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# Gun buyback aims to reduce the number of weapons in circulation



The gun buyback program wraps up in Somerville this coming Saturday at the Department of Public Works.

— Photo courtesy of the Arlington Police Department

#### By Josie Grove

The Somerville Police Department will be buying guns this Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works, 1 Franey Road, Somerville. The gun buyback aims to get unwanted guns out of homes, with the goal of reducing gun-related accidents, suicide, and gun violence, particularly domestic violence, in Somerville.

Everything from pellet guns to assault-style rifles will be accepted during the buyback. The police and sheriff's department ask only that firearms be unloaded with the safety engaged, and be in a box, bag, or case. In return for turning in a firearm, people will receive gift cards worth between \$50 and \$200, depending on the type of gun. Most common types of firearms will be exchanged for \$100 gift cards.

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### Chilling at Joe's Jazz Fest

#### By Charles Lane

Residents and visitors to the city gathered for the annual Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest which took place at Powderhouse Park in Somerville this past Saturday.

Billed as the "brainchild" of Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band, the event is generally regarded as one of the best all-day free concerts around.

There was non-stop music from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Somerville High School Street Holler Serenade kicked off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going with sounds ranging from American Jazz to Delta Blues.

The day's festivities continued with Danielle M & the Glory Junkies, Dan Fox Foxet, Alexei Tsiganov Group, The Barrett Anderson Band, and Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica.

Attendees made themselves comfortable on picnic blankets, in lawn chairs, and even in the cool grass of beautiful Powderhouse Park. Everyone agreed that the atmosphere – and the music – couldn't have been better.



The cool shade of Powderhouse Park (a.k.a Nathan Tufts Park) served as the perfect venue for Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest 2016. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos.

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Tonight Wednesday the 22nd, at the ever-popular Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue, Union Square, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be having a fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We hear that three special guests will be showing up to wish Bob good luck, of course along with the huge crowd he gets. One is his good friend Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan (don't forget he's campaign coordinator here in Somerville for her), the first District Attorney for Middlesex County who grew up here, in Ward 3, and her family is still here. No one packs them in like Bob does. Last time hardly anyone could move around. He's very popular on his own, doesn't need anyone especially property owners and developers and whatever to throw him a sellout time. He's popular because he is truly a constituent alderman and reaches out to all the residents of Ward 3, not just the special interest of a few. He's got support from all sides, and yes, he's a great guy. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to a good friend and nice lady, Gail Chambers, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. Happy Birthday to Jack Nicas, formerly Asst. Editor here at *The Times*, who left and moved up to become a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* covering Google. We wish him the very best in his future. A very special happy birthday to our good friend Paula LeBlanc, a lady with a big heart and one of the best Paralegals you can find. She works at Attorney Sean O'Donovan's office. We wish Paula a huge happy birthday and we're wondering if she's making her own cake? A happy birthday too to the former director of Local First here in Somerville, Joe Grafton.

Ward Four Alderman Tony Lafuente, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Alderman, which met Tuesday night as a Committee of the Whole Board (the entire board attends), reviewed all the departments and recommended cuts added up to about \$600K out of the \$222M budget. The final vote and recommendation of the Finance Committee will be done at the next Board of Alderman meeting this Thursday.

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Aldermen request more information on street repair plan

#### Courtney O'Keefe says:

Companies that do paving also need to be held accountable should the job be done improperly. The paving of my street resulted in water damage due to an incorrect pitch. This was confirmed by the City Engineer, but it has never been fixed. Does the City have a warranty agreement with vendors?

#### craziness says:

In my neighborhood, a city sidewalk repair job left cement spilled on the sidewalk and onto the street. One of the residents went out and cleaned it up as best they could. You can still see where the wet cement was, though, by the discolorations on the sidewalk and street.

#### Response to: Residents urged to report airplane noise

#### Jason says:

My wife reports dozens of these each month. They send letters saying more or less "we're 24/7 and that's the approach deal with it" and one time said something like "we shouldn't have been flying that particular route but the tower must have done it for a reason." (Can't make that up.)

#### ritepride says:

The other problem is when they fly over West Somerville. After the jet passes over and continues to fly on the noise continues, it seems forever, but does so for several minutes after the actual fly over. I have to turn the volume up on the t.v. due to this noise level.

Another point is the frequency between flights. On some days it is like rapid fire just one right after another.

Though the building is fairly new construction, I would like to hear from the School Depth. If the noise reaches inside to the classrooms of West Somerville Community School and affects the students.

#### Matt says:

So its three years in to the new procedure was there ever a follow up study to compare if the noise level actually decreased?

#### Response to: Proposed budget driven by community values

#### Genie Geronimo says:

What about ISD? I don't know to what extent the disaster there is the result of infighting between the entrenched and the new (or other), or simply a lack of willingness to commit the resources needed to acquire and retain more capable people. In any case, this would be a good time to address the problem.

#### Response to: Lyrical Somerville – June 15

Carol Hobbs says:

Breaks my heart. Beautiful work.

#### Response to: A CBA that includes all will benefit all

Jim G. says:

I could not agree more, Bill. As always, spot on with your analysis.

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# A weeklong marathon of budget meetings

#### By Jim Clark

The Finance Committee of the Somerville Board of Alderman, Committee of the Whole, is wrapping up more than a week's worth of intensive discussion and debate over the city's Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

The Committee convened four times last week for FY-17 departmental budget review as well as any and all associated departmental financial matters.

On Monday, June 13, the Committee addressed budgetary matters concerning Health and Human Services, Veterans, Council on Aging, SomerPromise and Library departments.

On Tuesday, June 14, the budgets for the departments of Finance (including Auditing, Treasury, Assessing, Purchasing, Grants, and CPA), Law and Personnel were considered for review.

On Wednesday, June 15, the Police (including E-911 and Animal Control), Fire (including Fire Alarm and Emergency Management), Traffic & Parking, Information Technology, Communications, 311 and Telco budgets were examined.

On Thursday, June 16, budgets for Capital Planning, Engineering, DPW (including Administration, Building and Grounds, Sanitation and Highway), Water & Sewer and Inspectional Services went under review.



The FY-17 city budget has come under close scrutiny by the Board of Alderman this past week.

For this week, the Monday, June 20 meeting covered OSPCD (Administration, Planning and Zoning, Housing, Economic Development and Transportation and Infrastructure), Recreation and Revolving Funds underwent the same budgetary review similar to last week's activity.

The Committee held a public meeting on Tuesday, June 21, where members of the public could attend and be heard. A number of Administrative Orders relative to various department budgeting were also dealt with by the Committee.

The meeting process concludes on Wednesday, June 22, as final review and cuts are expected to be resolved.

Videos of each of the meetings being held can be found on the city's website at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance, along with copies of the budget available for downloading.

# Residents urged to report airplane noise



The City of Somerville is pleased that in spring 2013, Boston Logan International Airport implemented a new departure procedure for one of its runways that should decrease aircraft noise pollution over parts of the city, but urges residents to continue reporting aircraft noise to compel the Federal Aviation Administration and Massport's adoption of further alternative operations at Logan Airport that would provide relief to all of Somerville.

#### How to report aircraft noise:

Online: Visit Massport online at http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental\_reporting/noise abatement/noisecomplaints.aspx

By Phone: Call the Massport Noise Complaint Line at 617-561-3333 between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.

Those same complaints should also be registered with the City of Somerville by calling 311 or online at http://somervillema.qscend.com/request.aspx.

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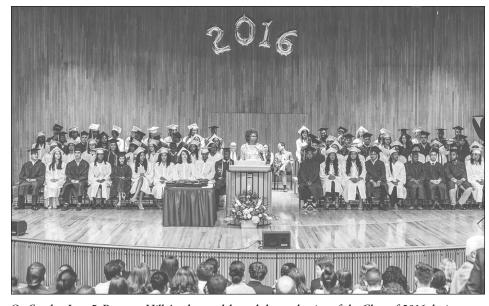
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# Congratulations to Prospect Hill Academy's Class of 2016



On Sunday, June 5, Prospect Hill Academy celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2016 during commencement ceremonies held at MIT's Kresge Auditorium.



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## EWEEKIN CIR By Jim Clark

### Bicycle thief needed training wheels

Police responded to a Memorial Rd. residence last week on reports of a stolen bicycle.

Upon arrival, the officers were told by the mother of the victim, a juvenile, that her daughter's bicycle was stolen by an individual who the woman was familiar with, police said.

The alleged thief, an adult later identified as Ghita Bobocea, had reportedly told the young victim that the bike she was riding was his. The victim, reportedly intimidated by the man, carefully stepped off the bike, at which time Bobocea took it from her and left the area.

The bicycle was described as being turquoise blue, with training wheels.

The victim's mother informed

the officers of Bobocea's address, as he lived nearby, and they proceeded there to question him.

Bobocea reportedly let the officers into his apartment and immediately began complaining to them that several people were trying to steal bicycles that belonged to him, according to

The officers noted that there

were four bicycles present in the apartment, one of them fitting the description of the reporting party's bike.

Bobocea reportedly told the officers that he had bought the bicycles at yard sales. He further stated that the bike reported as stolen was his property, but he could not produce any proof of ownership, police said.

The victim's family told the officers that the bike had been bought three years earlier.

The little girl reportedly told police that she thought Bobocea was joking at first, and she tried to get back on the bike, but then he pulled it away from her.

