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# **Squeezing out** the jams 2014



Freshly squeezed music poured over the adoring crowds who attended this year's Squeezebox Slam in and around Davis Square this Saturday. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures.

# **BOA** attends to business, and to controversy

#### By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

In what has been a busy few weeks for the City of Somerville, the Board of Aldermen gathered for a regular meeting this past Thursday, June 12, 2014 to discuss general goings on. After an approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting that took place on May 8, the BOA covered a citation that was issued by the entire board to commend Richard Knibbs, a long-time mentor of, and advocate for, the youth community in the city.

The board then moved into the first agenda item which called for the Chief of Police to enforce the no biking on sidewalk ordinance citywide in efforts to curb those cyclists who are violating the rules, especially in central business districts. Although the board members recognized that certain areas do not provide any alternative to riding on the sidewalks, the busier areas which do were at the center of the discussion.

In the end, the BOA approved this, while the Chief of Police will be asked to attend the next meeting held by the Continued on page 15

# **Secretary of Education Matt Malone** visits Winter Hill School

#### By Jack Adams

On Thursday, June 12, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Matt Malone visited the Winter Hill Innovation School as part of his tour of Massachusetts innovation schools. After observing several classrooms, Malone said he was impressed.

"What I look for when I visit schools is engagement, and in all three classrooms that I've been in so far, 100 percent of the kids I've seen have been engaged, so I'm already, I haven't been here long, that the focus on learning and teaching is genuine in this school," said Malone.

Prior to his tour of the school, he sat down with Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi, Assistant Superintendent Vince McKay and Principle Chad Mazza, and discussed the status of the innovation school.

Superintendent Pierantozzi talked about how Somerville has implemented several different strategies for closing the education gap between preschool students, including Continued on page 3



Massachusetts Secretary of Education Matt Malone toured Winter Hill Innovation School last week and came away very impressed.

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Celia and Tom Taylor are having a "Taylor Yard Sale" This Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., going through to 1 p.m. 32 Vinal Avenue from Highland Avenue (across from SHS) to Summer Street. Household items, furniture, toys, books, vintage, antiques and collectibles will be available as they need to downsize to the first floor and add a bedroom. Please feel free to share. We will continue the sale on Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday is our rain date for either day.

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Thank you to the bloggers who responded to last week's question on "who was Sylvester Baxter" and why and how the park at Assembly Square got its name. So, unless we're missing something, the name has been there for a long time, some say when MDC was around, although now it's called DCR. Why would the state or an agency name a park after someone that has nothing to do with Somerville? We are sure that Sylvester Baxter was a nice guy, but as far as we can see he never lived here or worked here. Should our officials have asked who Sylvester Baxter was? Did you know that the park on the other side of Ten Hills is called "Corbett MacDonald" — a long time congressman out of Medford? Again, some of us have lived in that area all our lives and never heard of Sylvester Baxter. Used to be places and squares and schools were named after well-known civic leaders and politicians that passed on.

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Immigrant Dreams and Realities in Somerville

#### Michael O'Connell says:

Thanks to Sanjeev Selvarajah and the Somerville Times for bringing attention to the Somerville Museum as a place of discovery and exploring. The contradictions implicit in this exhibit, immigrant dreams versus realities, are a reflection of the contradictory impulses that we all share with regard to complex social issues such as immigration. Facing intense debate while working through these issues together, the students also learned tolerance and respect for one another. Hopefully, one take away for our students and audience is that developing the capacity to entertain conflicting responses to difficult questions and the ability to listen to opinions that we may disagree with can lead to progress. Far from prolonging misunderstanding or supporting disregard for the legal system, the museum's Project LO-CAL program is designed to help students, as well as our visitors, incorporate unfamiliar opinions and novel ideas into an ever evolving mind set as a means of mastering complexity and change, and, equally important, to gain self knowledge of outworn preconceptions —a reflection on the understanding that how we frame the debate from the outset will have a significant influence on the outcome.

#### Lisa says:

Animosity is growing because the thousands of illegal aliens that are allowed to enter this country are greeted with open arms and open purses. There is a legal system in place which should be followed. What kind of an example are we setting to everyone by allowing our laws to be blatantly broken. I don't want to hear the company line 'what difference does it make'.

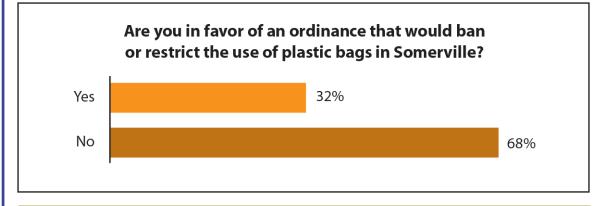
#### MarketMan says:

one more time: Just curious... how exactly do we fix the broken system? You make it sound like changing immigration laws is easy to do in your spare time. Plus, the people who face the broken system and would like it changed are the immigrants themselves, who clearly are not in a position to make changes.

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 are in favor of an ordinance that would ban or restrict the use of plastic bags in Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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# Elderly woman struck, killed by FedEx truck

#### By Douglas Yu

A 90-year-old woman, Helen Monagle, of Medford, was hit by a FedEx truck at around 10:20 Saturday morning at the intersection of Holland St. and Dover St., in Somerville, according to Somerville Police Department. She was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge where she later succumbed to

The FedEx truck was driving eastbound on Holland St. and made a right-hand turn onto the Dover St. whereupon it struck the pedestrian. Somerville police believes that the woman has sustained life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the truck has been identified as Charles Reyes Fernandez, 24, of Melrose.

Charles Femino, Somerville's Chief of and friends of the victim."

police said that Davis Square is a busy place for pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic, but there was nothing unusual happening when the accident occurred.

A witness to the accident, Michael Pinto, told The Somerville Times that he heard people running and yelling "call 911" as he walked along Holland St. "I was in front of CVS," Pinto said. "And then I saw the woman on the ground. She was bleeding on her head." From Pinto's description, the pedestrian was average height and she didn't carry a walking cane.

Police Chief Charles Femino released the following statement: "It is unfortunate for the community that we have to report this accident. The exact circumstances of how and why this accident occurred remain under investigation and our condolences remain with the family



Police and first responders immediately launched into a full investigation of what occurred on Saturday.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Somerville Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police as-

signed to the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, and the Accident Reconstruction Team.

### Secretary of Education Matt Malone visits Winter Hill School

a Head Start Program, to help kids determined to be from high-risk groups catch up to the other students. There is also a three-week, Somerville-run summer program for the same age group, which services 150 pre-k students.

Matt Malone suggested, as a long-term strategy, to start kids in the school system at age four, instead of five.

Malone asked Pierantozzi about testing, who said he would prefer to implement the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam instead of the MCAS. The PARCC has only just become available, and is computer based, unlike the MCAS. The PARCC is intended to match the Common Core State Standard (CCSS), which is a set of standards for teachers to adhere to.

"I love the Common Core, and I haven't had one teacher, and I've been across this entire state, tell me that they don't like the common core, the problem is that editorials have blended the two (PARCC and CCSS) not understanding that curriculum and assessment are two separate things," said Malone.

Pierantozzi said he believes science should be moved to the center of the curriculum in all schools.

"We think that if science becomes the core subject where ELA (English language arts) and math are blended in, then you'll get, at the other end of the tunnel, a much more comprehensive education,"

said Pierantozzi.

The subject of the new Chapter 222 Act came up, which dictates that if a child is suspended for more than ten consecutive days, then they are entitled to education services. Pierantozzi said to provide these services, the Somerville schools have been using E2020, which is a computer-based learning platform.

For troubled kids, Malone said he sees community college as their destination. Pierantozzi told Malone that Somerville has built relationships with many nearby community colleges, to provide these students with their next step.

"We turn kids off by sitting them in a row, killing them with drills -- that's why some kids don't do well in school, cause you have to excite and engage them so they think differently," said Malone.

In 2011, a new teacher evaluation system, the Educator Evaluation, was implemented statewide, and Principle Mazza said it has been difficult for some teachers and administrators to adjust to.

Malone and Pierantozzi agreed that the most important part of teacher evaluations was the written part, in addition to oral feedback.

In spite of the new evaluation system, Malone said, "On the ground level, I think good administrators were always doing good evaluations and taking them seriously." Malone said he would have implemented Common Planning Time, not the Educator Evaluation. Common Plan-



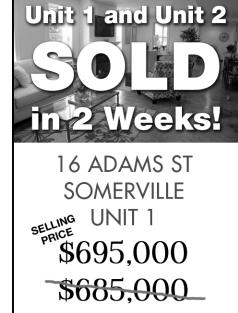
Students at Winter Hill Innovation School and Secretary Malone had an opportunity converse and share their thoughts and feelings about school and the future of education in the city.

ning Time involved teaching staff coming together and giving each other feedback.

An innovation school differs from regular schools in that they get autonomy from other schools over certain areas, such as professional development, curriculum and the school calendar, said Principle Mazza. He said the innovation school has to develop a plan, which they then submit to the superintendent, who has purview.

Soon the Winter Hill School will have a dress code, agreed upon by the students. Kids can choose from light blue, navy blue and purple shirts, with khaki pants.

"I think it brings an all-inclusive element that we did not necessarily have,"



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Secretary Malone sat with Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi and other school officials to discuss important issues concerning Somerville's education system.

# By Jim Clark

# Security-cam reveals donation jar thief

Police received reports of a stolen donation jar last week and were advised that the suspected thief was caught in the act on surveillance video.

The incident reportedly took place at Bull McCabe's, on Somerville Ave., June 10, as the club was sponsoring a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund.

Based on what the video showed, it appeared that a man removed the donation jar from the bar and hid it in his bag. Approximately 10 minutes later he left the club. The jar was not missed until after the man left.

Police were supplied with a screen shot of the man taken

from the surveillance video and were alerted to be on the lookout for him.

On Friday, June 13, police responded to Sarma Restaurant on Pearl St. on reports that a man had allegedly stolen an iPhone from a customer there. The reporting party said that the phone had been stolen from

the bar area, where it had been placed earlier.

Officers confronted the man that the reporting party had identified as the person responsible for the theft. The suspect, Kenneth Happas, 46, of Arlington, denied taking the phone and a subsequent search failed to turn up the missing item.

Police did, however, feel that Happas was the same person of interest from the Bull McCabe's incident, based on the photo supplied to them.

Happas was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250 and larceny from a building.

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# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### **Arrests:**

William Stone, 58, of 2 Meacham St., June 9, 6:45 p.m., arrested at home on charges of threat to commit a crime and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Moises Dasilva, 47, of 31 Montrose St., June 10, 6:16 a.m., arrested at 377 Highland Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Stephen Remick, 55, June 10, 9:42 a.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and disorderly conduct.

**Joseph Killoren**, 33, of 585 Broadway, June 10, 3:20 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Edward Amaral, 41, of 49 Lowell St., June 10, 5:25 p.m., arrested at 45 Ibbetson St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor

**Pedro Perez**, 28, of 94 Pearl St., June 11, 2:20 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Michael Marujo, 50, of 45 Webster Ave., Medford, June 11, 9:13 a.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and abuse prevention order violation.

