. A co-defendant, Kelly Murray, 32, of Somerville, the defendant’s girlfriend, was charged with witness intimidation (two counts) for allegedly lying to police during the investigation. Murray was arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court on March 29, 2013 where Assistant Clerk Magistrate Matt Day ordered her held on \$5,000 cash bail with conditions to stay away from any witnesses and comply with current conditions of probation on an unrelated case. Upon bail review, Murray’s bail was lowered to \$2,500 and she was placed on house arrest with GPS monitoring.

Murray’s charges are currently pending.

The prosecutors assigned to the case are Assistant District Attorney Chris Tarrant and Assistant District Attorney Anne Paruti. The Victim Witness Advocate is Anne Foley. The Paralegal is Jaime Lepizzera.

## No bed for the night for unlucky seeker

Police were dispatched to St. Patrick Women’s Shelter on Washington St. last week on reports that an unwanted woman was causing a disturbance at the facility.

Upon arrival, police met with the facility’s on duty counselor who reportedly told them that the woman in question, Tanya Morris, 33, had arrived there at approximately 6:40 p.m. and demanded a bed for the night.

The counselor said that he tried to explain to Morris that there was a daily lottery at 2:45 p.m. to determine who would get to stay for the night and that all of the beds had been taken.

Morris was reportedly agitated and abusive and refused to leave when asks to do so by the facility’s staff.

Because Morris was known to become violent it was determined that the police should be called.

One of the officers went to Morris and again tried to explain the lottery system that was in place at the shelter and that there was no possibility of her being able to stay there.

The officer also advised Morris that there were alternative opportunities for getting shelter for the night, but Morris reportedly continued to refuse to leave and clearly stated that she would not do so.

The officers advised Morris that if she did not leave on her own accord that she would be placed under arrest, police said.

As Morris refused to leave she was placed under arrest.

After a brief struggle while being handcuffed, she was charged with resisting arrest and trespassing.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Kourtney McLean**, 23, of 364 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, June 3, 6:11 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of being present where heroin is kept and larceny over \$250.

**Nicholas Evans**, 26, of 980 Main St., Woburn, June 3, 6:11 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a class A drug.

**Tanya Morris**, 33, June 3, 6:58 p.m., arrested at 270 Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest and trespassing.

**Tonis Perez-Melgar**, 23, of 10A Memorial Rd., June 3, 7:46 p.m., arrested at 23 Puritan Rd. on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

**George Carvalho**, 45, of 10 Powder House Terr., June 3, 10:12 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Angela E. Douyon-Previlon**, 33, of 270 Washington St., June 4, 2:55 p.m., arrested at

home on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault to murder.

**Frederick Serode**, 34, of 20 Balsam Rd, Norton, June 5, 10:26 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

**A juvenile**, June 5, 3:05 p.m., arrested at 20 Charlestown St. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Dominique Evans**, 31, of 39 Old Landing Way, Charlestown, June 6, 5:56 p.m., arrested at Austin St. on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

**Robert Tedesco**, 24, of 78 Bedford St., Burlington, June 7, 9:20 a.m., arrested at 37 Union Sq. on a charge of unarmed robbery.

**Gustavo Merida**, 50, of 404 Broadway, June 7, 10:21 p.m., arrested at 24 Lincoln St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Two juveniles**, June 8, 1:45 a.m., arrested at Gilman St. on charges of resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer.

**Paul Michaud**, 27, of 51 Dartmouth St., Watertown, June 8, 8:05 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and possession of a class A drug.

**Fernando Martins**, 22, of 256 Hurley St., Cambridge, June 8, 7:46 p.m., arrested on charges of improper use of a credit card, utter false instrument, forgery of a document, and larceny under \$250.

**Filsdym Modan**, 18, of 10 Memorial Rd., June 8, 8:53 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and disturbing the peace.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**  
June 2, 8:30 a.m., police reported a theft at Grandview Ave.

June 2, 11:18 a.m., police reported a theft at Campbell Pkwy.

June 2, 12:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St.

June 3, 10:34 a.m., police reported a theft at Holyoke Rd.

June 4, 11:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Artisan Way.

June 5, 7:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

June 8, 10:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Alston St.

**Robbery:**  
June 4, 10:08 a.m., police reported a robbery at 103 Fells-way West.

**Breaking & Entering:**  
June 2, 10:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Mt. Vernon St.

**Assault:**  
June 2, 3:28 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

June 3, 10:12 p.m., police reported an assault at Powder House Terr.

**Destruction of Property:**  
June 3, 12:43 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Middlesex Ave.

June 3, 6:24 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 2 Highland Ave.

June 6, 10:26 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Cross St.

June 8, 12:50 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

**Trespassing:**  
June 3, 6:58 p.m., police reported a trespassing at 2 Highland Ave.

**Drug Violation:**  
June 2, 7:21 p.m., police reported a drug violation at College Ave.

**Liquor Law Violation:**  
June 8, 8:53 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Temple St.

**DUI:**  
June 7, 10:21 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Lincoln St.



# Somerville Redevelopment Authority to act soon

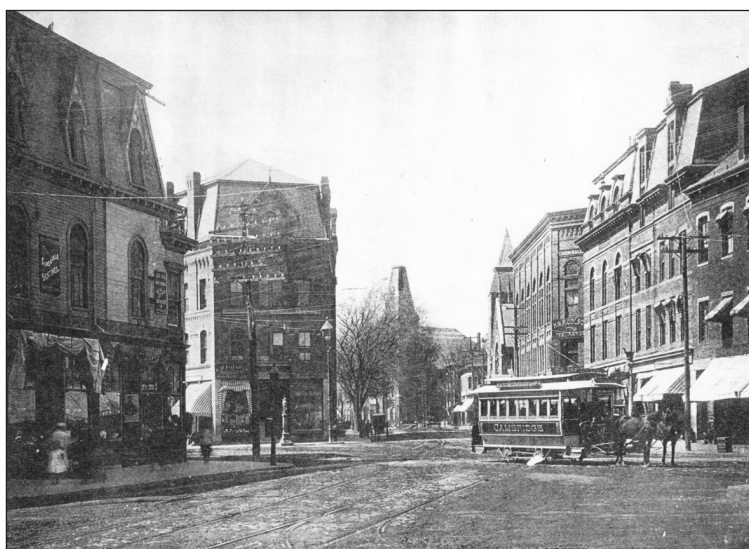
By Mary Bridger

After touring four cities in four days the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) returned for another scheduled meeting at City Hall on June 5, with only the Abbey Group to tour this Wednesday June 11.

Of the remaining four applicants vying to become the master developer of Union square only FRIT/National Development and the Abbey Group are local Boston developers. Magellan/US2 is a Chicago developer and Gerding Elden is from Portland, Oregon, both with very little if any Boston development experience.

While various groups and officials from across the city have given their time to this process, particularly the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), only the SRA is vested with the mandate to award the RFP to the master developer they choose as the best qualified group to "pave" the future of Union Square and Somerville. What Somerville can not go through is a long process with a developer who decides to pack its bags and head back to where they came from like has happened to our friends from the south in Quincy.

At the SRA meeting on June 5, CAC members Mike Dacey and Wig Zamore appeared and spoke about their observations on the coast-to-coast tour with the city. Mr. Dacey appeared to be most in favor of Gerding Edlen's designs and final product. Unfortunately, he did not



Union Square in simpler times.

comment on nor was he asked by the SRA about the huge concerns of Gerding's financial strength in difficult economic times and lender takebacks, a topic that became most apparent when the CAC first appeared before the SRA to give their four recommendations. Our sources here at *The Times* have been informed that Gerding apologized to the SRA in Portland last week for being evasive in not answering written questions on the subject.

Mr Dacey and Mr. Zamore also provided input on Magellan/US2 from Chicago and although they were impressed it appears that Magellan is more of a "cookie cutter" style developer, again with no track record here in the Boston area. However, in Chicago they have erected very large skyscrapers, maximizing their density. Is Union Square really the best place for tall skyscraper style buildings with a bland style? Comments from

SRA members were positive on Magellan's financial strengths but poor on transit oriented living. It appears that Magellan has never worked in concert with a transit authority in planning a village or new neighborhood which is precisely the point here in our soon to be "improved" Union square.

Another theme that was apparent at the SRA meeting was that FRIT's Bethesda Row, Maryland development was a revitalization, transit master plan that preserved the older character of Bethesda while creating a more vibrant, walkable space easily accessible to transit. SRA members and City officials were impressed with the developments ability to attract and maintain smaller style retail for its inhabitants and visitors. Although it's been raised that FRIT is already developing Assembly Row, one official commented that, "It's nice to have local partner that can complete what they promise."

## Rodent Taskforce addresses rat issues

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and inspectional services to get the dumpster replaced. She paid \$120, the initial fee, to an animal pest control company. The company could not do anything about the dumpster, since it is on another property.

Connolly said that the city was going to pressure the own-

er of the apartment on Sycamore Street to replace the dumpster, which has plastic lids, to an all-steel dumpster. He said rats could easily get into any plastic-lid dumpsters, but it is impossible for any animals to get into an all-steel dumpster, especially the ones

with padlocks.

"This particular dumpster has a rubber top on it, which doesn't really close that tight. We may want to talk about changing some of the ordinances for certain size buildings that rubber top or flip top that doesn't really cut it," Heuston said.

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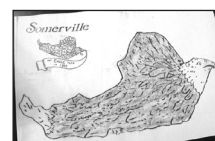
David F. Mahan, 69 of Malden, formerly of Somerville, June 2,

#### David F. Mahan

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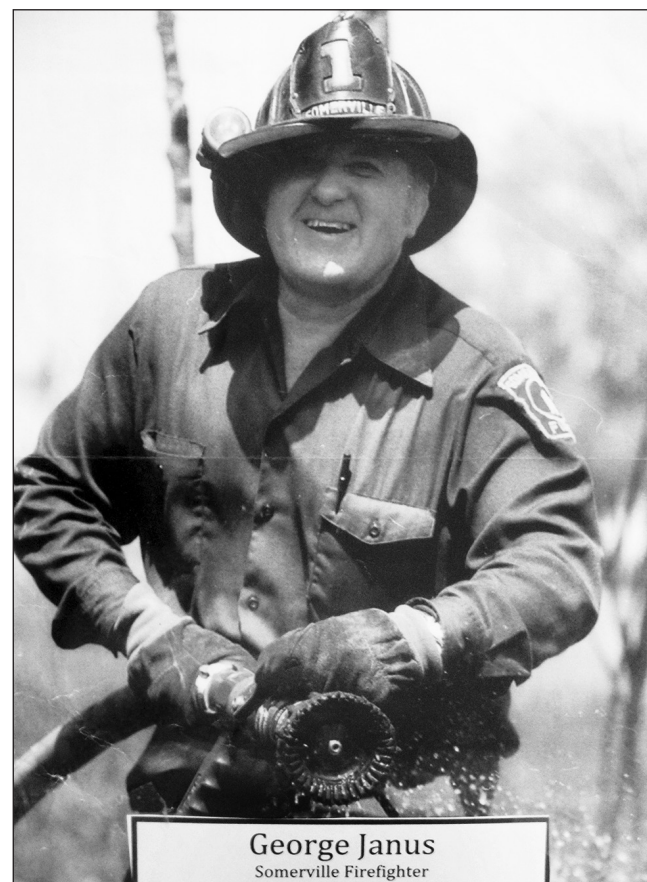
**Eagle feathers #54**

### The Faithful and the Fearless

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

While walking by, biking, or sitting in Winter Hill traffic, many people have noticed the names of Reilly and Brickley on the front of the city's fire headquarters and have casually dismissed them without a thought. On June 10th, Somerville firefighters will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Arrow Paper Company fire where two of their fellow firefighters lost their lives and five were injured. Veteran firefighter, George Janus, was buried in the rubble and narrowly escaped with serious injuries. Four other firefighters were also injured trying to extricate him.