Bobocea was placed under arrest and charged with unarmed robbery.

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#### **Arrests:**

Michele Tierney, June 13, 3:50 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of larceny under \$250, shoplifting over \$100 by asportation, disorderly conduct, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Ghita Bobocea, of 7 Memorial Rd., June 13, 6:46 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of unarmed robbery.

Jody Bibik, June 14, 4:54

p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Udit Nfn, of 20 Merriam St., June 15, 7:50 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and unregistered motor vehicle, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured

motor vehicle or trailer.

Catherine Harris, of 67 Grant St., June 16, 3:39 p.m., arrested at Woodlawn St. on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Angela Grassa, of 8 1/2 Woodman St., Lynn, June 17, 8:42 a.m., arrested at Pearl St. on charges of assault and battery on a person over 60, attempt to commit a crime, and

felony daytime breaking and entering,

Felix Diaz, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, June 17, 10:56 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and trespassing.

Jennifer Fiori, of 1025 Front St., Weymouth, June 17, 12:20 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, marked lanes violation, and possession

of a class A drug.

Daniel Michel, of 11 Westmore Rd., Mattapan, June 18, 3:01 p.m., arrested at Sydney St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Nathan Schindler, of 54 Forest St., Medford, June 18, 11:15 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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### Gun buyback aims to reduce the number of weapons on the street

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buyback will not be asked for incredible work, both lead- they buy back to make sure ID, and will not have to answer any questions about the gun or its provenance. The "no questions asked" policy is typical during gun buybacks in other cities and counties. Law enforcement believes anonymity will make people more willing to sell off their guns.

Buybacks over the last two weeks in Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont, and Watertown turned up 115 guns, according to the Middlesex County Sherriff's Department. Those guns include one AR-15 assault-style rifle, according to the department's Twitter account.

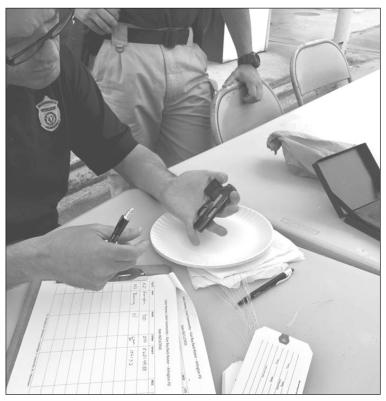
"I want to thank all our law enforcement, community and faith-based partners for their

ing up to this first weekend and throughout the first day," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian in a statement released by the department after buybacks in Cambridge, Arlington, and Belmont on June 11. "The weapons turned in Saturday included inherited rifles, handguns residents simply did not want in their homes anymore, as well as realistic-looking BB guns."

Since the Middlesex County buyback programs began in 2013, several buyback events have yielded well over 300 unwanted guns.

After the buyback, officers in the police and sheriff's departments will check each gun that it has not been reported stolen, and that it is not connected in any crimes. They then create a record of any identifying information, such as serial numbers. Finally, the Massachusetts State Police will destroy the guns.

This Saturday's buyback will be the last one of this series of buybacks in Middlesex County. Owners of unwanted guns may turn in their firearms even if they live outside of Somerville. If a gun owner is not able to bring his or her firearms to the buyback Department of Public Works on Saturday, he or she may contact the Somerville Police Department and arrange to dispose of the gun.



— Photo courtesy of the Arlington Police Department

### **Spotlight on Elder Abuse**



A recent campaign to increase awareness about elder abuse is sparking discussions about the issue. Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) recently distributed 500 awareness ribbons, which were attached to flyers with information about elder abuse and how to report it. SCES Elder Protective Services can reached at 617-628-2601 during normal business houses and through the Elder Abuse Hotline (1-800-922-2275) at all other times.

### Woman arrested for alleged mistreatment of elderly man

By Jim Clark

On Saturday, June 17, police received a report of suspicious person at a Pearl St. location. A woman had phoned saying that her father called her and was distraught that a woman was on his property.

Officers were immediately dispatched to the scene to investigate the situation.

The daughter reportedly told police that on her way to work each day she stops by to check on her father and take care of his needs. On that morning, a woman identified as Angela Grassa pulled up in the driveway of the father's residence after the daughter left.

It was explained to the offi-

cers that Grassa, who went by the name of "Donna" up to now, had been visiting the father since September of last year, often trying to get money from him for various reasons.

On this day, the father, who was sitting on the front porch of his house, reportedly asked Grassa not to park in the driveway, but instead of leaving she exited her vehicle, climbed up to the porch and began pressing the man for money in an aggressive manner, according to the complaint.

The man, who is 86, walks unsteadily. He began making his way to the front door to get away from Grassa, and as he got the door open she allegedly pushed him along and would have fallen to the floor had he not caught himself on a stairwell bannister.

As Grassa entered the residence, the man reportedly told her to leave, but she allegedly told him, "I'm not leaving until you give me \$200."

The upstairs neighbor heard the commotion and came down to investigate. He reportedly got into a heated argument with the

Grassa eventually left, but the upstairs neighbor managed to note down her vehicle's license plate number, which was supplied to the investigating police

The officers reportedly noted that the victim was upset, and the man's daughter told them that she felt he was afraid of the woman and that she feared for his safety.

It was felt that Grassa selected the victim for the alleged extortion because of his age and vul-

The police officers were familiar with the woman from previous similar incidents in the area, according to reports, and noted that Grassa has exploited elderly people for personal and financial gain in the past.

The officers pulled up a digital photo of Grassa and the upstairs neighbor positively identified her saying, "Yes, 100%, that is the female."

Through RMV records, police were able to pin down an address in Lynn for Grassa.

Lynn Police were notified and asked to take Grassa into custody on the following charges: assault and battery on a person over 60, attempt to commit a crime, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

The victims were also advised on how to seek a Harassment Prevention Order at Somerville District Court.

### The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #106

#### Hidden Happy Hollow

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

By 1870, Somerville's largest industry peaked. Her dozen brick-making companies were turning out 24 million bricks a year from the clay deposits scarring her landscape. The boom ended when the 1873 depression struck, followed by the population explosion of the late 1800's, and ending with the increase in land values throughout the city.



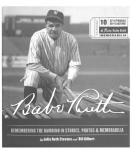
At this time, construction of a public park was proposed at the former brickyard on the Jaques family estate. This section of the city was called Happy Hollow. It is the site of the present day fifteen-acre Foss Park that is Somerville's largest. The landscape, then blanketed with company buildings and workers' housing, had to be cleared or destroyed, and one Winter Hill business resident leaped at the chance to do this job.

Wealthy Horace Partridge was a successful housing speculator, owning over one hundred dwellings in his lifetime. He acquired land near the Magoun Square section of Winter Hill. By building many houses and moving many more from the Foss Park area, Partridge recreated Happy Hollow. He developed what is now Glenwood Road (formerly Jenny Lind Road, named after the Swedish Nightingale), Partridge Road (named after his family), and much of Vernon Street and the neighboring area. It was a village of well over forty houses.

One of the houses he built was for his daughter and son-in-law, "Willie" Nickerson, who would later invent Gillette's safety razor. Gillette would use sports in dominating its advertising. This was no surprise, because



Willie's father-in-law had other interests besides real estate. Horace Partridge owned the oldest established ath letic goods house in America, Horace Partridge Company, established in 1847. At times, it also claimed to offer the largest stock in New England of toys, fancy goods, and games. One baseball advertisement said, "You will find us ready to supply anything but the diamond." This was amusing because he had a penchant for large diamonds and often, like Diamond Jim Brady, wore one pinned to



His company was mostly known for sports team uniforms. The company became the official outfitter of the Boston Red Sox. From uniforms to baseballs, bats, and gloves, to bicycles, tennis rackets, and football helmets, its equipment

was second to none. Even Babe Ruth wore his company stock. Horace Partridge Company put the first numbers on Sox uniforms in 1931 and Continued on page 15

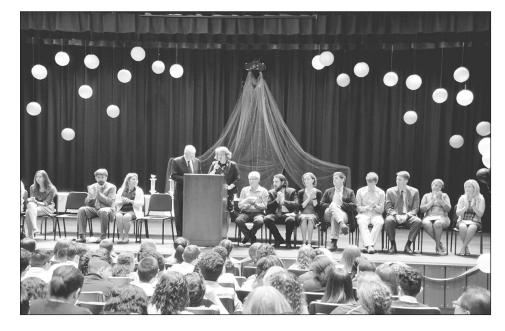
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### **ESCS Moving On ceremony**





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East Somerville Community School's annual Moving On ceremony took place on Friday, June 17. Kindergartners held the hands of 8th graders and walked them into the auditorium as a symbol of leading them onto the next part of their life, high school. Attendance were Ward One School Committee member Steve Roix, State Representative Tim Toomey, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti, and Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

### Lincoln Park Groundbreaking Ceremony









Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston hosted the Lincoln Park groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, June 17 Lincoln Park (near the Argenziano School playground). The ceremony marked the official start of the long-awaited renovation of Lincoln Park. New features include a multi-use grass field, a new Argenziano schoolyard, an updated softball diamond, community gardens, an outdoor play area, Parkour and skateboard areas, 150 new trees, outdoor exercise equipment, new lighting, and an off-leash dog area. The project will also include rain gardens that recycle stormwater as well as a 1.26-million gallon underground stormwater management system aimed at curbing flooding in the area.