Andrew Carneiro, 22, of 40C Memorial Rd., June 11, 5:58 p.m., arrested at Derby St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

A juvenile, June 12, 6:15 a.m., arrested at 20 Charlestown St.

on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Juan Pena, 25, of 25 St. Albans Rd., Roxbury, June 12, 10:31 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, giving a false name of a motor vehicle operator, and failure to stop or yield.

Indalina Lopez, 34, of 19 Forest St., Boston, June 12, 2:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class C drug.

Garrick Sanderson, 32, of 32 Franklin St., June 12, 2:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class C drug.

Jaclyn Agost, 25, of 16 Marden Ave., Dorchester, June 13, 1:11 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of assault and battery.

Michael Sevigny, 55, of 68 Laurel St., Fitchburg, June 13, 10:16 a.m., arrested at Broadway on multiple charges of larceny over \$250 by false pretenses.

Kenneth Happas, 46, of 50 Beverly Rd., Arlington, June 13, 10:48 p.m., arrested at 249 Pearl St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and larceny from a building.

Christian Ray, 25, of 37 Sydneny St., June 14, 12:07 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class D drug, and leaving the scene of property damage.

Mark McKeon, 41, of 40 Adams St., Holbrook, June 14, 3:03 p.m., arrested at 21 School St. on multiple warrant charges of indecent assault on a person 14 or older.

Porcha Smith, 31, of 429 Medford St., June 14, 6:44 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of larceny of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property over \$250, felony daytime breaking and entering of a boat or motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, defrauding an innkeeper under \$100, and operator of a motor vehicle refusal to identify self.

Jerome Bell, 27, of 41 Fellsway East, Malden, June 15, 3:06 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of home invasion, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed assault to murder, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, and carrying a firearm without a license.

Alfred Smith, 52, of 101 Highland Ave., June 15, 11:28 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of lewd, wanton, and lascivious conduct.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

June 10, 11:12 a.m., police reported a theft at 258 Elm St. June 10, 11:18 a.m., police reported a theft at Montrose St. June 10, 12:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Foskett St. June 10, 1:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Everett St.

June 10, 1:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Middlesex

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June 10, 2:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 61F Inner Belt Rd.
June 11, 10:27 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

June 11, 11:18 a.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd.
June 11, 11:34 a.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

June 11, 12:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.
June 12, 10:25 a.m., police reported a theft at 378A Highland Ave.

June 12, 12:11 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

June 12, 8:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave. June 13, 2:04 a.m., police reported a theft at College Ave. June 13, 10:16 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

June 13, 2:40 p.m., police reported a theft at 366 Somerville Ave

June 14, 2:57 a.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.
June 14, 6:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.
June 15, 5:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 176 Somerville Ave.

#### Breaking & Entering:

June 9, 9:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Florence St.

June 9, 11:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

June 10, 5:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

June 10, 6:45 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bay State Ave.

June 13, 7:22 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Whitman St.

#### Assault:

June 10, 3:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway. June 11, 2:20 a.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St. June 11, 6:39 p.m., police reported an assault at Fairfax St. June 12, 11:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Perkins St. June 13, 1:11 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway. June 13, 3:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway. June 13, 8:37 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway. June 13, 8:37 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

#### Destruction of Property:

June 11, 8:02 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Willow Ave.

June 12, 8:41 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Webster Ave.

#### Liquor Law Violation:

June 10, 9:42 a.m., police reported a liquor law violation at 4 College Ave.

#### Driving Under the Influence:

June 10, 5:25 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Ibbetson St.

#### **Disorderly Conduct:**

June 13, 8:6 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Cross St.

June 15, 11:28 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Washington St.

#### Drug Violation:

June 12, 2:02 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Franklin St.

# Four police chief finalists at citywide interview

# Residents, community members invited to submit questions to help

The four finalists for Somerville Chief of Police—Somerville Deputy Chief Michael Cabral; Somerville Deputy Chief David Fallon; Manchester, NH Chief David Mara; and Hamden, CT Chief Thomas Wydra—will answer questions submitted by the community at a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

To submit a question for consideration, visit http://www. somervillema.gov/askthechief and enter your question. Those without Internet access may submit written questions at the Somerville Public Library (Main Branch at 79 Highland Ave., East Branch at 115 Broadway, and West Branch at 40 College Ave); the Public Safety Building at 220 Washington St.; or the welcome desk at City Hall. The Police Chief Selection Committee will review the submitted questions and select the best questions to pose to the police chief finalists at the hearing.

Director of the Somerville Office of Commissions, Sonja Darai, will serve as the moderator for the hearing. Each finalist will have the opportunity to give a five-minute opening statement, and two minutes to answer each question. Interpreters for Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole and American Sign Language speakers will be available at the hearing, which will be broadcast live on City TV (channel 22 on Comcast and channel 13 on RCN). Rebroadcasts of the hearing will include closed captioning.

the four finalists (full resumes are available online) include:

- + Michael Cabral: Current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Support. Formerly acting chief, deputy chief of operations, captain, lieutenant, sergeant and officer with Somerville Police, and officer with Dennis Police. Cabral holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Anna Maria College and a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Western New England College.
- David Fallon: Current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations. Formerly captain, lieutenant, sergeant and patrolman with Somerville Police, and security police with U.S. Air Force. Fallon holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Western New England College, a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from University of Massachusetts-Boston, and an associate degree in applied science from Community College of the Air Force.
- + David Mara: Current Manchester, NH Police Chief. Formerly administrative captain, prosecutor, patrol sergeant and officer with Manchester Police, and prosecuting attorney with the City of Manchester's Office of the City Solicitor. Mara holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and a juris doctor from New England School of Law.
- Thomas Wydra: Current Hamden, CT Police Chief. Formerly deputy chief of police, lieutenant, sergeant, state auto theft task force investigator, street crime unit inves-

Hamden Police. Wydra holds a bachelor's degree in public safety administration from Charter Oak State College.

After the public hearing, the Police Chief Search Committee will submit a final written assessment of each candidate to Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone for consideration. Mayor Curtatone will meet with each of the finalists in the two days following the public hearing and may narrow down the finalists and conduct site visits prior to hiring a new police chief.

The city selected Waters Consulting Group through a request for proposals in December to assist in the search for a new police chief. Working with the Police Chief Search Committee, Waters Consulting representative Chuck Rohre interviewed city officials and over 40 constituent group representatives, held a public hearing and conducted a citywide survey that had more than 200 responses to obtain input on the qualities and characteristics desired of the next police chief. By the April deadline, 37 candidates applied for the position, which the Search Committee narrowed down to the four finalists.

Former Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello announced in late 2013 that he would step down in order to care for a family member. Charlie Femino has been serving as Acting Chief of Police since Dec. 1, 2013.

For more information on the Police Chief Selection Committee and process, please email ChiefSearch@somervil-

# Fireworks event 2014 vendors sought

The City of Somerville would like to invite all interested vendors to participate in the Summertime in Somerville Fireworks Celebration on Thursday, July 3, 2014 (rain date Thursday, July 10, 2014).

The city plans to have up to five concession stands and vendors selling items such as balloons, toys (no toy guns permitted), food and beverage at the event.

The city will choose the location of these stands and will judge proposals on the following criteria: all licenses held by the business must be current; type of food/beverage/type of product or toy being sold; quality and price of product.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or cancel this process at any time. Selected vendors will be notified by Tuesday, June 24, 2014. Please send all proposals to Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, Director of Community Relations at ccampbell@somervillema.gov or mail to 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 by 12:30 p.m., Friday, June 20. Vendors with any questions or comments should contact Carlene Campbell-Hegarty at (617)-625-6600 x2615.

# **Urban agriculture** intitiatives underway



There is a little bit of farmer in all of us, and now we can prove it as urban agriculture initiatives are taking root in the city.

#### By Jim Clark

A "Food Production and Distribution Triangle" is now in place in the City of Somerville thanks to two newly adopted initiatives that will connect the newly created Somerville Innovation Farm, a hydroponics based learning farm at the Edgerly School, the South Street Farm, and the mobile farmers market, which services food desserts and low income residents.

The city joined forces with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), Groundwork Somerville, the Somerville Public Schools, Shape Up Somerville and the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Garden Institute in implementing the program.

In an official launch ceremony conducted last week, the public was informed about how the intitiatives would provide a "learn, grow, sell" model for Somerville students.

Students will be able to learn about STEM through hydroponic growing, grow fruits and vegetables with the help of the Groundwork Somerville Green Team at the South Street Farm, and sell the produce at Somerville's mobile farmers market in one of its three locations: Mystic Housing; Clarendon Hill Housing; and the Council on Aging.

During the "ribbon cutting" event for the rpogram, Mayor Curtatone said, "Growing up in Somerville, urban agriculture was simply neighbors sharing some of their prized tomatoes or freshly grown basil. Supporting urban agriculture today is a return to those roots. Shape Up Somerville has grown from a

childhood obesity intervention study to a community-wide strategy to support and encourage opportunities for active living and healthy eating, and through our innovative urban agriculture initiative and the first-of-its-kind ordinance in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we are educating even our youngest residents about the importance of understanding and connecting with the source of your foods. This is an exciting and important expansion into our public schools and beyond."

Superintendent of Schools, Tony Pierantozzi was equally enthusiastic about the initiatives as the mayor was. "It is beneficial to all students and families that our students learn as much as possible about growing, preparing, and of course eating healthy, fresh food. Through the partnerships in this initiative we are advancing the knowledge of our students, and therefore all members of our community about healthy food choices. We are excited to build on the successful school garden program with Groundwork Somerville, and continue Somerville's progressive policies on urban agriculture and urban farming."

The program is also designed to build community partnerships, increase access to fresh, nutritious food for urban residents at risk for diet-related chronic diseases and promote viable farming methods and local initiatives that other cities can replicate and benefit from.

For more information on the City of Somerville's Urban Agriculture initiative, visit www. http://somervilleurbanag.tum-

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# Somerville helps cast rainbow stripes on Boston Pride Parade

#### By Ryan Thomas

Somerville residents let their ROYG-BIV colors show at Boston's LGBT Pride Parade last Saturday. The parade, held between Copley Plaza and Boston Common, also marked the city's 44th annual celebration of LGBT pride.

Some came just to check out the show, others to unapologetically embrace a definitive community. But a good many were marching on behalf of organizations larger than their own individual orientations.

Amongst the list of official attendees was Senator Elizabeth Warren, G.L.A.D., Planned Parenthood, Google, Rainbow Times, and various members/representatives of allying churches, colleges, high schools, and other local support organizations.

One church marching in the parade was Somerville's own First Church on College Ave. Which makes sense, as the church's mission statement, according to their website, is one of absolute inclusion: "No matter who you are and no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!" Furthermore, Associate Pastor Jeff Mansfield asserts that "church is mostly fun and absolutely for everybody."

And so was the parade.

"If you haven't seen it, it's a must." Said Jimmy Licari, 55, an Italian slush vendor and lifelong Boston resident whose been attending the parade for the last 15 years. His slush cart was outfitted with rainbow flags, which matched his rank of beaded necklaces and wristbands. "It's gotten bigger every year. Bigger and crazier."

Licari described some parade highlights, including one girl who ran by dressed only in body paint, and a mechanical bull-rider mounting what looked to be a giant penis. Another parade-goer later suggested that this phallic bull was actually just an over-sized burrito ... which is logical, given that Chipotle was on the official attendee list.