The early 1970's was a time of a large exodus from the ranks of the Somerville Fire Department. It marked the retirement of many of the 30-year career firefighters who had been appointed following World War II. In 1974, because of this exodus, the city had exhausted her hiring list and appointed sixteen out-of-town recruits from the state list to fill its vacant positions. Coming from Arlington, I was proud to be one of them. To my knowledge, it was the first and only time in its history that Somerville officially hired out-of-town recruits.



George Janus  
Somerville Firefighter

Everyone in the area remembers that night vividly when radio and television news reports flashed the incident. I was at my fiancée's birthday party when we heard the news. I left her house to go to the chaotic fire scene and met a Somerville police officer who had Brickley's boots in hand. He gave them to me, and I later brought them back to the firehouse still in disbelief. Bob was the first firefighter I met on the job.

Robert Brickley of Everett was one of the "Out of Towners" as we were later called. He was in tremendous shape. He was into sports and weight lifting, and was slated to win the Mr. New England Body Building competition. At that time, the new recruits traveled to the north shore Civil Defense barracks for their firefighter training. Sometimes when returning home from those classes, our carpool caravan would stop to eat and imbibe at the Hilltop Steak House. Bob was a stickler for training. He would surprise everyone by telling the waitress: "Give me a hamburger, burn it, and hold the bread." He followed that with a tall glass of water, and he was done. He was in the best shape of all of us. He loved the fact that he was taking the place of a veteran, and was looking forward to being a career firefighter. His plans were never to be fulfilled. Only four months later on June 10, 1974, at age 32, his life and dream were cut short at the Arrow Paper Company fire.

Fifty-three year old Joseph Reilly, a 24-year veteran Somerville firefighter, was a World War II veteran sailor. Joe served on the battleship U.S.S. Massachusetts from its birth in 1942 to the end of the war.

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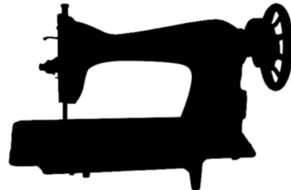
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# COMMENTARY

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## My thoughts on the upcoming budget process



**By William A. White Jr.,  
Alderman-at-Large,  
Board President**

I want to thank *The Somerville Times* for inviting me to comment on the upcoming City Budget process before the Board of Aldermen. There are two important “firsts” taking place with this process. For the first time in the history of the City, the Mayor has submitted a budget to the Board of Aldermen in excess of \$200,000,000. After the current budget of \$195,042,998, the Mayor is seeking \$203,105,619 for next year. The other is that for the first time in recent memory, there are five new aldermen

out of eleven who will be participating in the review of this budget. As Board President, I asked the Chair of the Finance Committee, Aldermen Lafuente, to extend the budget meetings over more evenings than had been done recently to give aldermen, especially our new members, more time to question the important departments. During the past few years, incumbent aldermen had become quite familiar with the operation and funding needs of the various city departments. As a result, the budget schedule had become a bit compressed. My hope is that these new members on the Board of Aldermen in combination with its veterans will conduct a vigorous process that poses serious questions about spending and taxes.

I am writing this just after having received the budget, which is a 271 page document, at the Mayor’s budget presentation last Thursday before the Board

of Aldermen. After reading through the budget, I would like to point out some items that I believe the Board will likely find particularly worthy of serious discussion. The first is that the proposed budget calls for an overall increase in property taxes of almost 6%. If that is implemented, it will mean that property taxes will have increased by 20% over a three year period. And depending on how each taxpayer’s house has increased in value, some taxpayers could see more than a 20% increase while others could have less of an increase.

The issue of increased property taxes, needless to say, generates tremendous debate. The new growth from construction of new buildings and renovations to existing homes in Somerville has allowed the City to increase property taxes beyond the Proposition 2 1/2 limit for a number of years. Some property owners are able to pass these

tax increases onto rents so the tenants end up bearing the cost. But for those homeowners or tenants whose incomes are not growing, rising property taxes cut into their disposable income. This can especially impact those folks on fixed incomes. Others say that this increase in taxes to fund government has created new programs and an image that promotes Somerville’s reputation as a vibrant community.

As one alderman, I view property taxes; city spending; the creation of affordable housing, especially for families and seniors; and the protection of our current residents as key components of an overall package of important decisions we must face. Our objective should be to keep Somerville a diverse community where folks can stay for the long-term and not a transient city that benefits developers, real estate speculators, and absentee landlords. With that in mind, I do have good news.

Mayor Curtatone and I appeared at the State House last Thursday before the Legislative Committee hearing our City’s Home Rule Petition to increase the residential exemption to 35%. Based on the comments that were made at the hearing, I have a good feeling that the legislature will approve it and our residents will see relief.

A second area for discussion is an increase in spending for our schools. Almost \$4million of the \$8 Million increase in the budget is for the School Department. I must admit that I am biased in favor of this increased spending. In fact, this commitment to our schools appears to be paying off as our student enrollment is rising. At the same time, the State will charge us \$1 million more than last year for charter school payments and this hits our budget.

A third area for discussion is an increase of about \$1 million in debt service

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## Smart zoning reform will lead to better development

**By André Leroux, Massachusetts  
Smart Growth Alliance & Joseph  
Curtatone, Mayor of Somerville**

Our cities and towns deserve a modern set of tools to plan ahead for growth. We must be able to ensure that development takes place wisely, spares tax dollars from waste, and protects our environment. Development proposals should be based upon community values and local planning priorities. But in too many communities, smart community-minded development proposals are subject to legal wrangling and costly delays. Meanwhile lower-quality proposals are often permitted more quickly because that is what our outdated regulations encourage.

The status quo threatens Massachusetts’ economic future—and our quality of life. Our state’s outdated zoning, planning and permitting laws make it cheapest and easiest to build projects in haphazard locations that may waste taxpayer dollars. This “sprawl” costs up to twice as much in public infrastructure, costs 10% more to maintain in services, and produces environmentally unsustainable growth.

It is time for sensible reform. While local communities like Somerville are making progress by implementing comprehensive planning and overhauling local codes, all of our communities could do much more with a strategic reform to our state’s development laws. Development regulation reform would give local communities all of the tools they need to pursue smarter development.

Our state’s laws governing development, including our state zoning act, have not been updated in 40 years.

Fortunately, there is a bill pending on Beacon Hill that begins to fix this. House Bill No. 1859, “An Act Promoting the Planning and Development of Sustainable Communities,” is practical legislation that gives Massachusetts cities and towns clear authority and flexible tools to plan, develop, and protect our communities.

The proposal will make it quicker and cheaper for communities to decide where to sensibly grow and where to preserve land by making master planning more flexible and less costly. It encourages communities to establish districts for prompt permitting of housing and commercial growth while adopting environmental protections. The law will also determine development impact fees by a formula, curbing contentious negotiations with developers over the cost of infrastructure and other community impacts.

Our antiquated zoning laws hurt our environment as well. Every day in Massachusetts, 22 acres of forest and farmland are converted primarily to low-density residential sprawl. One contributor is an obsolete process called “Approval Not Required” (ANR) roadside development, which is almost unregulated, even on dirt roads or roads that might only exist on paper. We are the only state in the nation that allows this. The Sustainable Communities act would enable a city or town to replace ANR with an expedited review process with some teeth in it. Additional critical provisions would allow communi-


ties to improve the siting of development to protect our landscapes, reduce flooding, and recharge our local water tables and streams.

Let’s take development fights out of the courts. This bill brings our zoning law into the 21st century and clarifies many gray areas of the law so that everyone can understand what it means. The legislation would create standardized zoning protections once an application for a building permit, special permit, or subdivision plan is filed. It encourages development disputes to be resolved by mediation rather than court battles. It provides clear local authority for modern-day practices such as inclusionary zoning to spur affordable housing development, natural resource protection zoning and site plan review. It would also encourage more communities to develop form-based codes, which focus on a community’s character instead of relying on archaic regulation of uses that limit commerce in our city and town centers and squares.

The zoning reform bill is driven by the expertise of many groups that care about sensible growth and the quality of life in our communities, such as the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, the Massachusetts Public Health Association, and the organizations that represent municipal attorneys and planners.

We can’t squander this historic opportunity to pass zoning reform before the legislative session ends July 31st. The bill costs the state nothing and will save cities and towns money. Its passage will be an important step toward a fair system of

development rules that will reduce haphazard development and encourage all of our communities to plan ahead for the growth our state needs.



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators on two roll calls, one in each chamber, from the week of June 2-6.

**Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:**



**Rep. Denise Provost**

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



**Rep. 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.

## \$1.74 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND BILL (H 4138)

House 138-5, approved and sent to the Senate a \$1.74 billion environmental bond package allowing the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects. The House during floor debate added an estimated \$186 million in extra spending, mostly for projects in individual districts. The measure includes dozens of earmarks costing hundreds of millions of dollars proposed by individual representatives and designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a “wish list”: The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said this landmark environmental legislation package is a fiscally responsible one which will help the state and local communities improve the environment. They argued it is fair and balanced and provides for important projects in all parts of the state.

Opponents said the package, pushed by the Democratic leadership, is loaded with unnecessary spending, particularly in districts where Democratic legislators have Republican challengers in November. Others said the state already has the highest debt per capita in the nation and argued more borrowing will devastate our children’s already debt-ridden future.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

## AMBER ALERT (S 2173)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to improve and enhance the state’s Amber Alert System that helps recover abducted children by interrupting regular radio and TV programming to broadcast information that could help recover the child. Information is also broadcast on electronic signs along highways, in airports and on cell phones.

Provisions include codifying the entire Amber Alert System into law; requiring more descriptive information in the missing child database including identifying marks, prosthetics or surgical implants, photographs, description of clothing, items that may be with the missing child and his or her means of transportation; allowing the State Police to coordinate with law enforcement agencies in other states; and establishing training guidelines for 911 operators.

Supporters said this important bill would enhance the state’s invaluable Amber Alert System. They noted since its inception in the Bay State in 2002, the alert has been activated 15 times and successfully recovered and reunited 23 children with their families.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

### STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (H 4126)

The House gave initial approval to a bill increasing the statute of limitations during which a person can file a civil suit for child sexual abuse. Current law allows victims to file a suit up until the age of 21 while the bill would increase the age to 53. The extension is retroactive for claims against actual perpetrators of abuse and prospective for others with indirect liability like supervisors.

Supporters said that many children who are victims of sexual abuse are not emotionally ready to confront the situation until many years later. They argued that current law is unfair and allows many sexual predators to get away with their crimes.

Opponents said that the bill goes too far because evidence and memories are often hazy, unclear and unreliable after many years. They argued that the bill would

result in many people being wrongly convicted.

**DEER HUNTING (H 4114)** - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow deer hunting on Sundays with a bow and arrow. Current law bans any hunting on Sundays.

Supporters said it is time to abolish this puritanical ban and stop Bay State hunters from traveling to and spending money in neighboring states where Sunday hunting is legal.

Opponents said an additional day of hunting is inhumane to animals and dangerous for people who want to take nature walks and enjoy the wildlife on Sundays, when many are not at work. They cited a poll showing that 86 percent of Bay State residents support this restriction.

The House also rejected an amendment that would give local cities and towns the option to opt out of the law and ban Sunday hunting.

**BURIAL BENEFITS (H 3766)** - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill changing the current law that provides \$4,000 for the burial of a person who dies as a result of an injury on the job under the Workers’ Compensation Act. The bill would increase the amount to “eight times the state’s average weekly wage.” That wage is currently \$1,181.28 so the present benefit would be \$9,450.24.

Supporters said \$4,000 is insufficient and noted the amount hasn’t been raised since a hike from \$2,000 to \$4,000 in 1992. They argued that the average cost of a funeral has doubled in those 22 years and that tying it to average wages in the state will ensure the amount keeps up with the economy.