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### Somerville High School chosen as Middlesex Partnerships for Youth Inc. PSA Project winner

By Louise Carpenter

Somerville High School has been named the winner of the 8th Annual PSA Project hosted by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., for an original video highlighting the theme of "Write the Story You Want to Tell." Somerville High School sophomore, Desi Feldman, was the creator of the winning video, entitled Defeat Stress.

The goal of "Write the Story You Want to Tell" is to empower students to reflect on who they are and who they want to become. Self-discovery, confidence, goal-setting and good decision making are important components of writing your own story - the story only you can tell. The overarching goal of the 2016 PSA Project is for students to communicate a direct, positive voice to other teens.

More than 200 students worked on the 52 videos submitted to the annual project. The winning video premiered on New England Cable News This Morning.

"We know that students often go to their peers first for advice and guidance. For this reason it is important to celebrate teens like Desi for advancing positive messages that encourage confidence that will have a positive

impact on young people," said District Attorney Ryan. "It has been an incredible experience to see the strong, positive messages portrayed in the videos students submitted."

"The MPY PSA project provides students with a valuable opportunity to impact and support their peers on issues that are relevant to them," added Mary Skipper, Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools, "Our youth clearly have stories they want to tell, and as Desi and all of the project finalists demonstrate, their stories are powerful. Congratulations and thank you to all of the students who worked on these projects."

Other finalists in the 2016 PSA Project were:

Woburn Memorial High School: Look Up

Malden High School: Journey to Success

Somerville High School: Be a Friend

Melrose High School: Note-

Entries were viewed and finalists were selected by a panel of school personnel, law enforcement officials and staff from the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth. The five PSA finalists were shown to more than 1,200 middle and high school students throughout Middlesex County in class-



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan Desi Feldman, was creator of the winning video, entitled "Defeat Stress."

rooms and assemblies where students cast their votes to se-

The District Attorney's PSA Project was created with Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., to spark a dialogue among teens and to include teens in the conversation on issues such as healthy relationships, of the PSA Project, visit www. middlesexpartnershipsfory-

Middlesex County is the largest county in Massachusetts and one of the largest counties in the country with 54 towns and cities and 26 colleges in urban, suburban, and rural areas, comprising over one quarter of Attorney's Office has offices throughout the county, including communities such as Ayer, Cambridge, Concord, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Newton, Somerville, Waltham and Woburn.

#### substance abuse, and impaired the population of Massachu-14 Broadway Somerville MA driving. To see past winners setts. The Middlesex District **US2 & Union Square Main Streets**

#### By Tom Bannister

In partnership with Union Square Main Streets, Union Square Station Associates (US2), Somerville's master developer partner for Union Square's revitalization would like to announce this year's "Union Lunch" summer series showcasing delicious lunch fare from a different neighborhood restaurant each Wednesday from June 22 through July 27 on Union Square Plaza.

Sponsored by US2 and Union Square Main Streets, the events will be free to the public and will feature live music by lo-

cal bands and cool happenings from local retail establishments A rotating selection of local restaurants will be on site offering lunch for purchase. The events will take place from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"This summer series offers a wonderful opportunity to experience all Union Square has to offer - delicious cuisine, eclectic music, diverse businesses and a strong sense of community," said Greg Karczewski, president of US2. "We hope this weekly Wednesday gathering will help shine a spotlight on our local businesses, add even more daytime energy to the Square, and bring the community together."

'Union Lunch' Summer Series

"Union Lunch will be an experience unique and distinct to Union Square, so bring your friends, family and coworkers to partake in the festivities every Wednesday for the next six weeks," said Esther Hanig, executive director of Union Square Main Streets.

The first Union Lunch will take place this Wednesday, June 22 and will feature dishes by the Spanish-Caribbean tapas restaurant Casa B, ice cream by Gracie's and music by the Wild Edibles. In the coming weeks, other featured restaurants will include,



MoMo n Curry, Kitchen Millie, Juliet, Cantina la Mexicana, the Neighborhood Restaurant, and Nibble, a program of the Somerville Arts Council.

Weekly updates advertising details of upcoming lunches and performers can be found on the event's Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ UnionLunch/.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. 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.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 13-17.

MODERNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (H

4397)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a 109-page bill aimed at modernizing municipal finance and government. Provisions include increasing from 3 percent to 5 percent the percentage of the tax levy for the preceding fiscal year from that can be used for a reserve fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses; allowing a municipality to combine its treasurer and tax collector into one appointed position without first obtaining a special act; and permitting municipalities to immediately deny local licenses and permits to any taxpayer who has neglected or refused to pay local taxes. Current law permits this collection method, but only if the taxpayer has been delinquent for at least one year.

Many provisions in the bill are technical and the measure has been called "the most boring weed-whacking stuff you ever saw in your life," by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Supporters said the bill removes obsolete state laws and updates other laws to help government be more efficient at the local level by enhancing the delivery of services and promoting regional cooperation among neighboring communities. They noted the measure is supported by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, an entity that lobbies for the state's cities and towns.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### ANALYZE INVENTORY TAX (H 4397)

House 38-115, rejected an amendment creating an 11-member special commission to investigate and analyze the benefits and costs of eliminating the inventory tax paid by businesses based on the value of its inventory at the end of each year.

Amendment supporters said studies show that this tax has cost the Bay State more than 56,000 jobs because if companies move their inventory out of state, they also move the jobs that work on the inventory. They argued the tax is a disincentive for business owners and leads to the tax being passed onto the consumer, a reduction in the number of new employee hires, layoffs during the slow season and/or the company moving its inventory to one of the many states without an inventory tax including Connecticut, New Hampshire or Rhode Island.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is unrelated to the bill and should be considered at a more appropriate time in the future.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

### PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS (S 1494)

Senate 35-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would raise from \$55,000 to \$80,000 the maximum annual income a senior over 65 can earn and still be eligible for a property tax deferral. The local community decides whether to allow a tax deferral in the first place. Communities can charge up to 8 percent interest on the amount deferred. The amount of the deferral plus interest must be paid when the senior moves or dies.

Amendment supporters said this will reduce expenses for seniors and allow more of them to remain in their homes.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### INCREASE VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR EXEMPTION (S 1494)

Senate 35-0, approved an amendment that would raise from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the amount of property tax credit seniors can earn by doing volunteer work for their city or town. It also hikes from 125 to 175 the number of hours a senior can work to earn that \$1,500.

Amendment supporters said the increase will give some seniors an additional \$500 reduction in their property taxes. They noted this is another change that will allow more seniors to remain in their homes."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### **SUPPORT FOR VETERANS (H 4278)**

Senate 37-0, approved a bill that would help veterans by improving benefits in several areas including employment, housing, property tax relief and education.

Provisions include excluding a disabled veteran's federal disability compensation from counting toward the income level used to calculate his or her rent for public housing; giving eligible veterans a preference in public housing in all communities, not just the one in which the veteran resides; providing property tax exemptions for veterans rated 100 percent disabled from service-connected blindness; adding veterans status as a protected class under the current law prohibiting discrimination in employment; allowing cities and towns to appoint a veterans agent for three-year terms instead of the current one year; and making all children of prisoners of war eligible for the Public Service Scholarship. Currently, the scholarship is limited to children of the Vietnam War POWs. This legislation would extend eligibility to all children of POWs.

Supporters said the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served our nation. They noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans. They pointed out that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries.

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

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY (H 4278)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment that would make the surviving children of all public employees killed in the line of duty eligible for higher education scholarships. Current law makes the children of veterans, police officers, firefighters and correction officers eligible for the scholarships.

#### Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



Amendment supporters said eligibility should be extended to all public employees who make the ultimate sacrifice.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

#### LIMIT FEES FOR CASHING CHECKS (S 2323)

- The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation that would set a cap on the fee that check-cashing stores are allowed to charge. The measure would place a 3 percent of face value cap on payroll checks of \$100 or less; 2.25 percent cap on payroll checks over \$100; 5 per cent cap on personal checks or \$5, whichever is greater; 2.5 percent cap on social security and public assistance programs checks; and a flat \$5 fee for money orders. In addition, the stores can also charge a \$1 flat fee on all checks cashed.

Supporters said that 26 other states already cap these fees and estimated that close to 5 percent of all Bay State households do not have a checking or savings account because they are unable to maintain a minimum balance or pay the monthly fee. They noted these check-cashing stores are often located in low-income neighborhoods and take advantage of vulnerable residents. They argued the bill would ensure that lower-income consumers retain a greater portion of their hard-earned money.

Some opponents say that allowing games to be played online will result in many people buying many more

tickets than they can afford. Retailers who currently sell lottery tickets at their venue said that online sales would unfairly harm thousands of retailers who have been loyal participants for many years.

#### TAX INCENTIVES FOR COLLEGE (H 3983)

- The Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Committee has recommended passage of a new version of Gov. Baker's economic development bill. A major change from Baker's version is the addition of a provision that would allow a tax deduction on the popular 529 college savings plans. The deduction would be \$1,000 for single filers and \$2,000 for married couples. These plans allow the investor to put aside both federal and tax-free money for college tuition.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"We're looking internally to see what accounts have not fully been expended and where we can look to that will have the least amount of impact and pain ... Certainly our priority remains to our cities and towns relative to unrestricted aid and school aid and to the most vulnerable in our community." — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito on the projected \$750 million budget shortfall.