Licari, who set up for business at 8 a.m., says he's never caught off guard by the raunchy spectacles, but he did note a few mid-western type families who at points quickly clutched their children to shield them from some of the more suggestive showcases.

Back in Somerville, it wasn't hard to find returning marchers. All you needed to do was just find the Mardi Gras beads and rainbow accessories.

"The highlight for me was hugging Eliz-

abeth Warren," said Sean Abbott, a software engineer and Somerville resident of four years. This was his first Pride parade.

Abbot said Somerville is a welcoming city for people of every variety, which includes gay and lesbian orientation. "There isn't a lot of disapproval. Not around here," he said. "One of the nice things about the area is that everybody does their [own] thing."

Julia Post, an English teacher at Somerville High School and the advisor of the school's Gay Straight Alliance, attested to Somerville's LGBT-friendliness. "Somerville is one of the more outspoken places about it," Post said. "We still deal with homophobia, but it's hard to focus on that when it's a really, really, really accepting place too."

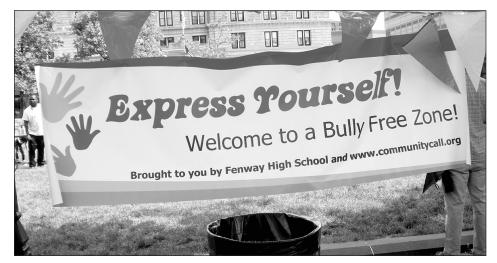
Post said members of GSA were aware of and likely attended Saturday's Pride parade, but the Somerville High holds its own youth-oriented Pride parade in May, as part of the school's own Pride celebrations, in addition to the other events and initiatives throughout the year. Somerville High has been raising the pride flag at City Hall every year for the last three years, with Mayor Curtatone's support. Curtatone did not attend this year's Pride festivities due to prior engagements. Somerville High also holds an annual Day of Silence, which saw 250 participating students this year.

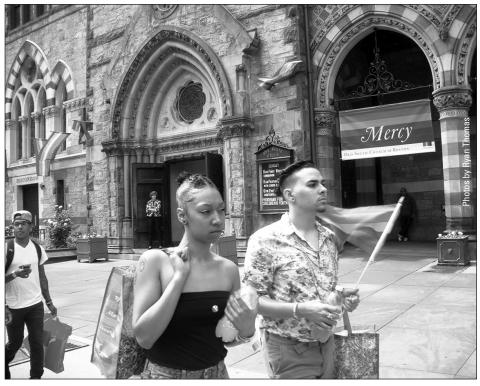
Post, who is a Somerville High alumni herself said, "We have a lot of support from the administration, from the city. We just have a lot of support."

Following the Somerville's bead-and-rainbow trail Saturday, Pride history was manifested in the form of two 50-something veteran LGBT activists. Adorned nearly-literally in bells and whistles was Laura Landy, a Cambridge resident who has marched in a total of 20 Pride parades, which includes a few in New York. Beside her was Somerville resident Julie Katz, who serves on the LGBT Advisory Board of the Somerville Council on Aging. Katz was distinguished by a contrasting earth-tone sweatshirt and rain-bow-striped cheek.

"It was a different world 30-40 years ago. There were terrible things happening to us, and still are to transgender [individuals]," Katz said. "Then, it was just 'gay and straight'; now, it's 'gender identity.' It's not this dichotomy. It's the right to identify yourself how you want to."

Katz described some more differences between the parades of years past and





Somerville was well-represented at Saturday's LGBT Pride Parade in Boston.

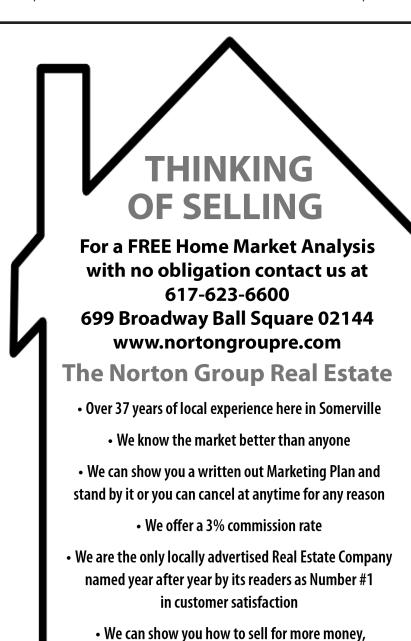
lately: "The profusion of families is common. Seniors are very visible now. Little kids are very visible now. People tend not to cower."

According to Landy and Katz, being hassled was a former mainstay of the Pride parade. Landy recalled teachers who wore bags over their heads for fear of losing their jobs. Katz said when she first started marching, some women were afraid to express themselves in public for the very real threat of losing custody of their children. And it wasn't

an absolute certainty that police officers and other authority figures were actually on your side.

"When cops would set up at the Commons, there was always discomfort. 'Are they really here to protect us?' Now we're not afraid of police," Katz said, while stressing, "[Stuff] goes down. That's why it's important to have a mayor that advocates."

Katz notes the changes, and revels in them: "When we come together on days like this, it's celebratory."



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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on five roll calls and local senators on seven roll calls from the week of June 9-13.

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.

#### **GAS LEAKS (H 4164)**

House 147-0, Senate 38-0, approved legislation that would require gas leaks to be repaired by the gas company in a time frame based on a three-tier classification system of dangerousness. Grade One leaks are most likely to cause an explosion and would have to be repaired immediately. Grade Two leaks are expected to create a hazard in the future and would have to be fixed within 15 months, while Grade Three leaks are non-hazard-ous and would have to be reevaluated every six months. Other provisions align civil penalties for pipeline facility and gas transportation safety violations with federal law and require gas leaks that are identified within a school zone to be prioritized.

Supporters said the state's gas delivery system is the sec-

ond oldest in the nation and has 5,700 miles of leakprone distribution pipe and 20,000 known leaks. They noted the bill will help prevent gas leak tragedies, save lives and have a positive impact on the environment by reducing methane gas.

The bill needs one more round of approval in each branch before it goes to Gov. Deval Patrick.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 4165)**

House 125-23, approved and sent to the Senate an economic development package which includes a two-day sales tax holiday in August. Other provisions include \$2.5 million for loan guarantees to small businesses; \$10 million for brownfields redevelopment; \$2 million in the Talent Pipeline initiative that encourages students and young innovators to get a head start on their futures by matching stipends for interns at innovation start-ups; \$1.5 million for Mass Ventures to fund early-stage, high-growth startups in Massachusetts as they move from concept to commercialization; \$15 million for the Middle Skills Job Training Grant Fund that provide grants to vocational-technical schools and community colleges to support advanced manufacturing and IT training; and a new tax credit for investors in qualifying Massachusetts startup companies.

Supporters said the package would bolster the economy and create jobs. They noted it will encourage private sector investment, support the manufacturing sector and expand economic opportunity beyond I-495.

Opponents said that government cannot fix the economy by throwing money at it. They said they favored proposals that would reduce taxes, cut regulations and create greater predictability for the business community.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### 2014 SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 4165)

House 132-14, approved a bill allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 16, and Sunday, August 17, without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters of the bill said that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past several years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill said the state cannot afford the up to \$40 million revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday.

Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### WAIVE CORPORATE EXCISE TAX (H 4165)

House 44-102, rejected an amendment waiving the state's minimum \$456 annual corporate excise tax for the first three years that a corporation is in business but does not make a profit. Under current law, the tax must be paid annually even if the corporation does not make a profit.

Amendment supporters said this temporary tax reduction does not apply to large corporations that are making huge profits but rather is designed to provide relief to many small, struggling start-up businesses that often have only one employee. They argued the waiver would pay off down the road when these small businesses thrive, create jobs and pay more taxes.

Amendment opponents said that the waiver would cost the state millions in lost revenue that it cannot afford to absorb. They argued that the \$456 per year is not going to make or break a business and noted that waiving the tax would not affect a person's decision on whether or not to start a business. Some said that the waiver should be considered in the context of a broader tax bill that would be the subject of a public hearing.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment waiving the \$456 tax. A "No" vote is against the waiver.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

#### DELAY MEALS TAX HOLIDAY (H 4165)

House 108-38, approved a Democratic-sponsored amendment indefinitely delaying a Republican-sponsored proposal that would exempt diners from paying the state's 6.25 percent meals tax from July 27-31, 2014. The amendment would require the state to study the impact of tax holidays on the state's economy.

Some supporters of the study said they oppose the meals tax holiday and acknowledged the study kills the proposal while avoiding a direct vote on it. Some said the state simply cannot afford the estimated \$8 million revenue loss while others said they are open to the idea but favor the study so legislators can see the positive and/or negative impact of the exemption.

Opponents of the study said rising food costs, high fuel prices, high unemployment and a poor economy have hurt the restaurant industry and resulted in fewer customers. They argued the "study" is a blatant, age-old tactic by Democrats to kill tax relief by studying it "to death" and avoiding an up or down vote on it. They noted past experience shows that none of these "alleged" studies are actually done, and the meals tax holiday will be defeated without representatives having to take a direct vote on it.

(A "Yes" vote is for the delay. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

Rep. Denise Provost

Rep. Timothy Toomey

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

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### HIKE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$11 PER HOUR (S

Yes

Senate 35-4, approved a conference committee version of a bill hiking the current \$8 per hour minimum wage by \$3 over the next three years, beginning in January 2015, to \$11 per hour by July 2017. The measure also makes changes in the state's unemployment insurance system; creates a Council on the Underground Economy to combat the growing exchange of goods and services which are conducted "off the books;" and raises the minimum hourly wage for tipped employees over three years from its current level of \$2.63 to \$3.75. The bill was hammered out by a conference committee after the House and Senate approved different versions of it. The measure does not include a provision, originally in the Senate version, that automatically raises future wages to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index.

Supporters said this pro-worker bill would ensure economic justice and help thousands of families who are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is one of the best anti-poverty programs available.

Opponents said the hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. Some said they supported a smaller increase to \$9.50.

The measure needs additional House and Senate approval before it goes to the governor.

(A"Yes" vote is for the minimum wage hike. A"No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### EXPAND BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER (S2188)

Senate 31-6, approved a \$1.1 billion borrowing bill to fund a 1.3 million square-foot expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Funding is provided by existing fees and taxes including a tax on hotel rooms in Boston and Cambridge and a \$10 fee on all car rentals in Boston. A controversial provision automatically raises the Boston hotel tax from 12 percent to 14 percent if the funding to pay off the debt fall short.

Supporters said the project will create an estimated 4,000 construction jobs and 2,000 permanent jobs while generating an estimated \$15 million annually in taxes and \$185 million in private sector business. They noted Massachusetts is losing valuable and profitable business from events that the center is too small to accommodate.

Opponents said the state was scheduled to pay off the existing loans that built the convention center by 2034 but noted this new expansion will require the state to continue servicing the debt on the \$1.1 billion project until 2050. They said the state should be spending money on more important projects including repairing the state's crumbling infrastructure.

The House has approved a different version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

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

#### **CAP DEBT SERVICE (S 2187)**

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment requiring the governor and the Legislature to agree on the amount of debt service that will be allowed each fiscal year. The amendment also requires a public hearing on the state's debt and the economy.