**ABANDONED BABIES (H 138)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow newborns under the age of seven days to be surrendered to 911 emergency responders. The 2004 law currently allows parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room.

Supporters said that adding 911 responders would save more lives and give young, scared mothers another option instead of unsafe abandonment and even death of the baby.

### REQUIRE AUDIO RECORDING WHEN USING TASER GUNS (H 3315)

The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has recommended approval of a local option bill that would require that all newly purchased taser guns used by police officers be outfitted with an audio recorder. The proposal would only take effect in cities or towns that approve it. It would also “grandfather in” existing taser guns already owned by the city or town.

Supporters said this will ensure there is an audio recording when a taser gun is used so there won’t be any questions about what was said by the police officer or the person who is tased.

### NO PICTURES BY FIRST RESPONDERS (H 4040)

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other first responders from photographing victims at crime and accident scenes or forwarding such photos





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to others. The only exceptions would be if it is done in the performance of official duties or upon the consent of the victim or, if the victim is unable to consent, an immediate family member.

Supporters said the bill will protect the privacy of victims in this digital age.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Consumers have a right to know what is in their food, especially with so many concerned about food allergies.” — *Sen. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) on the bill requiring all foods that contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to be labeled as such.*

“I think it is going to be eight to nothing. It is going to be a double grand slam. I don’t see anybody not voting for him.” — *Governor’s Councilor Oliver Cipollin predicting that the Council will approve Gov. Deval Patrick’s nomination of Justice Ralph Gants to become the next chief justice of the state Supreme Judicial Court.*

“I think this kind of expansion of hunting creates more risks for people who want to be outside.” — *Sen. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont) on his opposition to a bill that would allow deer hunting on Sundays with a*

*bow and arrow.*

“Because while I’m the first woman president of the Massachusetts Senate or any legislative body, I’ve also been the first woman in a lot of places. And I’ve got some pretty good stories . . . They could send a lot of people running.” — *Senate President Therese Murray (D-Plymouth) on the possibility of writing a book when she steps down from the post at the end of this year.*

“People are dying in streets all over this Commonwealth.” — *Representative Jeffrey Sánchez (D-Jamaica Plain) supporting new gun control legislation.*

“Gun violence must be stopped, but placing restrictions on lawful citizens is not the answer.” — *Jim Wallace of the Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League.*

**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 June 2-6, the House met for a total of nine hours and 41 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 42 minutes.

Mon. June 2                      House 11:02 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.  
Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Tues. June 3                      No House session  
No Senate session

Wed. June 4                      House 11:01 a.m. to 7:57 p.m.  
No Senate session

Thurs. June 5                      House 11:06 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.  
Senate 1:00 p.m. to 3:27 p.m.

Fri. June 6                      No House session  
No Senate session

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# BOA meets for FY2015 budget hearing CONT. FROM PG 1

the total appropriation request. Since 2010, the city has increased its investment in the public school budget by 26 percent, with a 6.6 percent year-over-year increase between last year and FY2015.

One of the reasons behind this, as well as other adjustments to the budget, has been the consistently and rapidly declining state aid that has come into Somerville in the past 12 years. In 2000, Massachusetts state aid to Somerville was at \$76 million, while this sum came all the way down to \$34 million last year, adjusted for inflation.

Still, thanks to steadily increasing revenues, increased corporate investments and programs that have thus far played out, Somerville continues to spend less per capita at \$2,383 than neighbors Boston and Cambridge, which are both about \$3,500.

Innovative projects such as increased utilization of data and analysis solutions, as well as advanced parking meters, have been catalysts of both financial stability and strong services for community members.

In fact, throughout the hearing, Mayor Curtatone asserted that the city’s increased attention to data analysis has not only fueled the accuracy of projects and strategies, but has also made it easier to remain transparent.

Last year, Somerville had \$3.45 million in revenues, which was the highest sum in the past 10 years, while the city has pushed to alleviate the burden from

taxpayers through adjustments that come directly from these increased earnings. Local meal excise tax revenues were up 15 percent, and considering the combined city earnings coming from Assembly Row and a revitalized Union Square, this figure is likely to remain on an upward track.

The Mayor pointed out that Somerville’s Free Cash has increased steadily and, thanks to strong performing budgets in the past few years, Moody’s has given the city a stable rating. Innovative projects such as increased utilization of data and analysis solutions, as well as advanced parking meters, are some of the reasons.

At the time of the meeting, an appropriation of a little more than \$1.2 million was approved to go from the unreserved fund balance to the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Account to mitigate the FY2014 deficit was approved, as was an appropriation of \$1.3 million from the same fund to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

After noting some of the other appropriations that relate to food safety and emergency preparedness, Mayor Curtatone explained that the Community Preservation Act remains a high priority and includes affordable housing, open space and outdoor recreation, and historic preservation. At least \$2.9 million is expected to be directed toward the CPA.

“Year after year, we have beaten down those challenges working together and

forged a path today,” Mayor Curtatone stated. “A day when we have already achieved so much and yet look forward to an even brighter future . . . We did this together by believing in ourselves as a community, which is to say we invested in ourselves and our future.”

Over the coming weeks, the Finance Committee, as well as other members of the Board of Aldermen, will go through the budget proposal with a fine-toothed comb and come to final decisions on each of the roughly 23 orders that were included initially.

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## Budget is commitment to a proven winning strategy



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Any sports fan will tell you that the old adage is true: the best defense is a good offense. Teams that cough up the lead and falter in the end don't play to win—they play to not lose. Losing teams wrongly assume that they've already built enough of a lead and made enough progress that they can go into a shell and wait out the clock. Winning teams continue the strategy that earned them the lead in the first place, keeping up the attack and staying on the offensive. Last Thursday, I presented a fiscal year 2015 budget to the Board of Aldermen that plays to win—and to win it for our community. This budget continues the

proven strategy that we have pursued together and has successfully navigated our city through challenging economic times to a place where a bright future is at our fingertips. We do not come up with a new game plan every year, chasing after the promise of quick fixes or easy solutions. Instead, the budget stays level-headed and clear-eyed, grounded in our core principles and our community's orienting values. That's the game plan that has yielded some of the greatest successes in our city's history over the past decade, awards for our fiscal management, significant drops in crime, better schools, safer streets, thriving business districts, conservative budget practices lauded by financial agencies and the highest bond ratings in our city's history.

We pick our spots. We are not always shooting for the big play. Instead, we set a foundation for success, plan carefully and grind it out, measuring our progress along the way and making ad-

justments when necessary. The current fiscal landscape demands prudence. Since 2000, we've lost \$42 million in state aid when adjusted for inflation. That figure is more than the total budget for both the Police and Fire Departments combined, and shifts the burden of paying for the services taxpayers need onto our local revenue stream, mainly through property taxes—one reason why I proposed and the Board of Aldermen approved increasing our residential exemption.

So we have to be smart about when and where we invest, basing our decisions on data analysis and where we will realize even greater returns on our investments, while continuing to invest in the reforms and services we know that residents and businesses need. We have to run leaner and more effective, and that is just what we have done in the past 10 years, spending per capita 60 percent less than Cambridge and 50 percent less than Boston while offering better services and quality of life.

This budget continues that lean and effective approach, taking care of the fixed costs that make up more than 80 percent of the budget, such as contractual obligations and our pension system. With the just 20 percent left, we strategically make the critical investments to improve services, bolster education, and protect public safety and quality of life. We spend to our obligations—and to our values.

Last year we made the largest one-year increase in education funding in our city's history. This year we will match that, with additional funding for Somerville Public Schools helping to launch an innovative public-private early childhood network that will ensure from diapers to day one of kindergarten, children and their families will get the support they need, deserve and that will help them be better learners. More reading support, expanded special needs teaching staff and a new English Language Learner liaison will also make sure that Somerville

Schools address every need of every child, while continuing the initial investments made last year that are providing more students than ever before with hands-on science and technology education, opportunities to learn a foreign language, music classes and intramural sports—all programs proven to improve academic success.

The advances at the city's Inspectional Services Division that have led to faster turnaround and better service is one of the great highlights of the past year. This budget will continue to address demand for targeted services at ISD with additional food safety and plumbing and gas inspectors, a zoning review planner, and a paralegal, all positions that will make the office that protects our quality of life more efficient and accessible, responding promptly and decisively to issues. And it will ensure that the Code Enforcement Officer hired this past year can continue to focus on dumpster inspections and trash and

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

### A Somerville Dad



My dad once called Fort Devans and claimed to be an alderman from Somerville. They gave us a VIP tour of the base complete with lunch, and an official car and driver to show us around. My dad will be gone 20 years this November but I have tons of hilarious memories of him. After reading the previous statement, one might say that "the nut doesn't fall far from the tree." No, it doesn't.

Ferdinando "Fred" Del Ponte was born on October 5, 1920 at 51 Elmwood Street off of Holland. He was born IN the house. There is a beautiful sign that designates the area in front of that house (still in the family) as Del Ponte Square to honor dad, my grandpa and my uncle who served in World War I, World War II and Korea respectively.

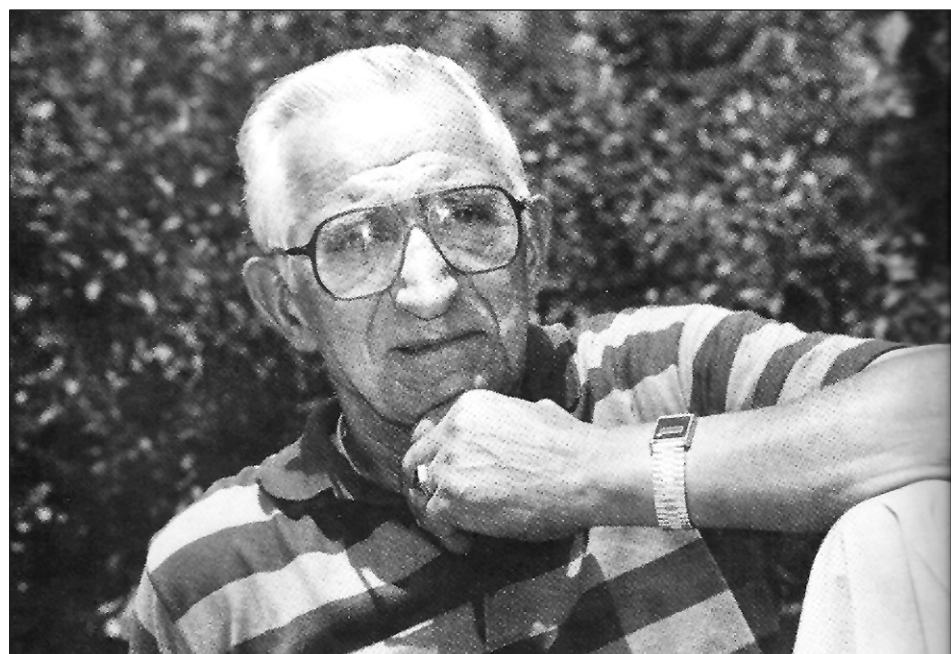
Fred then walked up that hill, all the way to the corner and attended Western Junior High School, as I did years later. I loved his stories about riding the trolleys around Somerville as a kid. He was an usher at The Somerville Theatre, just like me, and my son. He graduated from Somerville High School in 1938.

The message under his yearbook picture read, "I have yet to reach the height of my greatness." Well, he certainly reached the height of his greatness as a father.

Dad bought me a really cool old acoustic guitar from a guy at Pat Connelly's bar in Davis Square and paid for my guitar lessons. At one point he actually bought himself a guitar and took lessons with me. How cool was that? He was very strict and hardly ever let his stern side down yet he was also caring, comical and nurturing. He became a scoutmaster when my brother and I joined Troop 71. At a week long summer camp he picked up the nickname "Ferd." He hated it. So, of course, I was Ferd Junior and my brother was little Ferd. We didn't really like it either but we just sucked it up.