"The use of tobacco products remains the nation's number one cause of preventable death, with tobacco use responsible for nearly one in five deaths nationwide. Prevention is critical, and we must do more to ensure that Massachusetts youth are protected from potentially deadly tobacco addiction." — Dr. Lynda Young, chair of Tobacco Free Mass. On pending legislation raising the age for the purchasing of tobacco products to 21.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of June 13-17, the House met for a total of eight hours and 30 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 51 minutes.

Mon. June 13	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
Tues. June 14	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 15	House 11:03 a.m. to 5:13 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 16	House 11:05 a.m. to 1:08 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 1:39 p.m.
Fri. June 17	No House session No Senate session

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	Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	er the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
32 Lincoln Ave	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Other (See Remarks)	136	\$479,925	\$460,000
31 Warwick Street	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other (See Remarks)	23	\$599,000	\$635,000
88 Ossipee Road	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	16	\$1,175,000	\$1,250,000
44 Chester Street	11 room, 5 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	20	\$1,275,000	\$1,280,000
24 Appleton Street	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	101	\$1,299,000	\$1,300,000
27 Dickinson Street	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	252	\$1,424,900	\$1,390,000

		Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	r the Past Month	) <b>:</b>	
ı	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
	33 Summer Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Rowhouse	7	\$319,900	\$335,000
	25 Cross St U:4	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	12	\$325,000	\$406,000
	9 Nashua St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$329,000	\$345,000
	84 Mount Vernon U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	12	\$335,000	\$375,000
	432 Norfolk Street U:4A	2 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	7	\$349,000	\$351,500
	400 Broadway U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	66	\$379,000	\$441,000
	275 Highland Avenue U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Attached	110	\$399,900	\$425,000
	13 Bartlett St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$399,900	\$401,000
	46 Harrison St U:46	5 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	8	\$419,000	\$451,000

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Mon	ith:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
10 FlorenceTer	2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	39	\$589,900	\$540,000
26-28 Kensington Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$674,900	\$675,000
31 Dane Ave	2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	71	\$789,000	\$740,000
152 Walnut St	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$799,000	\$900,000
10-12 Madison St.	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	47	\$869,900	\$901,000
50 Lowell Street	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	5	\$899,900	\$899,900
75-77 Boston Avenue	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	117	\$925,000	\$850,000

### COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries and letters to the Editor of The Somerville Times do not reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville Times, its publishers or staff.

### If we zone it, the ones we want will come



By Joseph A. Curtatone

By any measure, business is booming in Somerville. We have added 247 net new businesses during the past two years. The largest employer in New England, Partners Healthcare, is building central offices in Assembly Square. Our local restaurant and hotel excise taxes are estimated to rise by more than 13% each during the next year. More than half of our new tax levy growth is coming from commercial sources. Yet we are still in the early phases of Somerville's commercial boom. For instance, we estimate the Green Line extension will spur the creation of 30,000 new jobs along the extension over the next 30 years. This means, Somerville is poised for some very exciting and challenging transformations in our former industrial zones—and we need an updated zoning code to ensure it brings the benefits we've planned and hoped for.

We laid out our community's goals for economic development in our SomerVision 20-year plan. We want to promote commercial growth that will reduce our dependence on residential taxes. We want to have a day-time workforce that will visit and give a boost to our small businesses. We want to create a diverse mix of new high-quality jobs. We want to transform our old industrial areas while enhancing our city squares.

However, achieving that growth will not be as simple as "build it and they will come." To realize the commercial development potential of areas like Boynton Yards and add new jobs, we need to update our zoning so that commercial developers have a clear set of rules and

regulations to follow. Right now we have a mish-mash of regulations that add uncertainty to the process. Predictability and consistency are critical elements in attracting commercial development, and we need to provide that to make our economic development goals a reality. In other words, if we zone for it, the ones we want will come.

The good news is that our SomerVision goals are in reach because Somerville offers what American business increasingly wants: walkable, bikeable, transit-accessible urban communities with bustling city squares, appealing playgrounds and parks, and engaging cultural opportunities. In short, they're looking for well-planned cities with good infrastructure.

We have the benefit of experience with Assembly Square to guide us. When Assembly was still a post-industrial husk, commercial developers did not jump in and lay their money on the line. Only after the new T station became a certainty and

a new neighborhood started to form next to the banks of the Mystic River did the business potential of that location become readily apparent. It took good planning to overcome the commercial market's natural risk aversion.

That's what we're trying to embed in our zoning on a citywide basis. We have our transformational areas like Assembly Square, Union Square, Boynton Yards, Brickbottom, the Inner Belt and Grand Junction (where the Twin Cities Mall is located). Then we have our enhancement zones - our city squares along with corridors like Broadway, Highland Ave., McGrath Highway, Somerville Ave. and Beacon St. We've put forward a detailed zoning map of which spots are zoned as one of five different types of mixed-use districts, fabrication districts, commercial industry districts, and special transformational districts. We have explicit building standards proposed for each of those. That way when a commercial developer looks at Somerville, they know what they can do and where they can do it.

You may have noticed I use the term "mixed-use" above. That refers to zones where we're going to enable both commercial development and new housing. In our major transformational districts we're looking to have 60% of all new square footage be devoted to commercial use and 40% for new housing. And it is important that we enable both. Developers are now transforming abandoned suburban office parks into housing to mimic the sort of neighborhood/city square feel we have in Somerville. Corporate CEOs are looking for places with day and evening activity. Workers are seeking places to live where they can walk to work. In Kendall Square, the City of Cambridge is looking to add more housing because it went too far in the commercial direction and the area gets a little too sleepy at the end of the day. We believe the 60-40 split represents a Continued on page 16

### **Somerville Silos**



By Joe Beckman

To me, as a long term member of committees dealing with the Green Line, school reform, and affordable housing, the current process for the High School seems naive: well-intended, but not connected with the needs of either the city, the kids, or the parents. Plans developed in silos risk being hit by missiles. This will be one of them.

My initial response was to eagerly support the plan's ample open space, makerspace workshops, and integration of tech and academic, vocational and career exposure. Knowing that Artisans Asylum just had a huge rent increase, and that others pay up to \$30,000/month for such spaces, it seemed exciting that the school could support and work with Somerville entrepreneurs in developing tech, career, and entrepreneurial options.

With such partners, the

school and the innovators could attract plenty of college and university partners as well. But no potential partners were mentioned. None from what is our largest industry - college - nor our fastest growing economic driver - entrepreneurs - were ever engaged. Such partners could help find private investor capital to expand the calendar, teaching time, and space. But the Planning Committee seems to have missed this opportunity, which is central to our future as a city.

My second response to the plan was shock at its price. Although the Planning Committee admits that, at \$255 million, it will cost even more than the most expensive public high school construction in the state's history, they don't mention that its cost-per-student, at nearly \$200,000, is twice the price of Newton North, the record holder from 2011. And Somerville is not Newton.

That per-student cost seems even riskier in our rapidly gentrifying city, where school enrollment has declined from 2,800 in 1960 to 1,231 today. I thought, as do many, that the number of apartments large enough for high school age families was in

sharp decline.

Checking with the Assessor's list, I found that I was wrong. We have 53,242 bedrooms for rent in the city. Those are bedrooms as the Assessor defines them, and the number of those that afford real privacy is probably far lower. But they are sufficient to house a population that can fill a high school of the size contemplated in the plan, assuming a more normal distribution of families than currently exists in Somerville.

The price is still steep, however, and partner investors could cut it dramatically. Particularly if the high school could be in more than one building.

My third response was to mourn an education innovation that the Committee ignored: dual enrollment with area colleges, which could save hundreds of families thousands of dollars in redundant college tuition costs. In other words, we could plan the High School the way we plan other construction in the city – with a clear return on investment, and clear financial returns to students, parents and the greater community.

There are hundreds of dual enrollment schools located in cities across the country, few of which have as many colleges nearby, and as rich a cultural context as Somerville. These model has been around for decades, and full college credit for coursework in high school is ever more critical in an era of college tuition Participating hyperinflation. kids could graduate with up to two years of full college credit if the Committee and the school drew from the model that was created here in Somerville: Jobs for the Future's Early College High School.

My fourth response was serious disappointment that the Committee ignored what may be the third most important subway station on the city's Green Line extension: Gilman Square. The city's Planning Department well understands the value that the Green Line gives developers — our Union Square projects' total value is now climbing to \$3 billion. Yet commonly understood transit-related real estate economics were ignored in the plan.

It's not too late to link these silos. The plan has some excellent features, but it is limited – by the state, not just the Committee – to a single building. But next door is the 42,000-sqaure-foot Homan Building.

Were we to integrate it, along with other adjacent spaces, into the plan, we might shave off 30% of our costs while bringing in \$30 to \$40 million in private funding for incubators, retail, and entrepreneurial support. Those incubators could, in turn, draw interest from colleges eager to form partnerships with venture firms.

With colleges and commerce as partners, the High School could deliver careers, jobs, and substantial growth in a key neighborhood of the city, above a new Green Line station. They might even build a real station to make up for the MBTA's own mismanagement of their construction budget. And that station, like the one now being planned for Union Square, with the Library, Arts Council, and other partners, could show visitors Somerville's reality: diversity in culture, but also in enterprise, in business, and in careers.

In other words, linking the school silo to business, to college, to careers, is what Somerville is all about already. Why should our new High School ignore that unique and really valuable feature? That's the reason we live here in the first place.