Amendment supporters argued that the way the state sets its bond cap is inadequate and largely left to the governor. They noted the amendment mirrors the process of how the state determines a consensus revenue estimate by requiring the governor and Legislature to come together and agree on the amount of money that the state can spend for debt service.

Amendment opponents said there are already systems set up to ensure the state's debt does not get out of control. They noted the system has worked because the state has excellent bond ratings from Moody's.

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### BAN USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX (S 2188)

Senate 15-22, rejected an amendment that would prohibit revenue from the hotel/motel tax in non-Boston cities and towns from being used to pay off the bonds if the state cannot pay its debt on the \$1.1 billion convention center project. This revenue would come from both the state hotel tax of 5.7 percent and the up to 6 percent additional local hotel tax imposed by some cities and towns, which is revenue that goes to the community, not the state.

Amendment supporters said it is outrageous and unfair to rob other cities and towns of their hotel tax revenue in order to fund a convention center in Boston.

Amendment opponents said allowing the non-Boston hotel tax to be used will give the state a lower borrowing rate. They argued that if other communities' money is actually used, the bill allows the Boston hotel tax to be raised to pay back them back.

(A "Yes" vote is for prohibiting non-Boston funds from being used. A "No" vote is for allowing it.)

> Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### AUTOMATIC INCREASE OF BOSTON HOTEL TAX (S 2188)

Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment that would strike a section of the bill that automatically increases the Boston hotel tax from 12 percent to 14 percent if the funding to pay off the debt falls short.

Amendment supporters said they oppose any automatic increases and argued the Legislature should deal with a situation like that if and when it happens.

Amendment opponents said having the automatic hike provision gives the state a lower borrowing rate and noted the Legislature can always repeal the increase if and when the time comes.

(A "Yes" vote is for prohibiting the automatic tax hike. A "No" vote is for allowing it.)

#### \$1.31 BILLION CAPITAL PROJECTS (H 3920)

Senate 37-0, approved a \$1.31 billion capital spending bill that would allow the state to borrow funds for various projects including \$354 million for the acquisition of state property, \$50 million for the Massachusetts Cultural Fund, \$35 million for State Police cruisers, \$20 million for renovations to the Massachusetts Senate Chamber, \$6.2 million for a new vault in the state archives building, \$378 million for general state facility improvements and \$312.5 million for health and human services state facility projects.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of earmarks to fund projects proposed by individual legislators for their districts were also included in the package. In reality, 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 the bill is a fiscally responsible one that will fund important projects while maintaining the state's excellent bond rating.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TASER GUNS (H 3315) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require all newly purchased taser guns used by police officers to include an audio recording device. The proposal would only take effect in cities or towns that approve it and also "grandfather in" existing taser guns already owned by the city or town.

Supporters said this will ensure there is an accurate 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.

### BREAST CANCER EARLY DETECTION (S

2181) - The Senate approved a measure requiring hospitals and doctors to inform patients when their mammograms reveal dense breast tissue and that dense breast tissue is common and not abnormal but may increase the risk of breast cancer by making it more difficult to find cancer on a mammogram. Patients would also have to be told that sometimes additional testing is needed and the patient has the right to discuss the results of the mammogram with the physician and radiologist.

The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration

#### PROTECT CELEBRITIES' IMAGES (S 1630) -

The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would protect Massachusetts celebrities' images and voices after they die. Current law prohibits the use of the voice, portrait or photograph of anyone for commercial purposes without that person's approval, but only while the person is alive. The proposal would protect the person's image and voice for 70 years after his or her death.

Comedian and actor Bill Cosby, a resident of Shelburne Falls in Western Massachusetts, is leading the charge for passage of the measure. At a hearing on the bill last May, two of Cosby's attorneys, Melinda Continued on page 17

### **COMMENTARY**

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# **Doing our homework on Union Square** developer finalists continues



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The redevelopment of key blocks of Union Square and Boynton Yards is one of the most important and sensitive projects our city will undertake in its history. Through the community discussions that yielded

our SomerVision comprehensive plan and the rezoning of Union Square, the community charged us with specific goals for the neighborhood. We have been told to create new types of development, economic growth and employment opportunities, while making the neighborhood more walkable, bikeable and easier to traverse. We have also been told to balance this revitalization by preserving what we already love about Union Square, retaining its identity, and creating more housing that has a range of affordability, using sustainable development and adding more public green space. Picking the right partner to help us achieve these goals means we have to do our homework.

At the end of May, a city delegation traveled to four cities in four days to see for ourselves what the Union Square master developer finalists have built. We went to probe more deeply into their capability to see the redevelopment of our historic neighborhood through from community engagement, to shovels in the ground, to a thriving extension of the current square. We wanted to see for ourselves if they can create a true mixed-use neighborhood that seamlessly blends with the great assets we already have in Union Square. Representatives of the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee, Somerville Redevelopment Authority and Board of Aldermen, along with city officials and I went to Maryland, Chicago, Portland and San Jose to see redevelopment projects completed by Federal Realty, Magellan/US2 and Gerding Edlen. And this past week, we toured projects in Boston completed by The Abbey Group.

What did we learn? All four finalists have demonstrated the ability to undertake complex projects and see them through to completion, mixing office, retail and residential while expanding green space, incorporating sustainability and, where applicable, retaining the historical features and local businesses already present. Overviews of our visits can be read on the Somerville By Design blog at www. somervillebydesign.com and the entire report can be downloaded http://www.somervillema. gov/alerts/union-square-duediligence-report.

Each developer has particular strengths Continued on page 16

# Partners HealthCare's Assembly Square plan brings good news and bad news



By William C. Shelton

Partners HealthCare has submitted plans for its Assembly Square Development, and there's good new and bad news.

With a staff of 14,000, Partners is the largest employer in the state. It owns Massachusetts General, Brigham and Women's, and nine other hospitals. It is one of the largest recipients of medical research funding in New England. Neighborhood Health Plan is a member of the Partners Healthcare system.

After considering fifty sites, Partners chose Assembly Square to consolidate office space for 4,700 administrative, information technology, human resources, and real estate employees. They are currently spread across thirteen locations, including downtown Boston, Wellesley, Needham, Medford and Charlestown.

Partners' senior management aims to increase efficiency and reduce costs by having all of these functions and their staff in one place. And they mean, "in one place." There are no private offices in the proposed plan.

To ensure that 770,000 square feet of office space is available by the time that leases on existing facilities expire, Partners is pursuing an aggressive timeline. The project's managers hope to begin construction in August of this year and take occupancy in October 2016.

Last month they filed their Notice of Project Change (from the earlier IKEA proposal) with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency. Somerville's Design Review Committee has

reviewed their design, and the Planning Board promises to schedule extra meetings.

Office and research-and-development facilities deliver the most jobs, highest property taxes, and least traffic per acre. The Partners development would unequivocally establish Assembly Square as an office location.

The project's managers hope to reduce traffic and parking requirements even further.

Two-thirds of the employees slated to occupy the facility currently drive to work. But the Orange Line connects with every subway and commuter rail, and the proposed site is next to the Orange Line station, which will open this year. Partners intends to participate in a Transportation Management Association, and would do so even if this were not a requirement of the FRIT/Mystic View settlement.

Since only 700 ees would occupy the facility throughout the evening, its parking structure would be shared during those hours, reducing requirements for new parking spaces to support Assembly Row's nightlife.

Sensitive to environmental concerns, project architects are designing the office structure to be energy Continued on page 17

### Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

# No diploma for you!



I was very proud to hear my son's name called at his high school graduation ceremony. Two down, one to go.

I'm sure my dad was proud when he heard my name read years ago at Dilboy Stadium as I graduated from the class of 1971. The only thing different was, my son's name was read in alphabetical order and mine wasn't. My poor folks are sitting in the audience on a nice hard plank, as the A, B, and Cs are read. Then came the E's! They skipped right over my name.

You can imagine what went through my parents' minds. "I knew he wasn't going to graduate!" So, I'm sitting there like a dope looking around trying to

figure out what happened. Finally my name was called LAST!

It was the final zinger by the vice principal who hated me. It was his last hurrah, his last chance to get back at me for being a rabble-rouser. Hey, I couldn't help it if I had the heart of an activist back then. It was winter and there was no heat in the school and they expected us to sit there with our coats, hats and gloves on shivering. Then they were enforcing a strict, unfair dress code that we were sick of. Oh, did I mention it was 1969? Yes, we were hippies and we did what hippies did back then ... we demonstrated. We walked out of school and protested in front, complete with cops, TV stations, and newspaper reporters.

Also, in 1969 we formed a group called

The Committee of Concerned Students and published our own newspaper called The Inside Agitator. We chose the name Inside Agitator because the school administration said we must have had an "inside agitator" prompting us to stage the walkouts and demonstrations. Believe me, there were none.

I can honestly say that I really believed in what we were doing. We couldn't wear dungarees, our hair couldn't touch our collar, girls had to wear skirts (see photo). We had had enough. The whole world was picketing, demonstrating and walking out so we did too! I have to admit that it was a real rush being part of that huge walk out. None of us had ever done anything like that before. And, of course, I had to be right up front with my signature big



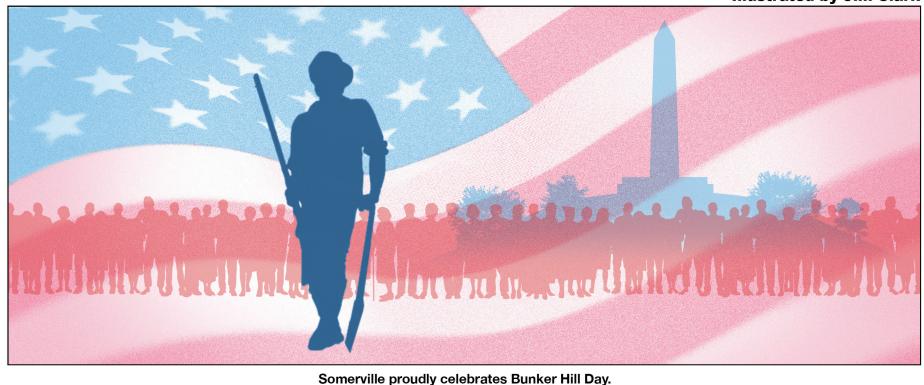
mouth. "Come on ... let's walk out ... no heat no school..." The girls were also sick of having to wear skirts to school. I think the final straw was when the heat failed and their legs were freezing!

I'll never forget the vice principal's finger pointing in my face as he shouted "Wait until I tell your father!" When we walked out of our classes the Continued on page 16

### **COMMENTARY**

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# The View Of The Times



It is an event in our nation's history that we have heard about all our lives. That we live in the very heart of this hallowed place is a remarkable gift. In return, we are called upon to pay particular attention to the passage of this special anniversary.

The Battle of Bunker Hill – or the Battle of Breed's Hill, depending on which

historian, qualified or not, is speaking – is, as we have all been taught, considered the first significant battle of the Revolutionary War.

Although tactically something of a loss for the Colonials, it was in the larger view a strategic victory in that the British forces suffered a relatively large number of casualties, which buoyed the spirits of the revolutionary forces and set into motion events that would change the world forever.