Dad had a walking stick made out of a branch he found and the other kids called it his "Fernando stick." They used to hide it from him. Dad jokingly came up with nicknames of his own for two of the biggest trouble makers although deep down he really liked "bulb nose" and "frying pan head."

Dad had the same job as the steam plant engineer at WR Grace near Alewife Brook Parkway for 38 years. He was



the guy who blew the curfew whistle at 9 p.m. every night. Every so often he would toot it twice as a joke. He used to take us into the plant and I remember carefully walking over channels and ravines of flowing, glowing phosphorescent sludge. The trash barrels that I rolled out every Sunday night were actually empty chemical containers. Yikes! When he was stationed in Italy during World War II, dad graciously shared some of Uncle Sam's surplus supplies with the townspeople

from our ancestors' village. What a guy.

One of his favorite stories was about Frank Sinatra. It seems that Old Blue Eyes was doing a USO show and for some reason he ticked off some of my father's fellow platoon members. Well, Dad was in charge of putting the entertainers on the plane and somehow Frank was bumped from the flight. That will teach him to mess around with a kid from Somerville! Dad also did watch repair at home. We still have a couple

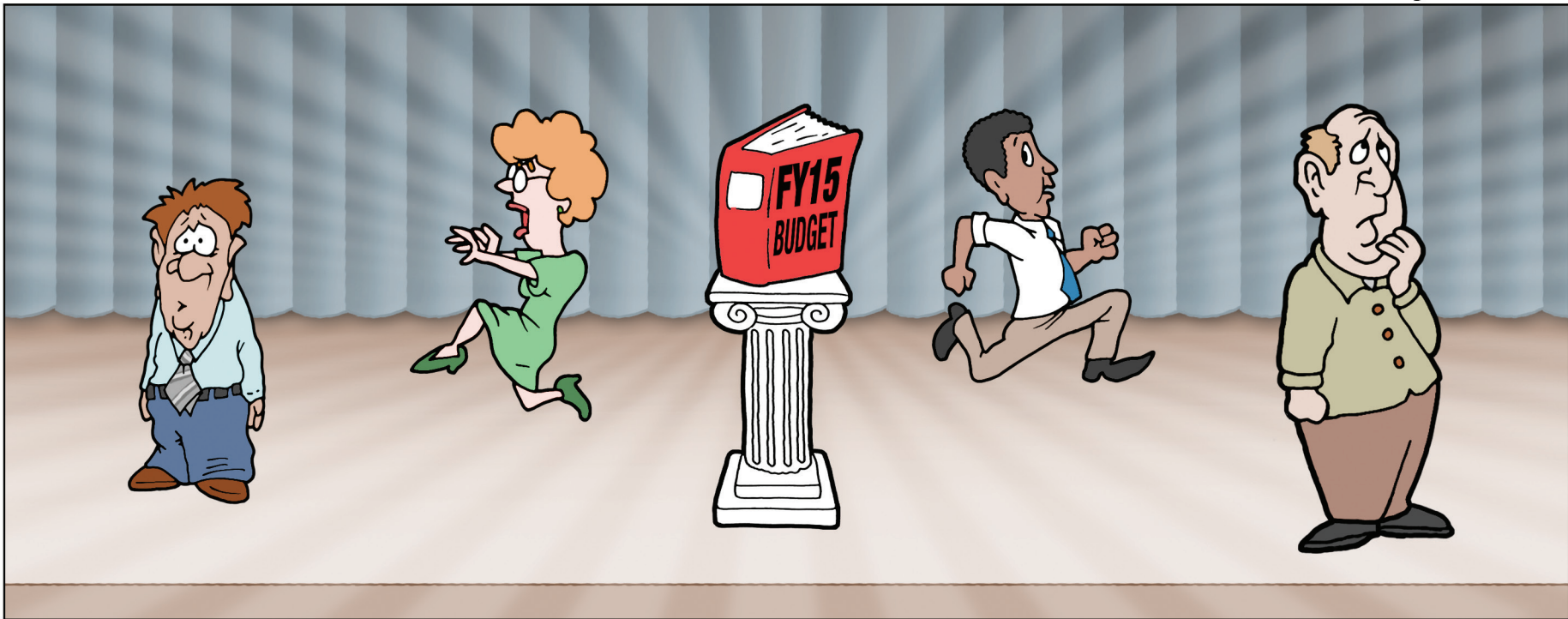
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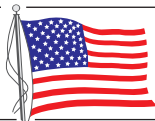
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Be afraid! The city debates the new budget.

The View Of The Times



That annual rite is upon us once again. City officials must work together to hammer out a budget for the fiscal year 2015, one that comes as close as possible to serving the wants and needs of as many of us as is practical and doable. Naturally, a lot of debate and jawboning

will be in the picture as diverse interests push and pull their way into and back out of the turbulent waters they dare to ford. Serious issues face the city, and how we manage the financial resources we have is as important now as it ever was before. There are problems to be confronted,

such as the rodent infestation. There are public safety issues to be carefully considered. How best should we allocate these funds for police and fire protection? For health and education? It's a massive, complicated job, seeking out the big picture, seeing it clearly and

then applying good sense in whatever plans may come from it. Certainly, the average citizen should get into the process too. Go to some of the meetings. Voice your concerns and opinions, and demand responses. After all, whose money is it, really?

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Have you heard of Sylvester Baxter Park, yet? And who is Sylvester Baxter? Do you know or does anyone here in Somerville know? We have a park over at Assembly Square (I know you haven't heard this before) but we do and it now connects Ten Hills with Assembly Square. It's over a year now but the state hired contractors to build a "wooden bridge" under the Wellington Bridge, it's very nice. It's not officially opened but people find a way to get to it. We're waiting for the unveiling of the bridge. We asked a couple of alderman and they knew nothing of a date to open it officially. The stone is wrapped on the Shore Drive side that appears to be the official plaque when it's opened. Can the delay in opening be due to the workers, now on the job over a year or maybe the mayor is too busy? Maybe the mayor's people are looking up to see who Sylvester Baxter is so they can do a bio? Either way, some of us are lifelong residents of the city and frankly although we don't know everyone it's a mystery as to the name and why? Shouldn't it be after someone here in the city that was prominent? Let's face it, we name schools after live people, maybe this Sylvester Baxter worked at the Ford plant or First National? Do you know?

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The Zoning Appeals Board met last

week and gave final approval for a variance for Daddy Jones Restaurant to substantially alter the outside and have outside seating on the back side (Broadway side) of the restaurant. There was no opposition to the petition. Owner Dimitra Tsourianis represented herself and afterwards the board voted to grant it. Also voted on at the meeting was the neighborhood situation at 50 Whitman Street. The neighborhood was against the owner of the property having three additional bedrooms in the basement granted, but after many months now the board approved the use. Former Holiday Cleaners has been sold and the new owners who want to put in 6 units (unclear as to rentals or condo's) but there was a discussion on the lack of parking and where it would be, so no vote was taken it was continued.

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Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans and readers here in the Ville and elsewhere. Big Happy Birthday to Ken Ward who is celebrating this week. To former State Senator Anthony Galluccio is celebrating this week. A nice guy and hopefully runs again soon for office. Former licensing board member and from a great Somerville family Ray Trant is celebrating this week. We certainly wish him well and know he reads our paper faithfully every week, so say "hi" to him when you

run into him. To Attorney Mike Dwyer, well known here now in the city who also is on the SRA here. He's recently back from that fact finding trip for Union Square. Happy Birthday to Suzanne Bremer who is celebrating this week, she's very well known here in the city and is seen all the time around in various places, catch her at the Farmers Market right in her neighborhood. Good friend Beth Chamberlain married to Donald who comes from an old Somerville family. Beth is a nice lady, and recently got a huge litter of pups that she sells. Another well known person in the city, Director of Operations for the DPW, Ricky Willette is celebrating this week, a great guy, we wish him many more.

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A good friend of ours Nick Potaris from Winter Hill recently suffered a mild heart attack and was taken to the hospital and fitted with a pace maker. We hear he's home now. He's doing good and frankly we need him to get going on his Tomato garden on Walnut Street. Love his fresh locally grown and he gives them away Tomatoes. Bobby needs to give him a rest these few weeks, and then Nick will be fine.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang invite all community members to a public

meeting on Wednesday, June 25 to discuss information and plans for the Lowell Street corridor from Highland Avenue to Medford Street, and to discuss possible plans to encourage safety. The meeting will be held in the Visiting Nurses Association's community room on Lowell Street beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting is hosted by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Traffic & Parking, and the Department of Public Works. For more information, contact Hayes Morrison at 617-625-6600 ext. 2522, or [HMorrison@somervillema.gov](mailto:HMorrison@somervillema.gov).

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Save the date for a benefit night at Flatbread Pizza Company in Davis Square, Somerville on Tuesday, June 17, supporting the Family Planning Program of Cambridge Health Alliance. The Flatbread Company will donate a portion of all pizza sales from 5 p.m. until close to the Family Planning Program. The Family Planning Program is a grant-funded program providing reproductive health counseling and education services to the communities of Somerville, Cambridge, Everett, Malden, and Revere, reaching more than 14,000 clients annually. The benefit night will also include a raffle with prizes such as a massage, gym membership, housewares, books, and children's toys.



# Return of the toy cameras

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Gallery Reception on June 7, Including Sarah Bradach, a student as Wellesley High School. Her submission was called *Untitled*, and was a picture of her younger sister layered under a picture of a lake.

“The bottom layer is a photo that I took of my younger sister, I actually got her – she’s lying in the bathtub, and I put flowers around her head, and painted her face white, and then the second photo is actually a picture of a lake,” said Bradach.

She said she made the photo for a class at her high school, and it was part of a series of layered photos.

I just kind of want it to be haunting, and then with the water it’s kind of creepy, it looks kind of like she’s dead,” said Bradach. “I just like creating emotions, and I feel like people can in some sense sympathize with feeling like you’re drowning, feeling like you just sunk in the water. It’s that feeling where you wish you could just look that peaceful but you feel like you’re drowning.”

Another photographer who has their work displayed in the Washington Street Gallery is Hilary Hughes. Her piece is titled *Union Fire*, a sort of abstract picture of someone holding a torch, but only barely in the frame.

“I did that a couple of months ago, I think it was the Union Square Fire Festival, so I was there with my Canon Rebel, but I have a Holga lens for it, so I was there in the afternoon taking pictures of the fire spinners, because I like the fact that it creates more darkness in the picture; fire tends to stand out more,” said Hughes.

She said she mostly shoots digital, but occasionally will use the quirkier, less predictable Holga Lens. A Holga is a popular brand of toy camera.

Birnbaum said she photographs with both her digital SLR and a Holga. Several years ago she did a series where she took pictures of festivals, using the Holga. She said because the camera is so inconspicuous, people were less intimidated by her presence, an aspect of the Holga that she really likes.

“It’s really a crap shoot. I shoot a lot with [the Holga] and sometimes I throw away a whole roll, but when you get one that’s good, it’s like, so good,” said Birnbaum.

Lee Kilpatrick, the other judge, said he typically likes to shoot people with his toy camera.

“In general, my subject matter is people, usually candid — I call it candid documentary fine art photography, because it’s always un-posed, although some people think that it is set up,” said Kilpatrick.

On Saturday and Sunday, Michelle Bates, a Seattle-based photographer with a book about toy cameras called *Plastic Cameras: Tying with Creativity*, gave a workshop on toy camera use. Several of her works are on display and for sale at the Nave Gallery, including a series she did on abandoned parade floats in Israel.



A visitor enjoys the exhibit.



Another toy camera aficionado enjoys the photos.



Toy camera photographers Meg Birnbaum and Lee Killpatrick.



Hilary Hughes’ pictures are part of the exhibit.