### COMMENTARY

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



### **Our View Of The Times**

Summer 2016...bring it on.



What is more delicious to the young mind than that savory and unrivaled treat, summer vacation? A well-deserved reward for all the hard work and irreplaceable time invested in the previous school year.

As adults, we can look back fondly on those golden days with a warm sense of nostalgia and a longing to return to the carefree days that linger now only in our memories. And yet, we can live

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those times again vicariously as we engage with the present younger generation who will be making its own special memories.

Parents need to take as much time as they can to help make the summer break special and meaningful for their kids. Planning and taking a family vacation, even a simple weekend camping trip, can forge stronger bonds and create everlasting memories that could never be bought or traded with gadgets, games, or videos. Simple day-today family activities are valuable, too, in making vacation time a rich and rewarding experience for all.

Likewise, we should encourage our youngsters to seek out those activities, on their own, that keep them engaged and active. Whether it is sports, arts activities,

taking up a new hobby, or any number of other options that kids are able to enjoy. They should be made aware of how precious this time is and urged to make the most of it.

It may be nearly impossible to convince them of how important this is, but it is still our duty to try to do so nonetheless. They will, without question, thank us for it in the years to come later.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

At Tuesday night's budget meeting, Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang made a motion to reduce the mayor's proposed salary increase. The special committee which recommended the raise for the mayor suggested an increase to \$180K and Alderman Niedergang made a motion to reduce it to \$160K, but his amendment failed with Alderman Lance Davis and Alderman Matt McLaughlin voting with Mark Niedergang, while seven other aldermen voted against his amendment. The mayor will be receiving a salary of \$180K, which again in our opinion the he deserves. Another motion Alderman Niedergang made was to reduce the salary for the Board of Alderman from the suggested \$40K to \$35K. Again, his motion failed.

Later on at the end of the budget meeting, once again Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang proposed a motion to cut Flowers & Flags from the DPW budget by \$33K. He was voted down again. Then on his last motion, Alderman Niedergang proposed to cut Christmas Lighting by \$25K. A roll call vote was made and Ward One Alderman Matt McLaughlin and Alderman

Niedergang were the only two voting to cut Christmas lighting. All the other aldermen were adamant in their votes to keep the Christmas lighting budget intact. Thinking about it, we thought of the Christmas Grinch story, and then remembered back when Alderman Niedergang was School Committeeman from Ward Five and wanted to make Good Friday celebration a non-holiday. We think one of the other moments was when a proposal by - once again - Alderman Niedergang to take the amount of \$23K out of Veterans Services account which is earmarked for the Memorial Day Parade 2017. Guess what? Yup, Alderman McLaughlin (himself a veteran) voted to cut the monies out, but a majority of the aldermen present once again voted these amendments down and the \$23K for the Veterans Dept is

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The proposed budget for the city of Somerville is on our web site, over 200 pages www.thesomervilletimes.com.

Speaking of the budget, we were amazed to see that Ward One Alderman Matthew McLaughlin was not present the entire week last week's (June 13 to 16) budget hearings. We heard from several sources that he was on vacation. We also heard he was in California for the week. The most important process of our city, the city budget and with it so important for the aldermen to address the issues of the budget and maybe save the city taxpayers some money or make suggestions? And here we have Alderman McLaughlin not present for whatever reason last week and not representing his constituency, the residents of East Somerville. Residents of Ward One, East Somerville need to be represented, in particular in the budget process. Maybe it's work related, the reason he was absent, we don't know. All we can say is what was said around the city by more than one city official and employees. Now we have gone and done it. He will be upset with us for telling you, the public, something that everyone in city government was talking about, and we are delivering.

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The other rumor or whispering around City Hall is that you, the taxpayers, will soon be hit with a big increase. Even worse, we predict that a 2.5 override will be on the ballot next year.

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At last night's Finance Committee meet-

ing of the Board of Alderman, Mr. Ricky Willette who is Director of Operations for the City's DPW, was rushed to the hospital. We hope he's back on his feet soon, he's one of the good guys. Everyone likes Ricky. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in *Newstalk*. We guess it's because we like them.

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Some questions remain that the Board of Alderman haven't asked. Why are some employees of the city on paid leave, and one in particular we hear has been on paid leave for over a year and half collecting in excess of \$80K. While there are others as well, maybe not as long of time but why is the city still paying? Then there is appointed people by the administration and part timers who don't live in the city and don't even work here, but are still on payroll. A population of 78K residents and we still have some working on the payroll?

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### A special visit for the Little **Sisters**

Mother Provincial Alice Marie paid a special visit recently to the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville. She is the new Mother Provincial for what is called the "Brooklyn Province" which includes nine Little Sisters of the Poor Homes in the northeastern part of the country including New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

She is replacing the out-going Mother Provincial of 12 years, Sr. Margaret Regina. Mother Provincial Alice Marie came most recently from their Home in Oregon (Toledo) Ohio and will now reside in Queens Village, New York as the Provincial.

She is now on a tour to stop at all the homes in the Province to introduce herself. The Somerville home was the first stop on her list.

Somerville Fire and Police representatives were there to greet her. Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWattters presented her with three citations from the city and government officials. He also presented her with the Somerville Historic Afghan, and a drinking mug.

Minute Men re-enactors were there to greet her, and the residents lined the entrance and hallways to meet her.













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Photos by Bobbie Toner



### SAFD 75th Anniversary celebration

The Somerville Auxiliary Fire Department kicked off its 75th Anniversary celebration on Saturday with former and active members, as well as with Boston's Auxiliary Unit 10 rehab and other auxiliaries in the area. A gift of thanks was also presented to former secretary for civil defense and emergency management Josie Carr for all her commitment and work she has done throughout the years for the city.









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Photos by Kevin Dickinson & Donald Norton





### **SPORTS**

### SYSO Girls Fastpitch 10U Championship

#### By Bob Schofield

The last softball game of the 2016 Somerville Youth Softball Organization (SYSO) Girls Fastpitch 10U Championship series was an epic battle between two great teams; Somerville Hurricanes vs. Somerville Cyclones.

Both teams, Somerville Hurricanes coached by Chris Grover and Somerville Cyclones coached by Paul French, played hard over the previous two evenings to tie the series one game apiece.

The perfect backdrop to what would ultimately become

one of the best played 10U softball games in Somerville's past. To not have been at Trum Field that evening was to have missed a game that could not have been scripted. This is what fans of softball and baseball dream about.

In order to follow along, one needs to know some of the rules of this specific game. No new inning may commence after 1 hour and 45 minutes (official game start was recorded at 6:18pm). Once the last out is recorded that is the time of the beginning of the next inning, not when the pitcher pitches the ball. Both teams are entitled to have their



Your 2016 Somerville Youth Softball Organization (SYSO) Girls Fastpitch 10U Champions, the Somerville Hurricanes.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. What kind of a creature is a scorpion?
- 2. Who had a No. 1 hit with Wishing Well?
- 3. Which are the only birds able to fly backwards?
- 4. What does C represent in the equation  $E=MC^2$ ?
- 5. Who was Pope for only 33 days in 1978?
- 6. Who was Sherlock Holmes' assistant?
- 7. Who said "The cus-

- tomer is always right"?
- 8. Who was the USA's vice president in 1990?
- 9. What was Nirvana's third album called?
- 10. In what year were The Red Hot Chili Peppers inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- 11. How is Jane Fonda related to Bridget Fonda?
- 12. What was the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' favorite food?

Answers on page 16

respective time batting in each inning, unless the team with the lower number of runs bats and does not advance in the scoring, when the time limit is reached or the number of official innings are completed.

Now for the game highlights, as best as this eyewitness can put pen to paper. Heading into the top of the 4th inning, the Somerville Cyclones are down one run, 6-5. Coach French advanced runners into scoring position but was unable to record a run.

Now it is the bottom of the 4th inning. No new inning can start after the 1 hour and

45 minute time limit. Current time: 7:53pm. The time limit comes into effect at 8:03pm. Having averaged 20 minute ½ innings per team, getting 3 outs in less than 10 minutes is next to impossible.

Coach French hustled his team onto the field, choosing to forego pitcher warm ups. Coach Grover of the Hurricanes brought up his middle part of the lineup. Current time: 7:55pm. The first batter swings at the first pitch and hits to the pitcher, over to first for the first out. The second batter swings at the first pitch and hits to the pitcher, over to first for

the second out. Current time: 7:58pm. The next batter swings and misses. The second pitch is a ball. The third pitch is hit deep to left-center field. Seemingly out of nowhere Nora Donovan of the Cyclones catches the ball to record the final out of the 4th inning. Current time: 8:00pm.

The game goes to the 5th inning and the Cyclones get another chance to take the lead. The Somerville Cyclones record 6 runs to take the lead 11-6. All the makings of an unbelievable comeback victory, with one exception: The Somerville Hurricanes get their last at bat. Coach Grover, Continued on page 16

# Somerville's Emmett Easton impresses at Fenway

#### By Bob Schofield

Somerville Little League's own Emmett Easton came in Second Place in the 7/8-year-old baseball division of the 2016 Pitch, Hit & Run Team Championship at Fenway Park this past weekend.

Congratulations to Emmett, who is the first participant to represent Somerville in more than 10 years. Everyone is looking forward to seeing him advance beyond Fenway Park next year and on to the National Finals during the MLB All-Star Week.

National Finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to the All-Star Game and will participate in an array of festivities upon arrival, including



Somerville's Emmett Easton proudly showed off his Second Place award at Fenway Park.

a PHR Welcome Reception, MLB Brunch and All-Star FanFest. Finalists will compete on field prior to shagging fly balls during the Home Run

Derby and attending the All-Star Game.

Good luck next year to Emmett and all of Somerville's participants!

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### **Somerville Babe Ruth 2016 Championship Series**



Winners of the 2016 Somerville Babe Ruth Baseball Championship, Highlanders Red.

#### By Bob Schofield

Justin Schofield pitched a five-hitter with 6 strikeouts as Highlanders Red edged Highlanders Green 10-5 in the 2016 Somerville Babe Ruth Baseball Championship at Trum Field on Friday, June 17.

After 8 runs being scored in the first inning between the two teams the game turned into a classic well-played defensive game. Carlos Fernandez made an outstanding diving catch, shortstop to first base play, to get Jason Cassidy of the Highlanders Green out at first base in the 2nd inning. Highlanders Green Nolan Roche demanded respect behind the plate and made it known with a great throw down to third base to put out Dylan Zraket of the Highlanders Red.

Rookie thirteen year old Cameron Butler of the Highlanders Green enters the game in the 4th inning and silences the bats for Highlanders Red; getting 8 out of the last 10 batters out with one strikeout. No additional runs would be scored after the 3rd inning.

A few timely hits in the bottom of the 7th inning would not be enough to come back from a 6 run deficit. One additional

run would be scored in the 7th.

Coach Bryan Camara and Coach Gary Meskell did a great job leading the Highlanders Green to the championship series, in additional to having a great season. A tip of the hat to the Highlanders Green team; great players that left nothing on the field with regards to hard play. Everyone looks forward to seeing these players next season and for some an exciting career in SHS Baseball and Babe Ruth Senior Baseball in 2017.

"Somerville Red defined team baseball all year long. It was shown throughout the playoffs and especially in the championship. It made our jobs as coaches easier. Justin Schofield controlled everything by pitching a complete game win. He got help with great defense by Carlos Fernandez. He made plays I've never seen before. With clutch hitting by Dylan Zraket and Matt Portle, we were successful in completing an amazing season at a record of 14-2. This team really pushed one another to be better every practice and game. We couldn't be more proud of them." - Coach Matt O'Donnell and Coach Patrick Melo, Highlanders Red.

#### **Historical Fact** CONT. FROM PG 5

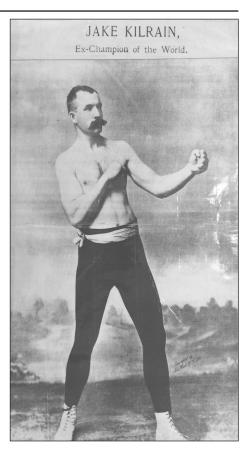
detachable ones in 1932. At that time, they outfitted both the Boston Braves and the Red Sox. On May 12, 1946, the Braves inaugurated its first nighttime game. They were wearing Horace Partridge Company's specially made satin uniforms that would illuminate under the lights.

Through the years, Partridge's new Happy Hollow generated its own homegrown heroes. Some are as follows:

- + Dr. Russell Conwell, Founder of Temple University.
- + Harold "Pie" Traynor, Pittsburg Pirates' baseball's Hall of Famer.
- Jake Killrain, World-champion, heavyweight boxer.
- the Boston Pops Orchestra. + Henry Hansen, United State Marine

+ Harry Ellis Dickson, Conductor of

- Flag raiser at Iwo Jima.
- · Richard Trum, Army hero of World War I and Trum Field's namesake.



### **Cinema Somerville Outdoor** Movies kicks off 2nd season

Somerville Community Access TV is happy to bring you its 2nd season of "Cinema Somerville Outdoor Movies," an outdoor movie series at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave. The event series is free and is open to the community-at-large.



#### Other upcoming movies are:

July 7th: The General (1926)

July 14: The Hitch-Hiker (1953)

July 21: Alice In Wonderland (1903), Superman Cartoons (1940's)

July 22: Night of the Living Dead (1968)

July 29: Charlie Chaplin shorts (1920's-40's)

Screenings start at 7:30pm with a BYOPicnic and will play at 8:30pm (dusk). Seating is limited; moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own portable seats, blankets, and lawn chairs.

ABOUT CINEMA SOMERVILLE: Cinema Somerville is a project of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV). Cinema Somerville is a project of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) and it builds community in Somerville through collaborations with community organizations and residents by presenting free public film screenings at various locations in Somerville.

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The work consists of a One (1) year service. Contract include one preventative maintenance visit as well as all other necessary repairs. The SHA may exercise its option to renew the contract for two (2) additional years at one (1) year intervals.

The estimated cost is \$24,000.00, not to exceed \$33,000.00 per year.

Bids are subject to MGL c.149 \$44A-J & to minimum state wage rates as required by MGL c.149 \$826 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., July 8, 2016 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on June 20, 2016. There will be no charge for these documents. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will also be available by email at no charge by contacting Anthony Crespo, at <a href="mailto:tonyc@sha-web.org">tonyc@sha-web.org</a> or downloaded from SHA web site at www.sha-web.org- bid opportunities-tab. You must register by email at <a href="mailto:tonyc@sha-web.org">tonyc@sha-web.org</a> to receive any addenda's or updates.

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

A site visit is scheduled for June 27, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is required. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or by email TonyC@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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#### WATER SUPERINTENDENT

The Commissioner of Public Works will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 30, 2016 in the 2nd floor Committee Room of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue at 5:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville rate payers relevant to the setting of the Fiscal Year 2017 water and sewer rates. Anyone interested in providing testimony is welcome to attend.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

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[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed un der informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Petitioner Natalie



#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

#### **Legal Notice of Public Hearing**

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a **public hearing** for all interested parties on **Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 7:00pm** in the 3rd floor community room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. Information on the Community Preservation Act is available at <a href="www.somervillema.gov/cpa">www.somervillema.gov/cpa</a>. The FY16 Community Preservation Plan is available at <a href="http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa/FY16CPP">http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa/FY16CPP</a>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearings or by submitting written comments through 12 noon on Friday, July 22nd by email to kstelljes@somervillema.gov or by mail to Kristen Stelljes, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

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#### If we zone it CONT. FROM PG 10

good balance. That balance will create six new jobs for every new unit of housing.

Yet we need to make sure our zoning is flexible enough not to be stuck on that 60-40 split. That is our goal for the entire city, not on every parcel. We might get new housing located next a bigger all-commercial project. We might see 80-20 splits next to 40-60 splits. We're trying to create sustainable, livable business districts with open/community space as a vital part of the mix. If the residential and retail markets mature faster than the office space market, like we saw in Assembly Square, we need to be able to react to that and make sure we create and sustain positive momentum in our transformational districts. Sometimes, what a commercial developer or corporate CEO needs to see is new residential development nearby.

The main thing is that we have a plan. We have put together a comprehensive zoning overhaul to enable the economic development our community has called for. The zoning will create predictable and straightforward rules for companies that are ready to grow and build here. If we get it right, it provides us with property tax relief, a vastly larger number of jobs right here in our city, and a daytime influx of people to help support our local retail, restaurant, and service sectors. We have been through extensive community input, getting down to parcel-level detail in many cases. Now it's time to get zoning passed.

This is crucial to the future of our city and we should not take for granted that good things outside the scope of our planning and zoning magically will fall into place. We will get the future we plan—and zone—to have. Jobs and commercial development require a greater level of organization than our current zoning provides. If we want to achieve our local economic goals, we need zoning that aligns our community vision with a clear, well-constructed set of rules. We believe we have that on the table.

#### SYSO 10U CONT. FROM PG 14

composed and in control, works the middle of his batting order.

With one out, the Somerville Hurricanes load the bases. The top of the batting order comes to the plate and two runs score on walks. The next batter gets a single and brings in one more run. The score is 11-9, Somerville Cyclones.

With two outs, bottom of the 5th inning, no time left in the game, down by two runs, Nikki Grover hits the ball and in a flash runners begin to advance around the bases towards home plate. Two runners cross the plate, tying the game and other runners are still running. Rounding third, the ball is thrown home: safe! The Hurricanes are winners!

You had to be there to believe it. At one point there had to be nearly a hundred spectators and fans watching the conclusion of the game. Adult softball players watched on as they prepare to take the field, along with several passersby on Broadway, family and friends sitting in chairs and on benches.

It was a great atmosphere for all that witnessed an amazing game played by age 10 and under girls. Not a dry eye could be found amongst the Somerville Cyclone players – in nothing less than great sportsmanship – as the team and coaching staff stood on the third base line watching Somerville Hurricanes celebrate their win on the infield.

Our hats off to Coach Paul French and Coach John Donovan for setting the example of why great sportsmanship is so important and for proving that positive coaching makes everyone a winner. Coach Chris Grover, Coach Mark Buckley and Coach Chris Bartlett did an absolute amazing job coaching their team to a 2016 10U Championship win. Congratulations!

### Somerville Math Fund Scholarships winners

#### By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville Mathematics Fund recently announced the winners of their renewable mathematics scholarships for 2016. The Math Fund was founded to celebrate and encourage math achievement and these students deserve to be celebrated for their work in math and science while in high school.