Such is our heritage. And so it is our privilege and duty to honor the day by observing the occasion, each in our own special way, by honoring those who so long ago laid down their lives in the pursuit of the freedoms that we so easily

enjoy today.

Yes, in this part of the world there are many historical celebrations and special days set aside for remembrance. This one is no less important than any of the others and, perhaps, from a certain point of view, one of the most important.

We are lucky to be here. In so many ways.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Everyone that grew up in East Somerville will tell you, it was a special place in our city. Everyone knew everyone else no matter what corner you hung out on or park you grew up on. East Somerville had something special. The old-fashioned block parties that took place at the Old Broadway show. The event is free, you just have to be from East Somerville. There were sponsors that took care of the bill for the City Club and food.

Happy Birthdays this week to several friends both here in the Ville and all around. HB to Senator Sal DiDomenico, who used to represent us in East Somerville. We hope he has a good day. A nice guy, Joe E. Vanessa, who owns his own popular pastry/coffee and breakfast shop on the corner of Lowell and Medford Streets, Modelo's Meat Market, as well as Modelo's Bakery in Magoun Square.

The city was authorized and approved by the board to purchase new vehicles, and thanks to Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti asking, the police department is going to donate the older cars to the high school so that the students can learn to drive with them.

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One of Somerville's unsung heroes for

many reasons was recognized for his many years of service and contributions to the youth of our city. A quiet man and humble to say the least. The Board of Alderman recognized Richard Knibbs of Ball Square, a lifelong resident. He and his wife took in and helped out many young people here in Somerville over the years. A great guy, we think he deserved it. We who know him and who know of him salute him and when you see him around, say "Hi" and congratulate him as well.

This week is the celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. The men who died for our liberties and freedom began with that battle for our independence.

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Alderman Ward 5 Mark Niedergang is having a "party and fundraiser" on Sunday, June 29 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at 29 Conwell Street off Highland. Italian buffet. pizza, live band and children's activities. The suggested donation is \$50 per adult.

If you're planning on doing a move, even moving furniture that might be difficult, one of us here at The Times had some very delicate and difficult furniture to move from one room to another. Two men from Gentle Giant Moving came, Viorel (Victor) Bodiu and Tucker Onisky (we apologize if we misspelled), who were perfect professionals in every way. They know their stuff, handled everything with care and made sure it was in its place, and with a smile. We can't say enough, Gentle Giant has put us in the "we won't call anyone else ever" category. So, when you call Gentle Giant and want a small but difficult move (even bigger ones) ask for Viorel and Tucker, nice guys, and you will be as amazed as we were.

Now, on another note, when you call Comcast for some help, with the prices they charge you'd think they would be out with a snap. Not Comcast. A four day appointment and then the window was just 5-7 p.m. Just to connect the Internet. Comcast should be ashamed for what they charge, the cost of which is getting so high it's like a Cadillac car payment. For that cost we should get to pick the channels you want to watch as well. More than 70% of the channels we bet most people don't watch, but we pay for them.

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The budget meetings continue at City Hall. Last week the Budget Committee on the Board of Alderman had three late evenings and then a full board meeting, so we got our monies worth, we think, last week. This week the budget hearings continue. We can't wait to see who is on the chopping block this year. And we wonder where our tax dollars are going. Roll call vote by the board members themselves — let's see who votes to really cut the budget and who votes to increase.

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Congratulations last week on the recent promotions recommended by the mayor and sent to the Board of Alderman for confirmation of six Somerville firefighters for advancement. For Deputy Fire Chiefs appointed was Michael Avery and Sean Tierney both long time department men. Also voted and approved were two officers in the position of Fire Captain and they were Gregory French and Steven Mauras. Voted and approved were two more for the position of Lieutenant and they were Timothy Flynn and Paul French. All men have been with the department a long time serving our community well. It was announced for the first time that two brothers were appointed and promoted in the same evening. We here at The Times congratulate them all on achieving their positions and wish them Continued on page 20

# Squeezebox Slam 2014

The Nave Gallery and the Somerville Arts Council presented the 2nd Somerville Squeezebox Slam on Saturday, June 14, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The celebration of accordions, button boxes and other freestanding reed instruments were a hit with the appreciative crowds that gathered to listen.

Accordionists of all skill levels and musical genres were invited to stroll around the neighborhoods of Somerville, sharing their melodious sounds.

The event culminated in a gathering of all players in Davis Square for a grand finale concert.





























Photos by Claudia Ferro







## **SPORTS**

# Arms can't carry Alibrandis against Stoneham

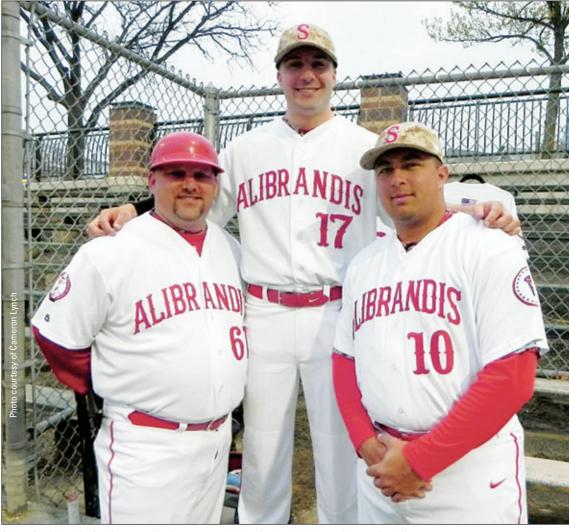
By Ben Cassidy

Prior to last Sunday's game against the Stoneham Sabers, the Somerville Alibrandis were experiencing one of the many incongruous baseball phenomena that are impenetrable to casual observers of the sport and beloved by its most fervent fans: Though the Alibrandis had won their previous two contests, buoyed by excellent pitching and flawless fielding, they weren't hitting well. In fact, they were hardly hitting at all; in its two victories, the squad had tallied just four runs.

But baseball has a way of sorting out these inconsistencies, and the Alibrandis were reminded of this hardball reality against the Sabers, dropping their second game to Stoneham this season in a 2-1, 13-inning affair at Recreation Park that featured more offensive struggles for the Alibrandis (7-4-1 as of Sunday). While the club managed 13 hits, only one of them went for extra bases (a double by Nate Witkowski). Coupled with an uncharacteristically poor defensive game (the Alibrandis committed four errors), the team's power outage proved to be too much to overcome against the Sabers (9-3), who solidified their position at the top of the Yawkey Baseball League's Ted Williams Division.

The Alibrandis' pitching kept them in the game. After Chris McKenzie and Dan Mahoney handled the first six innings and allowed just one unearned run, Vladimir Camacho pitched the next 6 1/3 innings, taking the loss upon letting up an unearned run to the hosts in the bottom of the 13th inning. Camacho struck out 11 batters and walked only one during his appearance, which was his first for the Alibrandis.

Camacho's promising outing continued the Alibrandis' recent run of stellar pitching. Last Wednesday, Jon Morse yielded just four hits over six innings as the Alibrandis beat the Brighton Braves 3-0 at Trum Field. According to assistant manager Cameron Lynch, it was Morse's "best performance of the year." Lynch cited Morse's ability to "keep guys off balance" by mixing his pitches as a reason for his effectiveness. Closer Brian Tanguy, who pitched 25 scoreless innings for the 2013 Alibrandis, picked up his first save of the 2014 campaign, and Justin Crisafulli led the Alibrandis' offense with three hits and two RBIs.



(L to R) Alibrandis first base coach John Moore along with players Kevin Salines and Anthony Perry.

Monday, Alibrandis pitcher Chris Foundas dominated the West Roxbury Nationals in a 1-0 Alibrandis victory. Foundas' two-hit shutout was nearly matched by Nationals pitcher Eoin McAvinchey, who

also went the distance and allowed four hits. Davidson Peguero drove in the Alibrandis'

The Alibrandis host the Al-Thomas Athletics tonight and the Malden Maddogs on Friday at Trum Field; a make-up date for last Friday's postponed game against the Savin Hill Dodgers has yet to be announced. The Alibrandis were to have played the Brighton Black Sox at Rogers Park on Monday.

# Ms. Cam's Dlio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. When did the Battle of Bunker Hill take place?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. Where is the Bunker Hill Monument?
- 3. What General from Massachusetts died in the battle of Bunker Hill?
- 4. What magazine ad mentioning underarm odor in 1919 led hundreds of offended women to cancel their subscriptions to Ladies Home Journal?
- 5. In Japan, what is a Kissaten?
- 6. What did the Wrigley Company do to promote its chewing gum nation-

- wide in 1914?
- 7. What cartoon character did Casey Kasem provide the voice for?
- 8. What rock group became the first ever to appear at New York's Carnegie Hall?
- 9. On what project in 1933 were hard hats first used during construction work?
- 10. What was the world's first computer bug?
- 11. Where are the grasshopper's eardrums located?
- 12. What is an epistaxis?

Answers on page 19

# Local cancer survivor honored at Fenway Park



Betsy Bowman, of Somerville, is a Pan-Mass Challenge cyclist and cancer survivor who was honored by the Boston Red Sox on Sunday, June 15 during PMC Day at Fenway Park. Bowman was among other cancer survivors who rode their bikes around the warning track in a pre-game ceremony during which the PMC's 35th anniversary logo was unveiled on the Green Monster. On August 2 and 3, together with 5,800 cyclists, Bowman will ride up to 190 miles across Massachusetts in the 35th annual Pan-Mass Challenge. This year's goal is to raise \$40 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber

# **Enjoy weekend events at SAC**

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is returning this year. Mayor Curtatone, who was a trumpet player in the Somerville High School Jazz Band, came up with the idea.

The Somerville Arts Council (SAC) event will occur on June 21 from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A free concert at Powderhouse Park will take place.

The concert will launch with The Somerville High School Jazz Ensemble. Then, get ready for Laura Grill Band, Racky Thomas Band, Mark Zaleski Band, Joey Vellucci Quartet and New Black Eagle Jazz Band. Finally, Sugar Ray and the Bluetones will round out the day.

Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest 2014 will also include other shows, which will occur on other dates. See Glenn David Andrews Band at Johnny D's on June 20 at 8 p.m., Kathy Olson, Randy Pingrey & Mark Zaleski at The Green Room on June 22 at 3 p.m. and Aardvark Jazz Orchestra at Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church on June 28 at 8 p.m.

"We issue a call to artists. And we have a jury of four folks review all the submissions. This year we had around 30 acts apply. We always look for different sub-genres within the broader

genres. It's nice to mix it up and get some different sounds. We rarely have returning acts. There is enough talent that we want to spread around who we present. And that goes for practically all of our events," said Gregory Jenkins, Director of Joe's Jazz Fest.

On Sunday, June 22 at the Uniun Warehouse, 11 Sanborne Court in Union Square from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Trash Bash will be the second annual recycled art contest. The event is an ArtsUnion event, which will be presented by 3 Graces Production (www.3gracesproductions. com) and Uniun Warehouse (www.uniun.com).

Last year, the inaugural event received support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, via the ArtsUnion program of the Somerville Arts Council, which are both supporting the event this year, as well as "20 backers of our kickstarter campaign," said Jennifer Lawrence, Partner of 3 Graces Productions, whose partner is Debra McLaughlin, Partner of 3 Graces Productions.