Sarah Bradach with her work.

Photos by Jack Adams



# Immigrant Dreams and Realities in Somerville

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

How can anyone remain political about a hot button issue when seeing an investment coming from the disenfranchised voice of the population being examined?

Are hard-working young 8th-grade adolescents without a voice: can you tell these youngsters “No, sorry—you’re just a statistic?” Laura Hoguet, Social Studies teacher of Healey School’s 8th grade class, wants her students to open the minds of adults: the seniors, the established, and the oh, so very political hierarchy of their neighbors, from all walks of life, across borders of minds and geography.

Come check out Somerville Museum’s episodic series Project Local. This portion dissects the Immigrant Dreams and Realities in Somerville, open until Saturday June 28. See for yourself what Somerville’s next generation has in store.

Two of the greatest humanist traits of the United States of America are one, the principle of free-speech (everybody is entitled to their opinion), to two, this great nation is historically a hub for immigration. “In class, students are able to share their heritage and whether students are recent immigrants or their families have been here for hundreds of years, we find a common ground in having ancestors who immigrated at some point,” says Ms. Hoguet.

A challenge for any teacher is to be both profound and specific about everything from examples to general scholarship, such as research and the often maligned blessing of creativity. There is room for interpretation as well, and Laura Hoguet instructed her class to discover the virtues of both artistic expression, as well as art criticism.

“The Healey School is a project based learning and arts integration school, so building a museum exhibit was the perfect project for our immigration unit. I contacted the Somerville Museum to help brainstorm some ideas and they graciously gave us exhibit space and helped facilitate building the exhibit,” says Laura.

Another great resource for these students of Somerville is Michael O’Connell of the Somerville Museum. Mr. O’Connell was kind enough to spare some time to elaborate on his perspective of young Somerville academia: “The most important thing for me to remember as the representative of the Somerville Museum is to give the young students the space to find the answers for themselves, in order to maintain the museum as a learning environment rather than as a dispenser of knowledge about Somerville history. The students choose the theme, do the research, design the exhibit and install the display together with me in the museum. Their teacher and I can coach, while making it clear that the students own the research and own the exhibit. The experience becomes important both as a way of teaching local history, but also as a training tool in how to collaborate and work towards a common goal as a group process. That’s a lesson in citizenship. And how to take responsibility. That’s a lesson in personal development.”

Laura Hoguet was quick to point out that arriving immigrants weren’t automatically given a wreath of laurel upon entering the States—a struggle was afoot—hardship was bound to test human dignity. “One of my goals of the project was to get the students learning of the real-world challenges of immigrating to America and then raising questions about how they can help ameliorate the situation.”

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Photos by Fred McClelland





SPORTS

Alibrandis seek to continue dynasty

By Ben Cassidy

In today’s Twitter-obsessed, live-in-the-moment sports culture, the word “dynasty” is frequently misused. Twenty-first century fans are quick to erroneously compare certain teams’ short-lived spurts of success to historic franchises’ years of sustained excellence, the essence of any true dynasty. Yet, some squads render these false equivocations futile by dominating the past and the present, all-encompassing strings of success everyone can agree epitomize a dynasty. The Somerville Alibrandis are one of these teams.

In their 25th season in the Yawkey Baseball League (YBL), the Alibrandis are aiming for their 15th league championship. It would be their fifth straight and 14th in the last 16 years, according to the team’s website. Assistant manager Cameron Lynch cites the team’s continuity and competitive drive as reasons for the franchise’s supremacy: “Guys stay on board [who] really love the game and want to win every night.”

Talent helps, too. Led by manager Bernie Driscoll, the Alibrandis routinely field teams comprised of former minor league players, college All-Americans, and Major League Base-

ball draftees. This collection of skill resulted in the Alibrandis’ “incredible” 2013 campaign during which the club lost just four games in 44 contests and won its 14th championship.

“It’s not easy to win 40 baseball games,” Lynch said. “We won the championship in 2012 and [after] that night, we all just looked at each other and said, ‘You know what, let’s win 30 baseball games.’ Our goal was to win 30 games during the [2013] regular season.”

The Alibrandis accomplished this goal, finishing at 30-3, by maintaining this singular focus throughout the season, Lynch said. “[For the players], it was like going to their second job,” Lynch said.

Even by the franchise’s lofty standards, the 2014 Alibrandis will have to go an unprecedented run to match last season’s regular season success. As of Sunday, the Alibrandis were in second place in the YBL’s Ted Williams Division and had already equaled last season’s loss total, starting the campaign at 5-3-1. Lynch isn’t concerned.

“Mother Nature hasn’t helped,” Lynch said, mentioning that several of the team’s games have been played in rain whereas last year’s group was buoyed by “playing consistently three nights a



The 2013 Yawkee League Champion Alibrandis is looking to repeat its success in the season to come.

week [in good weather].”

The pitching staff has had control issues, walking 42 batters in the team’s first nine games, but Lynch believes two of the team’s wildest pitchers—relievers Dave Wasylak and Dan Mahoney—will find their form. “They’re trying to set these guys up like they’re playing pro guys,” Lynch said of Wasylak and Mahoney, who have pitched in the minor leagues for the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees, respectively. “They’re going to get used to [YBL umpires], and they’ll be okay.”

Pitching wasn’t the issue

against the Stoneham Sabers last Wednesday at Trum Field. The Sabers prevailed 4-1 behind a complete game from Corey McNamara, who was making his first career YBL start and stifled the Alibrandis’ offense. The Sabers used “small ball” in the first inning to grab a two-run lead they never relinquished.

“The other two losses, I don’t think we deserved to lose. This one we deserved to lose,” Lynch said.

Last Tuesday, the Alibrandis trounced the McKay Club Beacons 12-1 behind three-hit games from Kevin Salines and

Sal Mendonca, the latter of whom drove in five runs. Mendonca entered the game with just one hit, the 300th in his career. After putting pressure on himself to get hit no. 300, Mendonca can return to being “the best ninth hitter in the league,” Lynch said. “Now that he got that 300th hit we’re not too worried.”

The Alibrandis host the Brighton Braves tonight and the Savin Hill Dodgers on Friday at Trum Field. They were to have played Monday against the West Roxbury Nationals at Ruane Field in Canton.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. How many points is played in a game of badminton?

2. What is the capital of Bangladesh?

3. Where was Al Pacino (known for his role in *The Godfather*) born?

4. How many feet in a chain?

5. What nation do the Clydesdale horses come from?

6. “Alba” is the name translated from what nation’s name?

7. What was the site of the first stock exchange in 1791?

8. How many dimples in a golf ball?

9. What is a group of toads called?

10. What cosmetic are fish scales often used for?

11. What do the words “orange,” “purple,” and “silver” have in common, other than being the names of colors?

12. What is the only bird that can swim but cannot fly?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

On behalf of Somerville Little League baseball, we would like to sincerely thank all the players, parents, coaches, and everyone who was involved with last Saturday’s 75th Anniversary Celebration and All Star Game. On a picture perfect day, we were able to recognize and honor three volunteers who have given countless hours over the years to help Somerville kids learn more about the great game of baseball. Brian O’Donovan, Mark Ardolino, and Arthur Lanoue all received richly deserved Lifetime Achievement Awards for their selfless efforts teaching and mentoring the kids of Somerville.

In addition to Somerville Alumni from 1939, 1964, and



1989, representing 75 years of Little League baseball in the City, we were fortunate to have Red Sox Legend Dennis “Oil Can” Boyd on hand to throw out the first pitch, sign autographs, and graciously pose for pictures with all kids (and adults!) that asked him. Thank you, Can! We also need to recognize and thank the City DPW & Recreation Departments for all the

work they did to make sure this event ran smoothly. Lastly, we would like to especially thank Mayor Joe Curtatone for the support and leadership he provides to youth sports and Little League Baseball to make events like these possible.

Sincerely,  
Somerville Little League Baseball Board of Directors



# Somerville girl's big win in the 'My Ideal School' contest



Bottom row: Lauren Monteiro, Niamh Gallagher, Ellen Sun, Emma Bourbeau, Jack Guy, Mariah Kennedy, Anahi Gutierrez, Belal Shabaneh ; Top row, Pat Packard, Director of Government Banking Santander Bank, Treasurer Steve Grossman, and Juan Davila Head of Specialty Banking of Santander Bank.

The eight regional winners of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's My Ideal School contest sponsored by Santander Bank, N.A. gathered for an awards ceremony at the Massachusetts State House today. The contest challenged first-grade students from across the Commonwealth to illustrate their vision of an ideal school.

Eight students were named regional winners: Lauren Montiero of Bellingham, Anahi Gutierrez of Somerville, Jack Guy of Marblehead, Emma Bourbeau of Fitchburg, Belal Shabaneh of Springfield, Mariah Kennedy of Webster, Elena Sun of Falmouth and Niamh Gallagher of Lakeville.

Anahi Gutierrez of East Somerville Community School was awarded the grand prize for her drawing.

"We're pleased to support the Massachusetts School Building Authority in their efforts which have such a positive impact on so many students across the state," said Juan Davila, head of specialty banking at Santander.

Mr. Davila and Pat Packard, Santander's director of government banking,

presented the grand prizewinner with a \$200 award and recognized the seven other regional winners with \$100 awards for their achievements and participation in the Massachusetts School Building Authority contest.

"I'm inspired by the creativity and talent demonstrated by these young scholars, and on behalf of Santander, extend our congratulations and best wishes," said Ms. Packard. "While each of the students expressed unique visions in their drawings and accompanying remarks, a common thread was their love of learning and their deep appreciation for an attractive and supportive environment in which to do so."

The My Ideal School contest is organized by the MSBA every year to promote discussion among students and teachers to foster thoughtful design and construction of schools in Massachusetts in order to better support student learning. The contest was open to all first-grade students currently attending a Massachusetts public school and thousands of submissions from across the Commonwealth were submitted for the 2014 contest.



Grand Prize winner Anahi Gutierrez of Somerville.

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville may join the growing list of Commonwealth cities and towns that ban or restrict the use of plastic bags, and neither city officials nor most of those questioned in the streets recently oppose the idea. The proposal, promoted by Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz for years, was discussed at a May 27 meeting of the Environment and Energy Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen. Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Buckley told Gewirtz and Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballatyne, chair of the committee, that his office sees no problem with a ban. The full story at [www.scatsomerville.org/SNN](http://www.scatsomerville.org/SNN).



New trash cans, tighter regulations on dumpsters, financial aid for rat-ridden households and an experimental birth control bait are all being rolled out in the city's war on rats. "With the 'War on Rats' we are looking to use a multiple-layered strategy. One is to provide more uniform trash enforcement, both for residential trash and commercial trash," Paulette Renault-Caragianes, Director of the city's Health Department, told the Somerville Neighborhood News as she demonstrated how the new trash bins work.

Watch all of the news segment videos online at [www.scatsomerville.org/snn](http://www.scatsomerville.org/snn). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook @SCATVSNN.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Argenziano School Cafeteria**, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

**92-100 Properzi Way: (Case #ZBA 2012-34-R1-5/2014)** Applicant, Saf-die Architects, and Owners, Moshe Safdie and Michal Ronnen Safdie, seek a revision to the Special Permit ZBA 2012-34 to substantially demolish the existing two-family historic structure and to reconstruct this structure in-kind. The original Special Permit was under SZO \$4.4.1, to retain a portion of the existing structure and construct a two-story rear addition to add a third dwelling unit. 92 Properzi Way is located in the Residential B zone; 100 Properzi Way is located in the Neighborhood Business zone. Ward 2.

**289 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-42)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, 289 Highland Ave Realty Inc., seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.11.15.3 and SZO \$14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room and other related equipment. RC zone. Ward 6.

**15 Weston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-43)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.11.15.3 and SZO \$14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room and other related equipment. RB zone. Ward 7.