Christina Bissereth will attend Boston University, Anmol Bhargo, Ashutosh Bhargo and Belal Sohel will attend Suffolk University and Anmol Saini will attend Wentworth Institute of

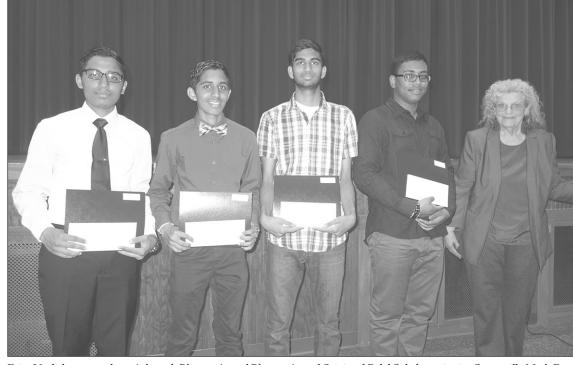
Technology. Their scholarships of \$1000 are renewable for up to a total of four years as long as they maintain a B average and take mathematics or courses that use mathematics.

One of the scholarships was given in the memory of an outstanding woman mathematician, the Dr. Alice T Schafer scholarship. Christina Bissereth won the Alice T Schafer Scholarship. She is planning to study engineering.

Dr. Schafer (1915 - 1909) was orphaned as an infant and raised by two aunts. When she went to college at the University of



Erica Voolich congratulates Christina Bissereth on winning the Dr. Alice T Schafer Scholarship from the Somerville Math Fund for outstanding work in



Erica Voolich congratulates Ashutosh Bhargo, Anmol Bhargo, Anmol Saini and Belal Sohel on winning Somerville Math Fund renewable scholarships for outstanding work in math and science. — Photo by Arthur Ingalls, Geskus Photography

Richmond of Virginia, women students weren't allowed in the library and she was discouraged from majoring in mathematics. She won prizes, earned a PhD, taught at colleges (including Wellesley) and among the things she is known for is helping start the Association for Women in Mathematics (1971).

Less known about Dr. Schafer was her helping to start the Somerville Mathematics Fund in 2000, attending all of the planning meetings and contributing to their work as long as she was able. She is remembered for her passion and work to insure

mathematical opportunities for women. Since Dr. Schafer was committed to the education and supporting women in mathematics, Bissereth's study of engineering is a wonderful way to honor Dr. Schafer's memory.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. It May 2011, it was recognized as the outstanding Dollars for Scholars Chapter in New England. Since it's founding, it has awarded \$260,000 in mathematics scholarships to outstanding Somerville students. Next fall, The Somerville Mathematics Fund will be seeking applications from teachers who teach in the city of Somerville who would like funding for classroom mathematics activities. In October, the Math Fund will also be seeking high school students to compete in the annual Scrapheap Showdown. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Erica Voolich (617-666-0666 or mathfund@gmail.com) or go to www.somervillemathematicsfund.org.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

The Somerville Times is in the process of putting out some more boxes, approximately 12 more in strategic places to make it more accessible. There will be some new boxes at Assembly Square as well. A list of boxes will be out with a map showing where you can get the paper, even outside the boxes. If you would like to see the paper at some location near you, call us at 617-666-4010.

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For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen

a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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For the best coffee and Donuts again we hope you consider Demet's Donuts on Mystic Avenue in Medford. We need a real donut shop here in the Ville that is similar. Don't forget, their egg breakfast sandwiches are made fresh and much better than those sold at franchise places. Also, you can pick up a copy of The Somerville Times there as well.

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Local guy and business man Zachary Zasloff, who is SVP of www.shoebuy. com, was recently appointed by the mayor to the Condominium Board of Directors. He's a good guy who we know will bring new enthusiasm to that board.

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Drop over to Sally O'Brien's any night and see live entertainment and, of course, get some great burgers. Lots of friendly people there, and you can enjoy some good conversation and be entertained at the same time.

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The OPENAIR Circus, a Somerville institution for 30 years, is excited to be starting up another summer of outdoor fun. Information about the program and registration is now available online at www.openaircircus.org. Classes start June 28. Registration is only \$20 for students or \$30 for an entire family and covers the entire 6-week program. Also, the OPENAIR Circus will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 25 from 9:30-11 a.m. at First Church Somerville, 89 College Ave. Use the side entrance on Francesca Ave. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, veggie patties, coffee and O.J. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for teen or adult (11 years old or older) and \$5 for children (10 years old or younger). \$25 for an entire family. All are invited.

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COLUMBUS was Portuguese NOT Italian: Lecture to be held Thursday, June 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the Somerville Public Library, 9 Highland Ave. Proof that Columbus was not Italian will be presented in this lecture by Manuel Rosa, author of six history books on Columbus, including Columbus - The Untold Story. Books cannot be sold at the event. Purchase ahead of time at www.Columbus/ Book.com and pick up your signed book at the event. According to Rosa, the real Columbus presented in the new biography is not an incompetent amateur sailor who got lost on his way to India and gained immortal fame through his ignorance. He was actually a highly skilled James Bond of his day, who planned each step carefully. He had a secret mission that he carried out through lies, intrigues and treachery, which nobody had suspected up to now. Free and open to the public.

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday June 22

**East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime

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

**West Branch Library** 

West Branch Library Summer Reading Club Kickoff with Jungle Jim! 11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library** 

Central Library Summer Reading Club Kickoff with Jungle Jim! 3 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Teen Empowerment 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Thursday June 23

**Central Library** Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Friday June 24

**Central Library** 

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

#### Saturday June 25

**Family Fun Day** 12 p.m.|Trum Field

**Central Library** 

Animator Training for Junior Youth Program

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday June 27

**Central Library** Creative Drama for Kids 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday June 28

West Branch Library

Preschool Storvtime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

#### Wednesday June 29

**East Branch Library** 

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

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#### Wednesday June 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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Backroom Series: Rhythm Future

Quartet 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Ma-

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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**Davis Square Theatre** 

The Lonely Heartstring Band 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Thursday June 23

Sally O'Brien's

Greg Schatz with Jeremy Lyons & Jeff Allison

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7 p.m.& 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

The Loop

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday June 24

Sally O'Brien's

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

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**Thunder Road** 

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379 Somerville Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** 

Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Space Age Senior Prom |10 p.m. 255 Elm St

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Monophonics, Good Blood & Asso-

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#### Saturday June 25

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Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Dave Crespo's Acoustic Release plus Zach Cohen, Three Piece Suit, Patch of Grass with Lihn Nguyen \$10 cover |9 p.m.

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Bluegrass Session | 2 p.m.

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379 Somerville Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Boston's Unscripted Musical Project |10 p.m. Dirty Disney 11:30 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Marty Willson-Piper's Acres of Space plus HuDost & more TBA 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Sunday June 26

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Dave Sammarco Band anniversary

party! |6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

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Back Room

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

**Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Sunday Night Live Music

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

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

**Thunder Road** 

The Great Madness (Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Beyond Wrestling presents: "Ripped Off In The Prime Of Life" 4 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam | 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Stump Trivial8:30 p.m.

Free Mondays featuring: Dragn Bangrs

8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

**TBA** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** Joe Jack Talcum (of The Dead Milk-

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

men) (Alternative Rock)

156 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 28 Sally O'Brien's Bar

TBA 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

PA's Lounge

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Jazz|8:30 p.m. **Back Room** Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8p.m.

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Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177 PI Ryan's Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

**Thunder Road** 

8200

Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Heavy Metal and Pizzal8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday June 29

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

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8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

156 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Wednesday June 22 **Central Library** Drop In Coloring for Adults

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday June 23 West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College 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).

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Saturday June 25

**Bagel Bards** 

Sunday June 26 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Monday June 27

Unity Church of God

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

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

Tuesday June 28

Wednesday June 29 **Central Library** Mystery Book Club

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

#### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

\*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

\*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

**De-cluttering Peer Support Group** – this is a closed support group for individuals who are concerned about their clutter. Please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending.

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Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The

Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Senior Health Insurance 101 –We will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information and to sign up.

Highwaymen at Venus De Milo – Thursday, June 23 - Departing Holland Street at 9:30 AM and Ralph & Jenny at 9:45 AM with an approximate return time of 5:30 PM - \$85 fee includes transportation, lunch & show – Choice of baked chicken or baked scrod (includes soup, vegetable, breads, desserts, coffee / tea) – Performance by the Highwaymen & The Queens of Country – tribute to five of the biggest names in country music – Please contact Connie Lorrenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Forming Friendships – Wednesdays starting July 6, July 13, July 20 & July 27 – 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Feeling lonely lately? Looking to meet new people? If so, this 4-week social group is for you. To register or if you have any questions, please call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Vine to Wine Tour! – Monday, July 11 – Departing at 8:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:30 P.M. - \$79 fee will include luxury Silver Fox Coach transportation, Yankee Candle Store, Lunch at Chandler's Restaurant (choice: baked haddock, vegetable lasagna or roasted turkey / all served with salad, beverage and dessert) – After lunch travel to Honora Vineyards, Putney Mountain Winery, and much more. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your

spot or if you have any questions.