"3 Graces' Trash Bash began in 2013, as the first program of our newly-created company. It had all of the elements that the ladies of 3 Graces love: art, sustainability and local business," she said.

"This was Deb's brainchild! She saw that there was a clear hole in the Somerville events community in the area of arts competitions, especially those surrounding creative reuse. Somerville has a thriving and large artist community. of a few years ago, there were more artists per capita here than anywhere else in the U.S., outside of Manhattan. I believe this is still true. We had to do this. Deb found several other recycled arts competitions in the U.S. and Canada, and we were able to use those events as guides to creating our own," said Lawrence.

The entry deadline for the contest was June 6. It was required that all entries were made of recycled materials.

First prize in the adult category and the youth category will be \$100, second prize and third prize in both categories will be from local business sponsors, and to round it out, honorable mention will be awarded for best use of recycled content, creativity and originality. However, each entry will be given a certificate of recognition.

Additional activities will occur at Trash Bash. 43 artists will be showcased. In addition, music by The Soulful Souls!



Debra McLaughlin, partner of 3 Graces Productions (left) and Jennifer Lawrence, partner of 3 Graces Productions, (right) created Trash Bash.

and 3D and the Greaseballs will be featured.

Somerville Local First will be at the event to discuss the local economy. Interestingly, Lawrence and McLaughlin are on that board. Also, Next Step Living will do workshops and sign individuals up to receive free home energy audits. 3 Graces Productions and Minimum Wage Art will make "a community art piece out of recycled

bamboo furniture, repurposed t-shirts, and cloth pieces," she said. Workshops by Somerville Skillshare will also be available.

At a future Trash Bash, "We are hoping to have some youthled workshops in 2015, and are playing around with the idea of having more extensive workshops," said Lawrence.

For additional information, interested individuals may email info@3gracesproductions.com.

#### BOA attends to business, and to controversy CONT. FROM PG 1

Public Health and Safety Committee to converse about the various implications this might have.

Several items related to cleanups and fixes around the city to be completed by the Department of Public Works, as well as a few that called for baiting in a few areas to gauge the rodent problem. One resolution submitted by Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang asked that the board request the Administration to attend a meeting and explain the proper procedures involved in deciding which street repaving projects take priority.

The board approved, then moved on to an item regarding the support of Mayor Curtatone's May 22, 2014 Executive Order regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Secure Communities Program. This was introduced by BOA Vice President Jack Connolly and two others, and related back to a relatively controversial federal statute that has been causing a stir in communities across the nation.

In several cities, local governments have passed legislation to refuse detainer requests made by ICE when the individual in question does not pose a risk to the community. Mayor Curtatone's Executive Order was similar in this sense, working to join a push to launch the TRUST Act, which would help to protect immigrants with the same level of judicial rights as others.

Alderman Connolly noted that Somerville is a diverse community, made up of roughly 25 percent immigrants and speaking 51 languages throughout local schools, and the ICE activities have damaged the trust these families have in the people that are meant to protect them.

After the in-depth description of the key points between the ICE Secure Communities Program and the actions listed under the Executive Order, BOA President William White called upon Mayor Curtatone to speak about the matter in front of the board.

"This is about protecting families, this is about earning trust," Mayor Curtatone affirmed. Somerville has always been at the forefront, Somerville has always been a city of hope, and if we're going to work to build a better community and ... if we truly want everyone's help to solve issues on public health and public safety, then we need to gain people's trust ... we have to help people get out of the shadows and away from the margins and engage with us."

After he finished, Alderman White noted that he felt it would be necessary to hold a public hearing on this matter in front of the entire board because it has been such a hotly debated topic, moving to discuss it in September.

The board carried on into a

discussion regarding the item, and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente stated that he had mixed feelings regarding the process that has taken form. After explaining that he does stand behind reforms to protect immigrants and improve the intelligence of law enforcement across the country, he did note that he was disappointed in the Executive Summary.

"Where was the community on this?" he asked. "We have experts among us who I would have liked to see be a part of this process. Why wasn't the board of alderman consulted and involved in the process from the beginning?"

Alderman Lafuente asked to move this matter to the file, respectfully, and that the processes behind these types of decisions involve more collaboration within the community. He acknowledged his frustrations with the malfunctioning federal laws in place, but asserted that the procedures taken must be adjusted.

"If we are going to make any headway on immigration, it has to be done in a different way," he added. "Not by bringing attention to something that might lead to negative situations, but

by working together with the

As a procedural note, if an item is moved to file, it is essentially taken off the board.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston asserted that while she stands behind many of the sentiments, the board needs the opportunity to fully evaluate and discuss this matter, which is an important one for the community. Alderman Niedergang noted that he would not be able to support the motion to file the matter away, but he agreed with the majority of Alderman Lafuente's argument.

Alderman White stated that the lack of public involvement has caused somewhat of a stir in the wake of the Executive Decision, and that he would support the motion to file because the discussion was largely circumvented.

After all involved gave their opinions, Alderman Lafuente withdrew his motion so that the conversation could continue, and the public discussion will take place in the fall.

Notably, the fossil fuel divestment program was pushed back two weeks, and more items on the budget plan were directed toward the Finance Committee.

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The Project consists of: New Resilient Flooring and Stair Treads in Common Areas, Corridors and Staiways with associated asbestos remediation in limited areas at Corbett Apartments 667-2 Elderly Housing in the two buildings at 32 Jaques Street and 125 Jaques Street in Somerville, MA.

The work is estimated to cost \$200,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) in the category of Floor Covering and must submit a current DCAM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CO3).

General Bids will be received until 2:00pm, Wednesday, July 10, 2014 and publicly opened, forthwith.

All Bids should be mailed or delivered to: The Modernization Office, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than the date & time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at <a href="https://www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> (may be viewed or electronically copied) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$25 per set payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc. Additional sets may be purchased for an additional \$25 each up to a maximum of 2 sets.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SD0), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.** 

The Site will be available for inspection at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Meet in front of the building at 125 Jaques Street, Somerville MA. For an appointment call Gabe Ciccariello at (617) 625-1152 x330

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 14-87 (Rebid)

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

Symphony Park Construction of a New Park

Nature and scope of work: Symphony Park is located at 46 Pearl. The scope of work is to create a small pocket park (less than 2 acres). The existing site is an open lot retained along Florence Street by a CMU wall. The design of the new park includes re-grading the site to provide access from Florence Street and providing a central walking path, lawn and performance area, a small community garden, passive seating areas, planting beds and a low-flow water feature. Please consult the plans and specifications for full scope of work, including important permitting requirements.

Plans and specifications will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting Wednesday, June 18, 2014, upon deposit of non-refundable fee of \$50.00 for each set of Plans & Spec's, in the form of a check made payable to the City of Somerville. Any person requesting more than two sets will be required to pay a nonrefundable fee in the form of a separate check for each additional set in the amount of \$50.00 per set.

Sealed Bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until July 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the City of Somerville or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid. Prevailing Wage Rates *and* Davis Bacon Wage Rates apply to this procurement.

An optional pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held as follows: Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 2nd day of July, 2014, the return date of this citation.

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that would apply to what we want to see in Union Square and their projects each have elements that would be attractive in Union Square, but those projects are not necessarily analogous to Union Square, which is its own unique neighborhood, with its own character, history and assets. That's why our homework continues.

We are continuing to ask questions and working with the Civic Advisory Committee to ensure that the community's input weighs upon any decision made by the Redevelopment Authority, which next meets on Tuesday, June 26. We are working on developing a web presence for the committee that would include a meeting schedule, the ability for the public to submit questions to pose to a developer and expanded opportunities for the community to make its thoughts and ideas heard.

And once the Redevelopment Authority selects a master developer, the city and developer will need to reach land disposition agreements, which will contain standards and conditions for Union Square's redevelopment that would significantly shape what kind of development we achieve in the neighborhood. The Civic Advisory Committee will continue to play a critical role in shaping those agreements, and will continue to act as a sounding board for the master developer, shaping proposals then brought forward for public review. Having this community dialogue with the developer will help our community stay true to our vision—ensuring that we preserve the continuity of Union Square's character and history, while achieving the community's shared goals.

At every step we've taken over the years to shape Union Square's future, the community has guided and informed the process. From the rezoning in 2009 to codifying the community's shared values in SomerVision, the community has done important work in shaping our vision for this neighborhood, and will continue to do so through the Civic Advisory Committee, giving us the input we need to achieve our collective goals. The Request for Qualifications issued by the Redevelopment Authority specifically states that we expect continued, meaningful community involvement. There will be robust public processes every step of the way during this redevelopment. Show up, ask questions and give us your input. Together, we can manage the change that is coming to Union Square and our city, preserve what we love about it and achieve the collective goals that we envision.

### No diploma for you!

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administration got very nervous. We were not violent but they had never seen anything like it before. Kids thinking for themselves. A bunch of students chanting "we want pants" and "we want heat" posed a new dilemma for them, so they called the cops. And then, like I said, the newspapers and TV stations came. It just fed the excitement. I think I turned my head away so my dad wouldn't see me on the 6 o'clock news.

The vice principal DID get back at me at graduation. He gave my family and me a huge scare, and an embarrassment that I still feel today. I must say the guy got me good! Bravo and touché. And after all those years I'd like to say that my Somerville High School years were among the best years of my life. I got my diploma and may I say that it's proudly on display ... in a box someplace in my cellar.

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#### Partners HealthCare's plan brings good news and bad news **CONT. FROM PG 10**

efficient. And their plan provides 7 acres of open space, including 1.8 acres of public parkland. As IKEA had previously committed, Partners would provide an easement for the community path to connect with Sullivan Square.

The main facility's appearance is striking: ten stories of offices and a penthouse atop two floors of Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) retail space. It would bestride a 60,000-square-foot floor plate, and that's the bad news.

FRIT's plan for Assembly Row goes a long way toward fulfilling the promise of an "urban village." Its massing and

street-and-block grid are urban in scale and thoughtful in design. Among the benefits that its site plan affords is a view of the Boston skyline, down Assembly Row (the street).

Partners' site plan is closer to that of a suburban office park than an urban district. It sprawls across what should be four urban blocks, obscuring the sight line to Boston in a design that an architect acquaintance of mine calls "selfish." At noon on a December day, the Partners building would cast a shadow over all of Assembly Row (the street) and the buildings on it.

The plan isolates Partners' new parkland, giving it the feel of a private preserve rather than a public park. Its rambling seven-story parking structure is at least two city blocks long and would be the Lombardi Street gateway to Assembly Square.

Partners does not pay taxes. But the design of its campus would lower the taxable value of existing FRIT property that does pay taxes and the taxable potential of future development surrounding it.

There are several ways that Partners could alter its design to be part of an urban fabric. It could continue the street and block grid established by FRIT. I'm sure that FRIT would appreciate this, since it would create more lower-floor retail opportunities. But Partners would design, own, and construct its facilities, not FRIT.

Partners could build a taller building with a smaller footprint. The height of its current plan is 200 feet, but zoning allows 250 feet. And I doubt that it would be difficult to obtain a height variance, considering that Wynn plans to build a 400-foot hotel/ casino directly across the river.

Or, Partners could turn the building on the site. And it could



The Partners HealthCare campus would sprawl across four urban blocks.

underground the parking, even though this would increase the cost per space by a factor of five.