**12 Gilman Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2014-44)** Applicant, Christian Psuik, and Owners, Shawna MacDonald and Christian Psuik, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming, two-family dwelling through the addition of a second dormer and a rear second-story deck. RB zone. Ward 1.

**38 Warner St: (Case #ZBA 2014-47)** Applicant and Owner Melvin Santos, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO \$4.4.1 to expand the front porches on the first and second floors of an existing two-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.


**22 Beacon Place: (Case #ZBA 2014-48)** Applicant and Owner Irene Mizrahi, seeks a special permit under \$4.4.1 to reconstruct a non-conforming 2-family home previously damaged in a fire with modifications including dormers on nonconforming sideyards and window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to [dpereira@somervillema.gov](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, June 19, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

**83-91 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-15)** Applicant and Owner, Jose Miguel Rodrigues, seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$6.1.22.D.5.a to alter a nonconforming structure which includes modifications to signage, doors, and windows. CCD45 zone. Ward 1.

**APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN APPROVAL FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - ASSEMBLY SQUARE (Case: PB 2006-59-R2-05/2014)**

The Applicant, Street Retail, Inc., and its Agent, Attorney Robert A. Fishman, seek approval of a Major Amendment of a preliminary master plan (S.Z.O. \$16.11.3) for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) project to construct buildings containing a mix of retail, restaurant, business, residential, cinema, office, laboratory, boat storage, research and development, medical office, hotel, manufacturing and other commercial uses. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements (S.Z.O. \$13.2).

The Owners of the parcels within the boundaries of the proposed PUD include FR Assembly Square, LLC, FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, as tenants in common (Parcels: 86-a-1, 67-a-2, 67-a-6, 67-a-7, 85-a-5, 85-a-8, 85-a-9, 85-a-10, 85-a-11, 85-a-12, 85-a-13, 85-a-14, 85-a-15, 85-a-16, 85-a-17, 85-a-18, 99-a-8, 99-a-13, 99-a-14, 99-a-15, 99-a-16, 99-a-17, 99-a-18). Conveyed to MBTA: 85-a-19, 99-a-10a, 99-a-19.

One Waiver is sought (S.Z.O. \$16.8.2.6) from the requirement for contour elevations in two foot increments (S.Z.O. \$6.4.12).


Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A).

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**RFP # 14-90**  
**MEDICAID BILLING & COLLECTIONS SERVICES**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for: **the services of a qualified contractor to recover retroactive and prospective reimbursements from third party payers, particularly the Federal Medicaid Program and private insurance companies, for medical services which it has provided to school children enrolled in the Somerville Public Schools. The successful proposer will provide an automated special education system combining individualized education programs (IEPs) with Medicaid billing and collections.**


A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, June 16, 2014**. Vendors accessing the proposal posted online are encouraged to register as bid document holders with the Purchasing Department to automatically receive any addenda.

Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **June 30, 2014 at 11:00am EST** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of one (1) year with two (2) one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

**Michael Richards**  
**Procurement Analyst**  
**617-625-6600 x. 3403**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**RFP #14-89**

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

**Purchase or Lease of land in an area of not less than 6,000 square feet and located in proximity to Beacon Street in Somerville to be used as off street parking.**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available as of June 11, 2014 online at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids>. Requests may also be made via email to [purchasing@somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov) and hard copies may be requested from the Purchasing Department at City Hall, 1st Floor, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, June 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please see RFP for more information.

**Angela M. Allen**  
**Purchasing Director**  
**617-625-6600, x3400**

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA. 02141**  
**(617) 768- 5800**

**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 14P2992EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**  
Eleanor T Medeiros

**Date of Death:** 05/15/2014

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Paula Spagnuolo of Somerville MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

**Paula Spagnuolo of Somerville MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:**  
**10:00a.m. on 07/03/2014**  
**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

**Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.**

**Date: June 06, 2014** **Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
**Register of Probate**

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA. 02141**  
**(617)768-5800**

**Docket No. MI14D1967DR**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Santos Vidal Carranza**  
**vs.**  
**Sonia Yvette Carranza**

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for **Divorce 1B**.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is **Ordered** that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint therein on or before **July 21, 2014**.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

It is further Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in **The Somerville Times** a newspaper published in: Somerville, 699 Broadway, MA, 02144, 617-666-4010

the publication to be **20 days** at least before said return day. It is further **Ordered** that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail.

Date 6/3/14 **Edward F Donnelly, Jr.,**  
**JUSTICE OF PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Mark Food Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Oliveira's Steak House for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License at 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Executive Secretary**

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA. 02141  
(617)768-5800

Docket No. MI14D1967DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Santos V Carranza vs. Sonia Y Carranza**

**To Defendant:**

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B**

The Complaint is on file at the Court

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE, Supplemental Probate Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon;  
**Santos V Carranza**  
**21 Dell Street**  
**Apt 2**  
**Somerville, MA 02145**

*Your answer, if any, on or before 07/21/2014.* If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**WITNESS, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court**

Date: June 3,2014

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
Register of Probate


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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Broadway BBQ d/b/a East End Grill, 118 Broadway, Somerville MA for service of alcohol at Outdoor Patio.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**RFP #14-97**

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

**Social Impact Coding Initiative**

The City of Somerville is seeking proposals to address coding needs that will deliver strong social impact outcomes, preferably in the areas of education, workforce development and/or general government.

Proposal packages for may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday, June 11th, 2014**. Vendors obtaining the proposal online are encouraged to register as a proposal holder with the Procurement Office to be notified of addenda.

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than **11:00 A.M. Wednesday June 25th, 2014**.

Please contact **Michael Richards**, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for information and the bid package.

**Angela M. Allen**  
Purchasing Director  
617-625-6600, x3400

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Mariachi Food Inc. d/b/a El Potro Mexican Grill for a 2:00 a.m. closing License at 61 Union Sq., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA. 02141  
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**MIDDLESEX Division**

Docket No. MI 14C0185CA

In the matter of: Josiah Antonio Monteiro A minor By Mother, Natasha Lucas  
**Of: Somerville, MA**

A petition has been presented by Josiah A Monteiro requesting that: Josiah Antonio Monteiro A Minor By Mother, Natasha Lucas


be allowed to change his name as follows:  
Josiah Adrian Lucas

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;  
**Cambridge**  
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10: 00 AM) ON:  
**06/18/2014**

**WITNESS, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court**  
Date: May 14, 2014

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
Register of Probate

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**OFFICE OF CITY CLERK**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance on **Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 6:30 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman Alderman Tony Lafuente, for public input on the proposed FY 2015 budget.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.**

**JOHN J. LONG**  
CITY CLERK

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My thoughts on the upcoming budget process

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to \$10,655,954. It is my understanding that this is for debt already issued, so nothing can be done for this upcoming year. It should, however, be a focal point for the Board to discuss future bond plans and the impact of this debt service on future budgets.

As we review the budget, I think that we do have to keep in mind that Somerville has benefited tremendously from a hot real estate market that very few other communities have experienced. We have to ask ourselves what happens when the next recession hits this country. A

few days ago, the United States Department of Commerce latest estimate for the US economy found that economic growth had actually contracted by 1% in the first three months of this year. To me, this is a warning flag. Perhaps Somerville could be insulated from a recession if

our hot real estate market continues. But if it doesn't continue, then Proposition 2 1/2 would limit our future budgets. And if state aid is further cut, as has happened in the past, we would face reduced revenue. Too much debt service at that point could severely impact our budget and

overall financial health. I look forward to the Board's debate and want to remind everyone that the Board of Aldermen will hold its public hearing on the proposed budget on Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall.

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APARTMENT RENTALS

Medford – 1 Bedrooms – 1 Bath

1 Bedroom plus an office. Living room, Dining room. Updated bath. Hardwood floors. Gas heat. NO Pets. NO Smoking. No laundry. Newer stove and Fridge. Microwave.

Available June 1! \$1,400

Medford – 2 Bedrooms – 2 Baths

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Available August 1! \$1,800

Revere – 1 Bedrooms – 1 Bath

Great updated 1 Bedroom, Plus office, 1 Bath. Heat included. Comes with up to 2 parking spots. Deck. Walking distance to Revere Beach. Dishwasher. Close to T. Gas stove. Available Sept 15. Tenancy at will. Electric fireplace in Living room. Washer/ Dryer hookup. Walk to the Beach. Available September 1! \$1,400

Many others! Visit our website: [www.thenortongroupe.com](http://www.thenortongroupe.com)

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Immigrant Dreams

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What changes would this next generation go through that might alter their perspective? What relationship could be forged between the locals and the arriving? Laura Hoguet shed some light, "They are an incredibly hopeful and optimistic group of students who embrace each other for who they are, which is rare for 8th grade students. Through this project, they learned of many immigrants' struggles with moving to Somerville."

Mr. O'Connell swelled with pride and satisfaction of working with both Laura and her students: "One significant impact of the Somerville Museum is its unique ability as a platform for community interests to connect the disparate elements within Somerville. The opening reception for the Project LOCAL: Immigrant Dreams and Realities in Somerville provided another great example of that." During the opening reception early last week nearly 200 members of the public banded together to share a small fraction of their time and a large dose of their spirit.

For more information, such as hours, and a description of this exhibit go to <http://somerville-museum.org/>.



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|June 11

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

**Central Library**  
Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12  
Contact: Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 12

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

**West Branch Library**  
Lego Club  
Annamarie Almeida|617-623-5000 x2977  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Friday|June 13

**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

Saturday|June 14

**Central Library**  
Wild Tales Presents: Escape From Trash Mountain  
11 a.m.- 11:50 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|June 15

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

Monday|June 16

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

Tuesday|June 17

**Bunker Hill Day - Libraries Closed**

Wednesday|June 18

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

**Central Library**  
Bridges to College Information Session  
Joyce Lin-617-399-3305  
2:40 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Young Democrats of Massachusetts Somerville  
Morgan-607-232-9169  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday|June 11

**Johnny D’s**  
Mary Gauthier|7:30 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: “CD Swap” |Arlen|Gideon Grey|Ryan Wilcox  
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|June 12

**Johnny D’s**  
The Hoolios  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays  
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  
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

Friday|June 13

**Johnny D’s**  
my Fairchild plus The Bored of Health Trio|6:30 p.m.  
Miss Fairchild + special guest Nicole Alexandra|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Bucky Bear Band |6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live presents |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Happy Box|The Ungraded|Back Seat redemption|Order 66  
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**  
TBA  
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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
3rd Annual Hyper-Local Craft Brew-fest  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Cambridge Symphony Chamber Players  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 14

**Johnny D’s**  
The Real School of Music|3:30 p.m.  
Rock On! Concerts Presents : The Splendid Nobodies ( CD Release), plus Ramona Silver, The Carla Ryder Band and The Hallas Cowboys|8 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.