The Hay Day of the Big Bands & Pop Goes The Fourth – Tuesday, July 19 – Join the SCOA at Luciano's Lake Pearl to enjoy the repertoire of the Roy Scott Big Band. For a fee of \$81 you receive transportation, entertainment and lunch (choice of boneless breast of chicken or fresh baked schrod – including salad, vegetables, potato, dessert, coffee and tea.) For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach – Friday, July 22 – Departing Holland Street at 8:30 A.M. and Ralph & Jenny at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$5 with provide transportation. Lunch is on your own. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Gloucester Harbor Cruise & Lobsterbake – Thursday, July 28 – For a \$82 dollar fee you will receive motorcoach transportation, harbor cruise and a lobsterbake buffet. Cruise historic Gloucester harbor on board the Beauport Princess. The Beauport Princess has two dance floors, three full service bars, an openair top deck and comfortable indoor seating. Includes New England Clam Chowder, steamed 1-1/4 lb. lobster (limit 1 per person but all other menu items are all you can eat), grilled barbeque chicken breast, corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, cole slaw and dessert. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you need additional information.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The day trip to Venus De Milo / Highwaymen scheduled

for Thursday, June 23rd is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to the Rhode Island Lighthouse scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Ogunguit scheduled for Thursday, June 30th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Tanglewood scheduled for Sunday, July 10th is SOLD OUT.

The luncheon at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, July 14th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Mohegan Sun scheduled for Monday, July 25th is SOLD OUT.

The Gloucester Harbor Cruise / Lobsterbake day trip scheduled for Thursday, July 28th is SOLD OUT.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The BBQ at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, August 22nd is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City scheduled for October 11th -15th (Tuesday to Saturday) is SOLD OUT. The Weekend gateway to NYC scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 5th & 6th is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th and 8th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) is BOOKED

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

**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

### Mark your calendars for these great upcoming LGBTQ Events:

Monday, July 18th – Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 15th – Safety Seminar Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th – LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule** 

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

#### **Mondays:**

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

#### **Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\* (H)

#### Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

#### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise \*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

#### Upcoming Schedule

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

#### Wednesday|June 22

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

#### Thursday June 23

9:00 Community Food Programs (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ) – Joint lunch with Holland – Portuguese Food

#### Friday|June 24

Venus De Milo/Highwaymen

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

#### Monday|June 27

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

#### Tuesday|June 28

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Senior Housing 101 (Home Loans) (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

11:30 Pizza & Movie (H)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ

#### Wednesday|June 29

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

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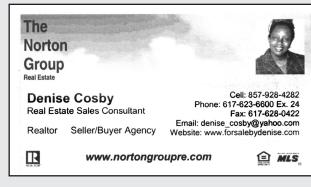
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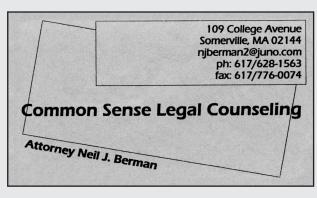
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Wednesda	y, June 22	9:00am	Congressional Update	10:44pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole
12:00am	Senior Circuit "LGBTQ Programs"	9:31am	SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016	Sunday, Jui	ne <b>26</b>
12:30am	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin	12:00pm	BOA Meeting - 6.23.16	1:05am	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
1:30am	LGBTQ Flag Raising	4:30pm	SomerViva en Español	1:41am	The Mayor's Report
9:00am	SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016	6:30pm	SomerStreets: Carnaval 2016	2:00am	SomerViva em Português
9:45am	St. Catherine's Church Tour 6.5.16	7:15pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:00am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "LGBTQ Programs"	9:10pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	Senior Circuit May 2016
12:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 6.20.16	9:42pm 20	16 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony	1:17pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
1:00pm	SomerViva em Português	Saturday,	June 25	2:00pm	SomerViva em Português
6:00pm	Budget FY2017 - LIVE	12:00am	Mayor's Town Business Meeting	2:31pm	2016 Historic Preservation Awards
Thursday, J	lune 23	1:11am	St. Catherine's Church Tour 6.5.16	6:30pm	Talking Business
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Our Schools, Our City

SHS Multicultural Fair

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Argenziano Community Heritage Night

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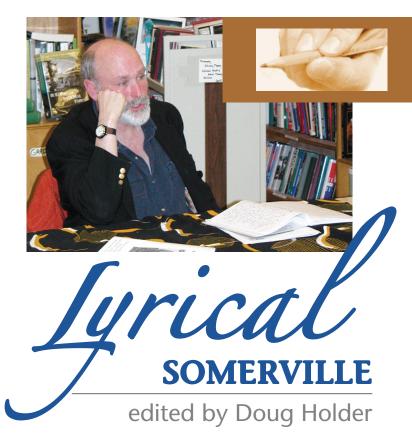
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#### AN AMERICAN ON LES GOBELINS

I'm walking along thinking of Roy Rodgers and why I do must remain a mystery, although it might be a vestige of the exuberant nostalgia we Americans have mastered, carry with us, a hardy optimism everyone loves—even those

who rant and rave in their claimed hatred of it. I grab a falafel, sit on a bench on a park island surrounded by traffic and am absolutely content watching pedestrians, vehicles go by—on the warmest October day Paris has seen in decades, mocking

the people who believe the world can never be perfect. I'm not sure I see Roy Rodgers on Trigger galloping along side a bus until I hear "Cowboy, cowboy" and I guess it's true—I raise an arm and wave the falafel in salute to Roy, to America on the clear horizon waving back.

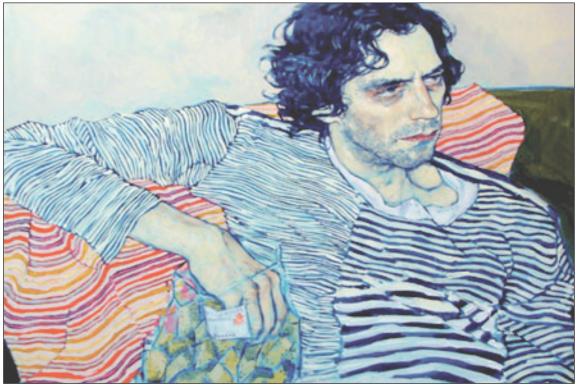
— Tim Suermondt

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### FF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### From the Bloc 11 Cafe: Is it Hip to be a Hipster?



I was sitting in the Bloc 11 Cafe in Somerville when a gentleman of my acquaintance approached me. He said, "You really took a good picture of me for The Somerville Times - but the text labeling me as a "hipster" in the Square (no pun intended) was insulting. Another man would look at me and see me differently. Call me a street punk, call me homeless, but don't call me a hipster." He went on to explain the word "hipster" had a long and proud heritage – but the word now has been bastardized. He continued to explain that hipsters - real hipsters - are original people, genuinely offbeat, not the hordes of bohemes flocking to Somerville. I had no intention of offending him. This man is intelligent, well-read, and certainly from what I have observed a man off the beaten path. He has faced his share of challenges and he is obviously much more than the neat category of hipster.

In all fairness, one has to admit that in recent years we have seen the flocks of bearded, tattooed, funky-hatted hordes swarming the community. They hang in coffeehouses, bars, nightclubs, and other environs. They cop a certain attitude, walk a certain walk, and talk a certain talk. But wasn't this the same with earlier versions of bohemians, like the Beat Poets, sitting in a swirl of smoke in some dark hole-in-the wall, listening to Ginsberg recite his poem *Howl* for the first time – with its angry negro streets, and renegades from society looking for a fix, be it sex, drugs, etc.? These Beat hipsters sported a certain attire - the beret, the scruffy beard, etc. They hung out in jazz clubs, coffeehouses in North Beach in San Francisco or the Village in New York City.

Now maybe those hipster didn't actually experience what Ginsberg's poem spoke to, but by being there, witnessing this groundbreaking poem, spreading the word, taking it in, deep reading it, inhaling it ... well this is a very hipster-like act. The poem broke out like a raw wound in the conformist 50s, so these new kids on the block were going against the orthodoxy of their parents and the literary world.

Sure some were just posturing, but I would argue that even posturing can be a daring act. There is a need for hipsters. They keep us honest, bring in new ideas (bad or good). They give some alternative from the mainstream, somewhere else to hang your fedora.

So I say to the present day hipsters in Somerville, Williamsburg, Austin, and elsewhere: good for you. I spent some boheme years in rooming houses in Boston in the late 70s when I was right out of college. I was quite a sight; waxed mustache, a red scarf around my neck, sporting a beret, and reading Genet, Kerouac, Camus, Miller, etc. I used to leave the books I was reading in plain sight on the counter of a grocery store I worked at, so I could start conversation with other hip customers. In the wee hours, in my spartan furnished room with my hot plate, cockroaches, stained sink, I wrote in my journal "loving it," thinking that this was the life.

There is a great romance, creativity and freedom in being hip. So if you can live the hipster life in Somerville with its outrageous rents, gentrification, etc., I say welcome aboard.

#### Boston Children's Museum 'The Land' Screening

Boston Children's Museum announced that as part of its summer Power of Play Series it will feature three screenings of the short film "The Land" created by Vermont filmmaker Erin Davis. Screenings will be held July 28 from 6:00-8:00pm, and August 20 from 2:00-4:00pm. Admission to the film and panel discussion is free and is for adults only. Children may play in the Museum with a second adult during the daytime screenings for the regular Museum fee. Only adults will be admitted for the evening screening as the Museum will be closed to the public. To learn more about and register for the movie screenings and to watch a movie trailer, visit: http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/theland.

For additional information about these and other events, visit BostonChildrensMuseum.org.

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