City, state, and federal government have invested close to a hundred million in building new infrastructure with the intention of creating new jobs and tax revenues. Partners would enjoy the benefits of this infrastructure without paying for it.

Somerville job seekers would find employment opportunities as Partners' existing jobs are vacated, both over time, and more immediately as a result of current employees who do not want to commute to the new site. But Partners would not be creating net new jobs, or paying taxes.

Accordingly, it would seem fair for Partners to invest the cash required to construct urban facilities. If it did so, it could probably more than make up for the additional expense by selling a portion of its property to a for-profit organization that requires office or R&D space. Consider, for example, the Vertex development on Fan Pier, which will generate more tax revenue than Somerville's entire commercial tax base combined.

Partners Healthcare would be a welcome presence in our city. But to be a good neighbor, it should assume all the responsibilities of good corporate citizenship.



Partners HealthCare's main building would block sight lines to the Boston Skyline and cast a long shadow.

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Phelps and Bill Hart, spoke in favor of the proposal.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"As President Reagan said, the nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help." — Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) on whether the government can fix the economy.

"I hope the gentleman from Gloucester delivers my eulogy." — Sen. Brian Joyce (D-Milton) making reference to the oratory skills of Senate Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

"Massachusetts led the nation passing the first state minimum wage a century ago in June 1912, and with passage of an \$11 state minimum wage ... will be leading the nation again with a wage floor that is good for business, good for customers and good for our economy." — Holly Sklar, Director of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

"I fear that an increase of this magnitude will prove onerous to the economy and detrimental to small businesses throughout the Commonwealth by stifling job growth." Senate GOP Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on the minimum wage hike.

#### 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 Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

end of an annual session.

During the week of June 9-13. the House met for a total of 14 hours and 11 minutes and the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 28 minutes.

Mon. June 9 House 11:05 a.m. to 12:08 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Tues. June 10 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:24 p.m.

Wed. June 11 House 11:04 a.m. to 12:03 a.m. (Thurs.) No Senate session

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#### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday June 18

**East Branch Library** 

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

**Central Library** 

Young Democrats of Massachusetts Somerville

Morgan-607-232-9169 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Thursday June 19

#### Central Library

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

#### **Central Library**

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

#### Friday|June 20

#### **Central Library**

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

#### **Central Library**

Teen Postcard Making 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 21

#### **Central Library**

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

#### Sunday|June 22

#### Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

#### Monday June 23

#### **Central Library**

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 617 636-9033 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM | 79 Highland Avenue

#### Arts at the Armory Knucklebones

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191

#### Tuesday June 24

#### West Branch Library

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

#### Wednesday June 25

**East Branch Library** Ding-Dong, ¿Quién Es?

Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

#### **MUSIC**

#### 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

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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

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

#### Somerville Theatre

Rufus Wainwright 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

#### Thursday|June 19

#### Johnny D's

Cambodian Benefit 17 Holland Stl617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders with guest Jeff Michaels 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

Campfire hosted by Ben Bullock w/Gerri X 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland Stl617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band

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#### Ioshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

#### 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night

#### Comedy Night

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square Arts at the Armory

Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday|June 20

#### Johnny D's

Glen David Andrews plus Funky Dawgz Brass Band & Naughty Professor|8 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

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.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

Scattershots 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### PA'S Lounge

Keeping Company|Aid To Navigation|Paperback|Lay Low Moon 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** The Easy Reasons (Boston)|Rocket and the Ghost (NYC) & Subpar Co-star

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Ioshua Tree DI McRiddleton

#### Samba Bar & Grille

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### Arts at the Armory

Books of Hope Book Release 6 p.m.|Performance Hall Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday June 21

Glen David Andrews plus Funky Dawgz Brass Band & Naughty Professor|7:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Vapors of Morphine |6 p.m. One Thin Dime |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Jimmy's Down

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke

65 Holland St PA'S Lounge

Joey Motown|Safer Bombs|Trio Roulette|Klaus Dukes|Faux Paw 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On the Hill Tavern

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#### Joshua Tree DJ El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DJ

### 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### Arts at the Armory

Rick Schilling 10:30 a.m.|Café

Minted & Muddled Workshop 5 p.m.|Café

Sharon Knight Trio 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Sunday June 22

#### 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

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.

**Burren Acoustic Music Series** 

Paul Ahlstrand Quartet |8 p.m.

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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**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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Arts at the Armory

Luminarium Dance Company's 4th Anniversary Gala & Showcase 5 p.m.|Performance Hall Café Rags 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday|June 23

#### Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Sketch Bucket|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

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 Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Arts at the Armory

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal

#### Tuesday June 24

Iohnny D's

Scott Biram plus Austin Lucas 7:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

SoulSistahMel

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30 p.m.

#### Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz &

#### Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral 345 Somerville Avel617-776-1557 Bull McCabe's

Night

PA'S Lounge

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### PJ Ryan's Pub Ouiz

Samba Bar & Grille

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 Arts at the Armory Treasures Forever

#### 3:30 p.m.|Performance Hall| Make Out! 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday June 25 Johnny D's

Sally O'Brien's Bar

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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#### SHOW) 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

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#### Bull McCabe's 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

Pub Trivia

Ioshua Tree Bar & Grill

#### Wednesday|June 18

Arts at the Armory Business Model Canvas Workshop & Masterclass Boston 2014

9 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Highland Ave

#### **Third Life Studio**

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www. nadirajamal.com

#### Thursday|June 19

#### West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### 40 College Avenue

**Central Library** 

**Drop-In Meditation** Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

#### 1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** Overview of Social Security

#### Tony Collias 781-888-0161 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory Business Model Canvas Workshop & Masterclass Boston 2014

9 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hal Wendy Kramer: Founder of the Donor Sibling Registry 7 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program

for people with problems with money and

debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave

(Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629 Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

#### Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga

Friday|June 20

#### Saturday June 21 **Bagel Bards**

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

A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio Jazz Dance Brunch!

#### January 25 through March 1 10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Jen Farrell

Sunday June 22 **Unity Church of God** 

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

#### Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement. **Third Life Studio** Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.

#### nadirajamal.com

Monday June 23 **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.

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

Tuesday June 24 **Central Library** 

115 Broadway

**Third Life Studio** 

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue Arts at the Armory

The Art of Group Singing For Women

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

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

Learn English at the Library!

#### 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave Third Life Studio

Prenatal Yoga

Wednesday June 25 **Central Library** 

James Fox 617-710-0676 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Third Life Studio** Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira

Friends: Thank You Event

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

nadirajamal.com

# PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



### 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:

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  $\&\ \mbox{cold}$ 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.

All slots for the **Free Hearing Screening** are **BOOKED**.

The Tanglewood trip scheduled in July is SOLD OUT. The Cape Ann Explorer trip scheduled for July 9th is SOLD

The trip to the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City scheduled for

Afternoon at the Movies - Mark your calendars: June 30th for

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

The Mayor's Annual Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday,

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

#### **LGBT EVENTS:**

LGBT Lunch - Monday, July 14th - 11:30 A.M. The next LGBT Lunch is scheduled for Monday, June 9th –Lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. Suggested contribution of \$2.00 - RSVP required no later than noontime on Friday, July

LGBT Dinner & Movie night - July 21st - Yet to be determined Dinner & Movie - more information to follow.

LGBT Advisory Group - Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, July 14th at 4:30 P.M. \*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 Story-Corps, 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)

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-registra-

**Upcoming Schedule** 

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

#### 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

#### Thursday, June 19

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RI)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Farmers Market Begins (H)

#### Friday, June 20

10:00 Arts & Crafts with Bernice (H)

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday, June 23

10:00 Arts & Crafts with Bernice (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Tuesday, June 24

10:00 Brain Games (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 SHINE by appointment only (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RI, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### Wednesday, June 25

10:00 Brain Games (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 SHINE by appointment only (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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# From on page 14 Ms. Cam's Answers

- 1. June 17, 1775
- 2. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, MA
- 8. Chicago, in April 1971

or at the base of its ab-

domen, depending on the

7. Norville "Shaggy" Rog-

3. General Joseph Warren

4. The first major deodor-

9. Hoover Dam 10. A moth

ers in Scooby-Doo

ant company in the United States, Odorono

5. A coffee shop

- 11. Either on its forelegs
- 6. It mailed Doublemint gum to everyone listed in U.S. phone books
- type of grasshopper
- 12. Nose bleed

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the very best of luck. A huge crowd of family and fellow fire fighters filled he Alderman Chambers to witness the swearing in.

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The nationwide search for another police chief is continuing and hard work by the search committee has narrowed the choices down to four candidates who will be submitted to the Board of Alderman for a public hearing. A question and answer session will be held on the 25th at City Hall in the Aldermanic Chambers. The four choices are current Deputy Chiefs Mike Cabral and NH, Chief of Police David Mara and Hamden, CT, Police Chief Thomas Wydra. The Public is invited to be part of the process and either go online and ask your questions or come on down the 25th at 630 p.m. to the Aldermanic Chambers.

Several from the city, including the mayor, were off to Denver Co. these past few days to try out again for the "All American City" award. Do you think we deserve it?

Cam Toner is home recuperating fast and when we visited her she couldn't wait to get back to being active again. We're looking at this sometime soon and, hopefully, a nice breakfast for the whole group of us up in Teele Square.

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Assembly Row is working in conjunction with 92.9 to host the inaugural Rock and Run 5k obstacle race taking place on Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will feature monkey bars, climbs, hurdles, and walls with live musical acts at David Fallon along, with Manchester, every mile marker along the course. After crossing the finish line, runners will be invited to relax at a post race party featuring a beer garden (21+) and will be capped off by an exclusive performance by a national recording artist. Registration is currently open at www.rockandrunboston.com. There will be free parking onsite or you can get there by using the MBTA: Orange line to Wellington. For any questions, please call 617-440-5565, or visit www.assemblyrow.com.

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# Somerville Fire Dept. promotions approved



Mayor Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Alderman have reviewed and approved six members of the Somerville Fire Department for promotion to higher ranks. The appointments were made official at last week's General Meeting of the Board. The promotions went to: Michael Avery, to Deputy Fire Chief; Sean Tierney, to Deputy Fire Chief; Gregory French, to Fire Captain; Steven Mauras, to Fire Captain; Timothy Flynn, to Fire Lieutenant; and Paul French, to Fire Lieutenant. — Photo by Donald Norton

# **ESCS Spring Concert 2014**







 $\label{thm:continuous} The \ East \ Somerville \ Community \ School \ presented \ its \ annual \ Spring \ Concert \ on \ Friday \ morning, \ June \ 13. \ Students \ played \ and \ sang \ for \ the \ public \ free \ of \ charge \ in \ the \ ESCS \ Auditorium. \\ -Photos \ by \ Claudia \ Ferro$ 

### What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.



Here is what to expect in SNN # 17. As of May 23, businesses and institutions are not allowed to use styrofoam take-out containers and cups. Are they obeying the law? And what's the city doing to enforce it? Our reporters headed to "Carnaval" to see what it means to East Somerville, covered a meeting of the "Rodent Issues Special Committee" and talked to Somerville workers who were downtown to rally for a \$15 minimum wage. To find out more, watch Somerville Neighborhood News Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Channel 3 or on our website at www.scatvsomerville.org/snn. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @SCATVSNN.