Rotary Prophets, The Somervillains|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**PA’S Lounge**  
The Pocket Money Orchestra|Kristina Blanchflower|The Soldier Story|Arielle Vakni  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
TBA  
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

**Casey’s**  
Entertainment every Saturday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Arts at the Armory**  
Rick Schilling  
10:30 a.m.|Café  
3rd Annual Hyper-Local Craft 3 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Minted & Muddled Workshop 5 p.m.|Café  
3rd Annual Hyper-Local Craft 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|  
Moonstruck Theater Company’s Summer Gala  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|June 15

**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**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m  
Mark Brine featuring Larry Flint & Chuck Parrish |8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Arts at the Armory  
Herbstalk 2014  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall  
Celia Slattery Voice and Performance Studio: Spring Session Showcase  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 16

**Johnny D’s**  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Pres-ents: Tight Five|7 p.m.  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Arts at the Armory**  
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
“Clouds and Threads” An evening with Thread Ensemble and Cloud Ludum  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 17

**Johnny D’s**  
Open Mic with Dr Grant|Free Event|7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
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 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille**  
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  
First and Last Word Poetry Series  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|June 18

**Johnny D’s**  
Kill Kancer Benefit|7:30 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: “CD Swap” JVD & The Backporch Smokers (LAST SHOW EVER)  
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  
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**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

**Arts at the Armory**  
I’ll Read You Yours, If You Read Me Mine: the second  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|June 11

**Central Library**  
Friends of the Library Annual Meeting  
James Fox james@10engines.com  
6 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Arts at the Armory**  
Business Model Canvas Workshop & Masterclass Boston 2014  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|June 12

**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

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1 p.m.-2 p.m.|7 9 Highland Avenue

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Business Model Canvas Workshop & Masterclass Boston 2014  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hal  
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Friday|June 13

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

Saturday|June 14

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

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Jazz Dance Brunch!  
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January 25 through March 1  
10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday|June 15

**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 16

**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**  
Book Group: Books-into-Movies Discussion Group  
7:30 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 17

**Bunker Hill Day - Libraries Closed**

**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 18

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



# 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:**

**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 & Recipe tips – Free samples, give aways and door prizes.

**The Holland Street Farmer's Market is back.** Starting Thursday, June 19th and every Thursday following until November 1st. From 1:00 P.M. 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.

**Fiore's Restaurant:** Wednesday, June 25 – Join us for a delicious lunch at Fiore's located in Boston's North End. A choice of Chicken Parm, Salmon or Eggplant Parm for \$25.00 – Check in time is 10:45 A.M. at the Holland Street Center and 11:00 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

**Quaking Up. Duck Adventures:** Wednesday, July 16 – For a price of \$77.00 you will enjoy a historical adventure of Portland, Maine with the Downeast Duck Adventures, the Amphibious Vessels that show Portland by land and by sea. Then you will be off to the Dunstan School Restaurant, which features, "Maine's finest All You Can Eat Buffet" with over 100 items including salads, seafood, shellfish, roasts, hot & cold entrees and dessert. Finally, you will be visiting When Pigs Fly Bakery where you can taste test and purchase their fresh artisan breads. Check in time is 7:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 7:30 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have additional questions.

**Sand Sculptures – Revere Beach:** Friday, July 18 – Enjoy a morning on the beach, take your time, lounge around and take in the spectacular sand sculptures. Check in time is 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$10. Fee – Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you need additional information.

**Foxwoods** – Tuesday, July 22 - \$25.00 fee includes your transportation, a \$10.00 Bonus Slot and a \$10.00 Buffet coupon. Check in time is 7:00 A.M. at the Holland Street Center and 7:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. To RSVP or for additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**PLAY BALL.** Tour Fenway Park & Take in a Red Sox Game: Monday, July 28th – For a price of \$75.00 you will take a tour of the Nation's oldest & most historic ballpark, home of the 2013 World Champion Boston Red Sox. The tour of Fenway includes visiting the press box, the Green Monster and the retired numbers atop the Right Field Roof Deck. After the tour, enjoy dinner on your own followed by a night game against the Toronto Blue Jays. TICKETS ARE LIMITED. Check in at Holland Street at 2:45 P.M. with an approximate return time of 11:00 P.M. For more information and to RSVP please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Foster's Clambake:** Monday, August 18 – Join us as we go off to the beaches of York, Maine. We transform one of Maine's best-known facilities for lobster into our very own clambake. Meal choices include lobster, BBQ chicken or a vegetarian meal. Meals also include chowder, clams, mussels, corn on the cob, potatoes, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade. \$62.00 per person -Check in time 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 5:00 P.M. For more information & to RSVP please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Extension 2300.

**The Traveling Chef** – Panini Day scheduled for June 12 is **SOLD OUT**.

**The Venus De Milo/Temptations** trip scheduled for June 12 is **SOLD OUT**.

**The Castle Island trip** scheduled for June 13 is **SOLD OUT**.

**The Twin River trip** scheduled for June 16 is **SOLD OUT**.

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

**The Cape Ann Explorer trip** scheduled for July 9 is **SOLD OUT**.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Afternoon at the Movies** - Mark your calendars: June 30th for Captain Phillips.

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

**The Mayor's Annual Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6th.

**Suffolk Downs** – Wednesday, August 20th & Wednesday, September 17th. See above for details.

**LGBT EVENTS:**

**LGBT Dinner & Movie night** – June 16 – June's "Movie to Come Out To" will be Milk starring Sean Penn. Dinner will be a Mexican flare from Maya Sol Mexican Grill. Dinner starts at 5:30 P.M. – Cost is \$6.00 – RSVP required no later than noontime Friday, June 13.

**LGBT Advisory Group** – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her 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 fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Hear Me Out** results in new friendships and story recordings. Some LGBT Advisory Board members partnered with students from Somerville High School's Gay-Straight-Alliance (GSA) and Tufts University, to participate in an intergenerational oral histories program. "Hear Me Out" brought members together in a group setting at the Central Library for conversations about their experiences as members of the LGBT community living in Somerville. Each older adult was partnered with a younger participant. The new pair then spoke about the differences between their generations, all the while finding connections in the stories they told. The recordings of these oral histories are now part of StoryCorps, the largest oral history project of its kind, and will be available soon. Contact us for more details. Heartfelt thanks to the Somerville High School Gay Straight Alliance, Tufts University LGBT Center, the Somerville Public Library, and Simmons School of Social Work for their support.

**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.

**Upcoming Schedule**

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

**Wednesday, June 11**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, C, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Suffolk Downs Day Trip

**Thursday, June 12**

10:00 Hearing Screening (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

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

11:30 Travelling Chef Panini Day (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:30 Hearing Screening (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Venus de Milo Trip

**Friday, June 13**

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Castle Island Day Trip

**Monday, June 16**

9:30 Veterans Group (H)

10:00 Nutrition Fair (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

5:30 LGBT Dinner & Movie (H)

Twin Rivers Day Trip

**Tuesday, June 17**

**ALL CENTERS CLOSED**

**BUNKER HILL DAY**

**Wednesday, June 18**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversations (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Hanscom Air Force Base Dinner & Bingo

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Historical Fact of the Week

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Engaging in 16 battles, his ship fought in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres. His love for his ship didn't stop at the war's end. He was on the committee that created " Battleship Cove " in Fall River. The U.S.S. Massachusetts' rescue from the scrap heap was partially due to Joe's efforts, and there is a memorial on that ship honoring him for those efforts and recognizing his line-of-duty death on the Somerville Fire Department.

One hundred seventy two years have passed since the Somerville Fire Department coined itself, "The Faithfull and the Fearless." Scores of firefighters have been injured and eighteen of Somerville's bravest have made the supreme sacrifice backing up that motto.

"The Faithful and The Fearless"

A poem by Somerville Firefighter Robert Doherty, June, 1999

Two men who gave their lives  
Two men so we'd survive  
One cadet and one a vet  
Firefighters Tall

Men who worked from lofty heights  
Coughed and choked in smoked filled sites  
Men who suffered fire as their fate  
But never were they late

Men with families left alone  
Mothers, children on their own  
When whose city made the call  
Gave their very all

Two men who gave their lives  
Two men so we'd survive  
One cadet and one a vet  
Firefighters Tall

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Answers

1. 21 Points

2. Dhaka

3. London

4. 66 ft.

5. Scotland

6. Scotland

7. Philadelphia

8. 336

9. A knot

10. Often used in lipstick

11. They can't be rhymed

12. Penguin



# Seniors advised on fire and carbon dioxide safety

The Somerville Council on Aging in conjunction with the Somerville Fire Department have been offering free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to Somerville's older adults as part of the Senior SAFE Program.

The Senior SAFE program was created by the Legislature in the FY '14 budget. It is a grant program to local fire departments to support fire and safety education for older adults, those most at risk of dying in fires in our state. Senior SAFE builds on the successful 19 years of the school-based Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program that has reduced the average annual child fire deaths by 72%. The fire service expects to have a similar impact for older adults.

Some of the fire and burn risks for older adults include cooking, smoking,

home oxygen use, electrical and heating dangers. In addition, Senior SAFE aims to improve the safety of older adult homes. Programs may include the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, testing and replacing batteries in these devices, the installation and checking of house numbers, high end heat limiting devices on stoves, in-hood stove fire extinguishers, night-lights, and other fall prevention interventions where needed to provide the at-risk older adult population in the community. In addition to installing any of these important safety devices, education specific to their circumstances is a crucial component of improving the safety of older adults at home.

The Senior SAFE Program is designed to create a partnership between the older

adults and fire departments through established providers of senior support services such as the Council on Aging, Senior Center, Visiting Nurse Association, or other similar agencies.

The Somerville Fire Department was one of several Massachusetts Cities and Towns to have received a portion of this grant to install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of our older adults. In a short period of time, the SFD has installed over 50 smoke & carbon monoxide detectors to qualifying residents.

If you are an older adult (60 years of age or older) and live in Somerville, own or rent, please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to find out how to get yours.



Fire Lieutenant Dave Stiltner speaks with Mrs. Stella Moccia of 71 Putnam Road about the Senior S.A.F.E. program.

## Budget is commitment to a proven winning strategy

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rodent complaints as part of our war on rodents.

We're making our city safer with new civilian positions in public safety—a fire protection engineer and senior police IT specialist—that will allow the redeployment of a trained firefighter and police officer off those duties and back to where they are needed most: in our

community. The budget also includes a new K9 unit to replace the last now-retired dog.

Our quality of life will improve with the addition of a Human Services Division to our Health Department that will get residents referrals to the services they need; an additional transportation planner to see the community's vision for the

Community Path, Green Line and other projects through to completion; additional funding for our successful Somerville by Design community planning program; and more investment in recreation, which keeps our kids healthy and prevents problems from arising later in our children's lives, and in the arts that activate our neighborhoods

and squares and create between \$3 and \$5 in economic impacts for every dollar spent.

In the last year, we've earned accolades for our budget practices and the highest bond ratings in our city's history from agencies that laud our "conservative budgetary practices." We are sticking to that winning strategy. These are strategic investments that will

reap even greater returns. We are staying cost-conscious and unlocking economic opportunities that will broaden our tax base and realize real, sustainable property tax relief. We have got the lead, and we are going to hold on to it by staying on the path that got us here—investing in our people, our quality of life and our collective vision for the future.

## A Somerville Dad

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of St Clements' nun's watches in the cellar. Before becoming a Mason, dad was an usher at St. Clements church. I think it was the free breakfasts at the Rectory that sealed that deal.

One of Dad's favorite lines was, "You tell them you daddy said so." And that summed up Fred Del Pontes' life. Everything he did was for his family. He stuck up for his three kids ferociously. When my sister unexpectedly passed away in 1992, he went

to court and fought for custody of his granddaughter and won. They were best pals and he took care of her the way he took care of her mother.

He held court at The Supreme Deli, formerly in Davis Square where the Indian restaurant is now. While his dog "Poopsie" waited patiently in the car, he entertained his friends with his boisterous comments and wise-cracking observations.

Lots of us will be celebrat-

ing Father's Day without our dads but we will never forget these guys. We will tell our kids stories about them, and show them photos. Sometimes when I am talking to my kids, I hear my dad's voice coming out of my mouth. I say things he used to say, and I get a warm feeling. Anyone who ever knew Fred Del Ponte will agree that he was one hell of a guy. And he was one hell of a dad too!

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### Monday June 16

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

### Tuesday June 17

TBA

### Wednesday June 18

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

### Thursday June 19

Spring Hill Rounders with guest Jeff Michaels  
grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

### Friday June 20

Larry's Back with The Road Scholars 6 p.m.  
Matt Keating with Allen Devine, Asa Brebner with Allen Devine, Trick Wallace \$5 cover 9 p.m.

### Saturday June 21

Vapors of Morphine 6 p.m.  
One Thin Dime 9 p.m.