# The Sunsetters are returning



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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	The Folkorist	1:00pm	Play by Play	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Outdoor Adventures for Somervillians
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake,	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
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6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	2:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	10:00am	International Church of God	'	
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	5:30pm Ea	rth Day Celebration @ Mystic Learning Center	3:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
9:00am	Cancer TV show	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Abugida TV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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	12:30pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row
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	6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville
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	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
	12:30pm:	2014 Memorial Day Parade
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	6:30pm:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards
	8:30pm:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.18.14
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	12:00am:	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall
	12:15am:	Porchfest 2014
	1:00am:	Voices of Somerville
	1:30am:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.18.14
	9:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival
	12:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting
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	9:15pm:	Pride Flag Raising 2014
	9:30pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference
	10:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour

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Wednesday, June 18

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12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival
1:30am:	Ward 5 Spring ResiStat Meeting
3:30am:	2014 Memorial Day Parade
9:00am:	2014 Memorial Day Parade
12:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting
1:30pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival
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Sunday, June 22		
12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival	
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3:00pm:	Ward 2 Spring ResiStat Meeting		
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit		
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8:00pm:	BOA Budget Hearing 6.19.14		
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3:00pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole
3:30pm:	Taste of Somerville
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
10:00pm:	Voices of Somerville
Tuesday,	June 24

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12:00am:	2014 Memorial Day Parade
1:45am:	Pride Flag Raising 2014
2:00am:	Voices of Somerville
9:00am:	Taste of Somerville
9:30am:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Balance & Fall Prevention
1:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour
2:00pm:	Ward 4 Spring ResiStat Meeting
3:30pm:	SomDog Spring Fling
6:30pm:	Taste of Somerville
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
7:30pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips
8:00pm:	Historic Preservation Meeting at Arts at the
Armory	
8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting –
	REPLAY OF 6.23.14
12:00am:	Senior Circuit
12:30am:	Keep Moving
1:00am:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips
1:30am:	School Committee Meeting –
	REPLAY OF 6.23.14

#### **EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15** Wednesday, June 18

9:00am: GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet 11:00am:Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert SHS Scholarship Awards Night Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS 2:00pm: 3:00pm: kid stuff - Boathouse

3:30pm:	SHS Baseball v Cambridge
5:30pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
7:30pm:Ca	puano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert
8:30pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night
10:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
11:30pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse

Thursday	, June 19
12:00am:	Little League 75th Anniversary
1:20am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
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9:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
10:00am:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
10:30am:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
12:00pm:l	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
3:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
4:00pm:	kid stuff – Boat House
4:25pm:	SHS Football 2013
5:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
5:30pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
6:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
8:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
9:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary

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June 21

Saturday,	June 21
12:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
12:30am:	2014 SHS Class Day
2:30am:	2014 SHS Graduation
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10:00am:	WSNS Annual Spring Concert
11:00am:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
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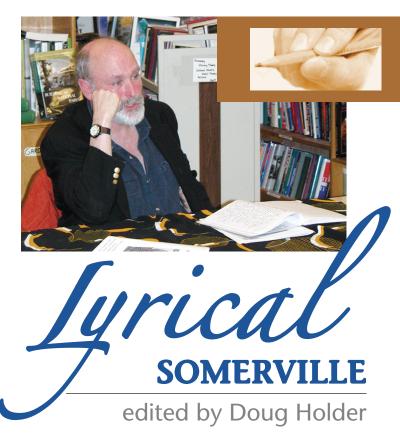
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12:00am:Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden

#### Tuesday, June 24

1:00am: SHS Football 2013 1:30am: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS An Evening of Chamber Music 9:00am: 10:00am:Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet 12:30pm: 2nd Annual World Language Awards Night Chris Herren Speaks to SHS 1:30pm: 2:30pm: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert 3:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary 4:30pm: Raising Families - Wicked Sober 5:00pm: An Evening of Chamber Music 6:00pm: Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert 7:00pm: SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet 8:30pm:Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert 9:30pm: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert 10:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8 12:00am: 1:30am: Raising Families - Wicked Sober 2:00am: SHS Football 2013 2:30am: Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert



The Bagel Bards, a literary group founded by Doug Holder and Harris Gardner in 2004 is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. It meets every Saturday morning at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square. Here is the introduction to our 9th Bagel Bard anthology due out in June 2014.

#### The Bagel Bards.

The scene.
7:45 AM
Au Bon Pain.
Davis Square.
Somerville.
The lone figure
of Dennis Daly,
at a table
seemingly praying
over a poetry book.

8AM
Doug Holder
shoulder bag
flush with The

flush with The Somerville Times and books

begging for a review an audience, a pat on their entitled spines.

8:30AM Michael Todd Steffen wanders in

deep in thought propped on the meaning of meaning talks of his French translations

and the day job

for funds

his endless pitches

his hands tensed on the phone his mouth to some distant

9AM
Steve Glines
resplendent bald head
Hemmingway white beard
laughing like
a jovial
mayor of the town.
A newly published
edition of a man,
more news

from his daughter

in South Korea.

9:15AM
Irene Koronas
rides in
on the morning breeze
a Greek gypsy
carrying handcrafted books,
a well-earned
mane of
"don't fuck with me"
white hair.

9:30AM
Gloria Mindock
A savior of Eastern European Poets
a girlish
high-pitched laugh
outrage at "a-holes"
and the atrocities
that we inflict
on each other.

This is how Saturday morning breaks for the Bagel Bards. By 10 AM there is a cacophony. 90-something Joe Cohen, on his wheelchair, bites into his cheese danish, drinks his black coffee, and shows us his latest photographs. Krikor arrives, tall and regal, looking for all the world like a refugee from a Russian novel. And Harris Gardner, a shock of white hair, an Einstein with a bag of books from Salvation Army bins--offers all of us a share of his pastry. And so it goes with Luke and Zvi and Lawrence and Paul--and all the others. We are regulars. We are kibitzers-old, middle-aged, rarely young. Stumblebums, friends, writers, poets. We cross our stage-give our soliloquies, our Sermon on the Mount, the stunningly bad jokes, the salient points. Then ... we call it a day ... and drift away...

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

### OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Poets in the Asylum:

At the Massachusetts Poetry Festival

Panel discussion report by David P. Miller

McLean Hospital, the famous psychiatric hospital located in Belmont, MA, has been the temporary habitation of many creative people. Among the best-known are the poets Robert Lowell and Sylvia Plath, with Anne Sexton as a short-term visitor. Doug Holder, poet, professor at Endicott College, and co-founder of Somerville's Bagel Bards, has led poetry groups at McLean on both closed and open wards since 1982. At the Massachusetts Poetry Festival in Salem, on May 3, 2014, Holder facilitated *Poets in the Asylum*, a panel discussion with poets Kathleen Spivack and Bob Clawson.

Kathleen Spivack, author of With Robert Lowell and His Circle (Northeastern University Press, 2012), arrived in Boston in 1959, having received a fellowship to study with Robert Lowell. Although Lowell was not, in fact, expecting her, she became his student and lived with the Lowells for a time, getting to know Sexton, Plath, Adrienne Rich, and Elizabeth Bishop, among many others. She noted that McLean Hospital was the "private playground" for Boston Brahmins. It was a kind of elite merit badge to have had a nervous breakdown and be sent to McLean, to the extent that those who weren't admitted to McLean wanted to be.

Spivack emphasized that Lowell, Plath, and Sexton managed to write in spite of their illnesses, tortured-poet clichés to the contrary. Lowell's hospitalizations were of no help to him. He dreaded his manic episodes, finding them "boring and a waste of his time," according to Spivack. She observed that his mental illness, far from feeding his creativity, "cost him everything" in his personal life. His manic episodes were sometimes heralded for his poetry students by his unexplained absence from class, or with onsets in the middle of class periods. At those times, Plath and Sexton would look at each other, knowing what was about to happen. Spivack would "withdraw from the scene" during Lowell's breakdowns, as she could not bear to witness them, though she did visit Lowell in the hospital.

Kathleen Spivack shared many insights on the subject of how mental illness was treated during that era, with particular focus on the poor treatment that Plath and Sexton received. Lowell was given Lithium, a new drug at that time. Although it helped him for a period, the drug was a "blunt hammer" that eventually "eroded his heart." One other problem with Lithium is that people tended to stop taking the drug when they felt better, which of course set the cycle in motion again, as happened to Lowell. With the exception of Sexton's first psychiatrist, Dr. Martin Orne, she and Plath were handed to doctors so inexperienced that they were sometimes their first patients. The doctors had no idea of how best to help them and/ or demonstrated appalling behavior, including sexual exploitation. One doctor replied to Sexton's reporting of marital abuse by advising her to wear nice lipstick and put on an attractive nightie. Spivack observed that Sexton's "voices" were her unexpressed rage. Plath, too, expressed pain and rage in her journals. Such expression was considered revolutionary in women's writing at the time, and was not praised (as Lowell's Life Studies also was not). Spivack noted that even today, when she teaches the poetry of these women to French and North



(L to R) Bob Clawson, Kathleen Spivack, and Doug Holder.

African students, they are strongly impressed by their anger.

Concluding, Kathleen Spivack said that Sexton and Plath continue to serve as role models for her. The ongoing heartbreak of their deaths is that, for all their significant accomplishments, we will never have the chance to read their work in its maturity. In comparison with Lowell's longer career, for the two women, "we saw their beginnings [and] we saw their adolescence" as poets.

Bob Clawson, friend and confidante to Anne Sexton for ten years, was also the manager of her band, Anne Sexton and Her Kind. He met Sexton while teaching high school. Several of his students chose her work to study. He was not familiar with her work, and as a result he arranged for her to meet them (and him). Clawson noted that her first book, To Bedlam and Part Way Back, is not about experiences in McLean Hospital, but about other hospitals where she stayed: Westwood Lodge, and Glenside Hospital in Jamaica Plain. She apparently would have preferred McLean, but had only a single five-day stay there for an examination. She was teaching during this short period, which apparently gave rise to the legend that she continued teaching while hospitalized.

Clawson read three of Sexton's poems: You, Doctor Martin (for Dr. Orne), For John, Who Begs Me Not To Enquire Further, and Music Swims Back to Me, relating them to her struggles with mental illness and self-expression. Martin Orne encouraged her writing: she brought many poems to him. By contrast, John Holmes, her first poetry teacher, strongly disapproved of her working with personal trauma as a subject - something very much out of bounds in the poetry world then, pioneers like Lowell notwithstanding. This advice was useless to Sexton, of course. Clawson also discussed the origin of her band. She and Clawson were teaching high school in Wayland. After she read some of her poems, a football player student set some to music. This provided the impetus to form Anne Sexton and Her Kind. The band performed for three years around the country, but did not tour, as one performance a month was all Sexton could manage.

An engaged audience discussion followed the presentations. Most of the conversation focused on aspects of the poets' work or the circumstances of their deaths. Both Spivack and Clawson emphasized, though, that the latter is not a favorite subject for them, and is given far too much emphasis generally. It is not the deaths of these poets that live - it is the work that lives, and remains compelling for readers and poets around the world. In the end, madness, breakdowns, and hospitalizations are obstacles, not romances - and suicides remain tragedies.

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