### Sunday June 22

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.  
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet 8 p.m.



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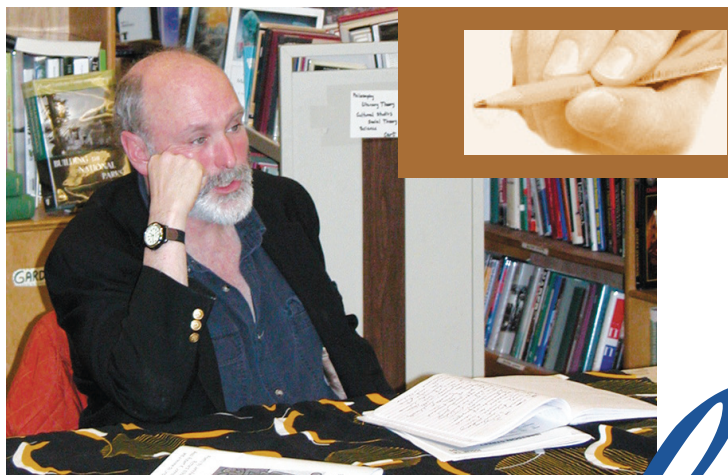
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<b>Wednesday, June 11</b>		5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:00am	Ablevision
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	The Folkorist	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
7:30am	Life Matters	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake,	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Play by Play		Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Outdoor Adventures for Somervillians
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
2:00pm	Physician Focus	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	<b>Friday, June 13</b>		6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30am	Shrink Rap	7:00pm	This is East	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	8:00pm	Hello Neighbor: Somerville Garden Club
5:30pm	Peace by Piece		in and around Boston	11:00pm	Gay USA	8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Paths to Wellness	<b>Sunday, June 15</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	11:30am	Peace by Piece	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00pm	This is East	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	12:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>	
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am	The Struggle
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	10:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:30am	Active Aging	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00am	This is East
11:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show	5:00pm	Groundwork Somerville	11:30am	Basic Buddha	11:30am	Ablevision
<b>Thursday, June 12</b>		5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Play by Play	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	2:00pm	Active Aging
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Watch This	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:00am	Cancer TV show	8:00pm	Visual Radio	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
10:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Summer kick-off	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:30am	Ablevision	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	5:30pm	Earth Day Celebration @ Mystic Learning Center	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	African Television	<b>Saturday, June 14</b>		7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	6:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	7:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Earth Day Celebration 2014	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: The Candy Episode	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Music Class Episode	11:00pm	48 Hour film Project and No Film Film Festival	9:00pm	Energy Theater
				<b>Monday, June 16</b>		11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		2:30am:	Ward 4 ResiStat Meeting	2:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation	9:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
<b>Wednesday, June 11</b>		9:00am:	SomDog: Spring Fling	4:00pm:	WSNS Annual Spring Concert	11:00pm:	SHS Football 2013
9:00am:	2014 Memorial Day Parade	9:30am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	5:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	<b>Sunday, June 15</b>	
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.9.14	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert	12:00am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
3:00pm:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.9.11	12:30pm:	Keep Moving	7:00pm:	SHS Football 2013	1:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
6:30pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	1:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	8:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day	2:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
7:00pm:	2014 Memorial Day Parade	1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	10:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation	3:00am:	SHS Football 2013
9:00pm:	Agenda for 6.12.14 BOA Meeting	2:00pm:	Historic Preservation Meeting at the Armory	<b>Thursday, June 12</b>		9:00am:	An Evening of Chamber Music
<b>Thursday, June 12</b>		2:30pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	12:00am:	WSNS Annual Spring Concert	10:00am:	Common Core State Standards for Education
12:00am:	2014 Memorial Day Parade	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:30am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...	11:00am:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
2:00am:	SomerViva: Espanol	7:30pm:	Keep Moving	1:30am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	12:30pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night
2:30am:	PROW Accessibility Study	8:00pm:	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall	9:00am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	1:30pm:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
3:00am:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.9.11	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 6.12.14	11:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert	2:30pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
9:00am:	Talking Business	<b>Monday, June 16</b>		12:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	3:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary & All-Star Game
9:30am:	SomerViva: Portugues	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS	5:00pm:	An Evening of Chamber Music
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<b>Saturday, June 14</b>		1:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	11:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	9:30pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8
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6:00pm:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.11.14	1:00am:	Talking Business	11:30am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	2:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
8:00pm:	Congressional Update	1:30am:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.16.14	12:30pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert	2:30pm:	Spring Spring Fling
8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	3:30pm:	WSNS Annual Spring Concert
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# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Cambridge Poet Populist Lo Galluccio sends us a poem about love. And it ain't a Hallmark greeting card ... if you know what I mean.



### I had a true love

I had a true love, I had an angry star  
He flung me near, he flung me far.  
My charger, Vietnam  
The dusk and tongue and the roses farm  
Oh the jagged green remarks  
Oh the jagged green remarks  
Why trap the bear in such a graceful fawn?  
I had a true love, I had an angry star  
Like a child whose love is God,  
so shiver, shiver me hard

Your angry star, Gepetto  
Your star, Pinocchio  
Your star – a grotto  
Your limbs like trees  
Your trees like razors  
Your fury Arabian  
Your compassion less than zero  
Your hero cut down to lust in a phone call

I had a true love, I had an angry star  
He flung me near, he flung me far  
No Mecca can survive such an angry star  
Will the moon take me back?  
Will the moon have her way?  
Will it take another century, a year, or a day?  
It will rise again, it will rise again  
Like a child whose love is God  
Shiver me hard.

— Lo Galluccio

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Susan Tepper:

#### A writer with one foot in New York City and the other in Somerville, Mass.

I have known Susan Tepper for a number of years now, and she has not slowed down an iota. She is a consummate New Yorker--she moves fast, talks fast and thinks on her feet. I have read for her at the KGB FIZZ series in the lower east side of NYC, have been on a small press panel she organized for a literary festival at Hunter College and I have published her poetry in *The Somerville Times* and the *Ibbetson Street* magazine. Tepper will be in Somerville, Monday June 16, 7 p.m., to read from her latest book *The Merrill Diaries*, which is a novel told in stories that link one to the next. She will be reading in Gloria Mindock's Cervena Barva Press Art Space located in the Somerville Arts Armory building. It's a gathering of writers and poets published by the Cervena Barva Press and the MadHat Press.

Hundreds of Tepper's stories, poems, essays and interviews appear worldwide in print journals and online venues. Her bi-monthly *MONDAY CHAT* Interview column ran on the *Fictionaut* blog for more than a year and is archived on that site. Tepper is host of the reading series FIZZ at KGB Bar in New York City. She has been nominated nine times for the Pushcart Prize. *Deer*, the title story of her collection, was nominated for NPR Selected Shorts. Her novel *WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN: Letters of Jackson Pollock & Dori G* (with Gary Percesepe) was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

**Doug Holder:** Can you give me a brief history of your experience in Somerville?

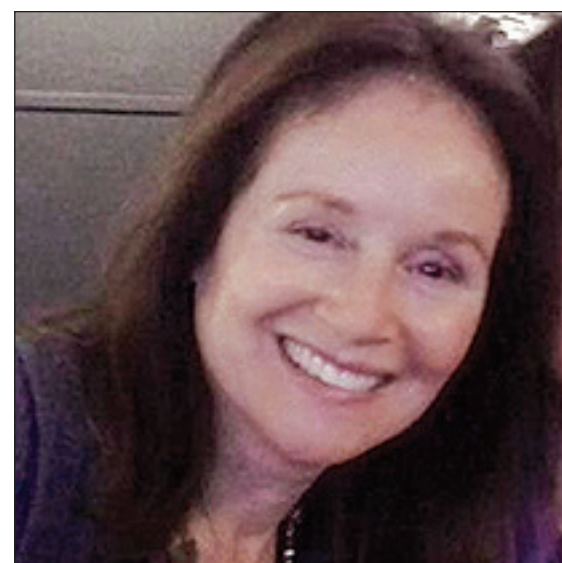
**Susan Tepper:** My first experience of Somerville was several years ago when my collection *Deer & Other Stories* came out from Wilderness House Press which is located in northern MA. I had been invited to do a TV spot in Somerville with a certain Doug Holder(!) I found Somerville to be diverse and charming. After the TV interview, a small group of us had a lovely dinner outdoors (I believe you had the salmon, Doug). I always remember what people eat. It's bizarre. I also remember it was a balmy night in early fall. My 3 city MA book tour. You try and cram in as much as possible since you are paying for hotel nights. I also taught a fiction workshop at Grub Street in Boston which was delightful, and I read at Four Stories Reading Series in Cambridge. It was a whirlwind few days in MA!

**DH:** How did your life journey lead to writing?

**ST:** Becoming a writer was not in my game plan. I'd been an actress since I was seventeen, and that was my primary focus. To make money I sang with the bands, any gig I could land. Six sets a night was standard. Hard times require hard measures (or some such thing). I was young and that made all the difference. I didn't start to write until I hit forty. I wrote a story, took it to The New School and watched it get massacred. Then the teacher told me it was a good story and that I should keep writing. Green light! I was waiting for something new and there it was. That class was life-changing. I became a writer.

**DH:** Can you describe your involvement with Gloria Mindock's Cervena Barva Press?

**ST:** Gloria published my poetry chapbook *Blue Edge*, as well as a novel I co-wrote with Gary Percesepe called *What May Have Been*, which traces a fictional account of a love affair between the surrealist painter Jackson Pollock and a made-up young woman. Gloria and I became great friends and I was her assistant editor at the Istanbul Literary Review for a few years.



As for my current book *The Merrill Diaries*, which I'll be reading from, that was published by Pure Slush Books <http://pureslush.webs.com/atasteofmerrill.htm> out of Australia. The novel begins in 1976, at the end of the Vietnam War. I grew up during those years, and the time period, though tumultuous, was also one of great personal expansion and change for many. It fascinates me to think back on those days. *The Merrill Diaries* spans ten years and follows the main character, Merrill, over two continents, two marriages, and quite a few quirky relationships. Merrill, like me, is a traveler. Life for her is about seeing and acquiring new adventures.

**DH:** Is there a recurrent theme in your work?

**ST:** A recurrent theme in my work is the search for love. I find love to be mostly elusive. Not just romantic love, but familial love, friend love, all of it is transitory in my experience. It's around for a while then it can do all sorts of unpredictable things. It can hide like a bear in a cave, or take a long walk off a short pier. In essence, love is not a static thing. Love cannot be depended upon to bring you happiness. You have to get that on your own. And so it comes into my prose and poetry with regularity. I examine love as if I was a scientist and it was a smear on a slide.

**DH:** Do you think women writers still get the shaft in the literary world?

**ST:** There is a lot of controversy over male vs. female writers, who gets which prizes, which gender is favored over which. I don't buy into that. If you write a really good story or book that takes risks, you will get it published and possibly even win a prize. Or at least be nominated for one. A lot of women writers feel the men are being favored. I don't agree. I conduct author/book interviews and I will be dead on honest here when I say that I have a hard time finding really good novels written by contemporary women authors. The "mommy books" that are popular amongst the 40-something readers leave me cold. I end up mostly interviewing women about their story collections or poetry books (I can feel the rotten tomatoes being hurled). But, seriously, there is a reason certain books get prizes and nominations. Women need to break out of traditional themes and go where the men go. Risk Risk Risk. An example of a fabulous woman novelist is the late Susan Fromberg Schaeffer who wrote the Vietnam book *Buffalo Afternoon*. Now there was a woman who understood risk in writing. I think it's the best book ever written about the Vietnam War. And by a woman who never served as a soldier!

For more information about the reading go to: Cervena Barva Press.



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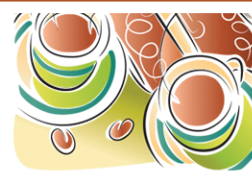


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