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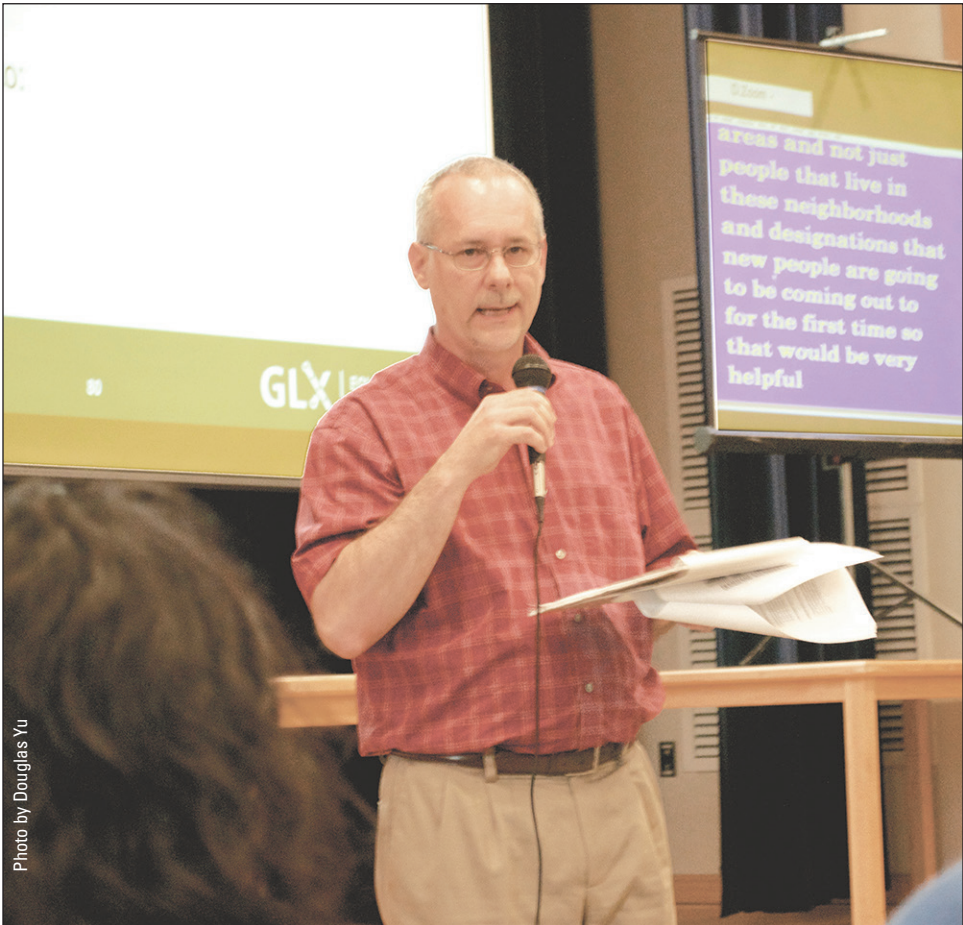
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# MBTA reviews GLX project's Equivalent Facilitation request



Last Thursday's public meeting held by the MBTA allowed GLX project team members and concerned citizens review and discuss the impact of the Equivalent Facilitation request.

By Douglas Yu

In order to apply for funding for a Full Funding Grant Agreement with Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the GLX project team requested an Equivalent Facilitation that aims to permit the development of improvements in vehicle, facility, or equipment design that provides for equal or greater accessibility.

On Thursday, July 10, the MBTA held a public hearing to review the Equivalent Facilitation in Somerville.

Randy Henke from the GLX project team said that the project starts at Gilmore Bridge. "The Green Line Extension covers three communities: Cambridge, Somerville, Medford. Most of what we are hearing tonight is about roadways and traffic improvements in and around the new stations and how we can get to from the stations," Henke said.

The important issues when it comes to roadways and traffic improvements have to do with running slope and cross slope, Henke said.

"We've got a bridge on Washington Street with approach on each side, and the approach is fairly steep. Again, the [construction] code calls for a 5 percent maximum

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# East Somerville pride gathers for reunion

By Donald Norton

Those of us who grew up in East Somerville back in the 60's, 70's and 80's certainly feel the pride we take in our various neighborhoods there. From Charlestown line to McGrath Highway, it was not merely just another section of Somerville, it was a close knit community and still is, which makes it unique to other sections of our city.

Coming up with the idea of a reunion, and the actual person to get it done, was Dan Rogovich, a guy originally from Franklin Street who hung around Glenn Park. Dan tells us that he got the idea from going to a lot of funerals over the past several years and thinking it would be better to see everyone under different circumstances, so he started out months ago making plans to get it done.

What a great evening it was for the over 150 present and former East SomerVillens this past Saturday, June 12, at the City Club. The idea turned into one of the most memorable evenings of old times growing up in the area.

Somerville pride brought

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East Somerville friends and acquaintances came together in celebration of the community they know and love as their own this past Saturday evening.
— Photo by Donald Norton

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This Friday and Saturday is the annual Arts Beat Festival 2014. ArtBeat is a massive arts hootenanny, with a slew of bands, dance troupes, 75 craft vendors, food and visual arts. This year's theme is HATCH, so expect to see creativity hatching galore. Decorate an egg and pop it in the Hatch-O-Matic contraption. Check out the newly born MUSCRAT art bus. Behold recently hatched creatures including a baby alligator! \$3 donation requested. Friday night: 6-10 p.m., Sat: 11 a.m-6 p.m. For the full schedule and descriptions: <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2014/schedule>.

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Tonight, Wednesday the 16th, Somerville Open Studios and Daddy Jones Bar are hosting the first Summer Social. Come on by, meet artists and see what Magoun Square and SOS2015 has to offer. Daddy Jones will be creating a special cocktail especially for the event. Make sure you taste some of their awesome treats, especially the macaroni-cheese, you'll love it. Daddy Jones is located at 525 Medford Street in Magoun Square.

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This Thursday, the 17th, at the Chuckie Harris Park in East Somerville is the monthly "3rd Thursday Block Party World Groove Dance Party," 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Also this Thursday, 7-9 p.m., come to SCATV for the next Potluck & Lecture Series with Arlington International Film Festival. This is co-organized by their colleagues at Arlington Community Media, Inc. Come mingle and network with other media and film geeks. Tour the HD studios at Somerville Community Access TV and get to know others in the industry. Learn how you can utilize SCATV as a media and film resource and get involved at a widely popular state of the art multi-media center. Guest speakers are the organizers of the Arlington International Film Festival. They will share with us some insider's tips about organizing this very popular festival, the challenges and successes, and they will also screen some of previous festival's film submissions. The event's layout: 7:00-7:30 p.m. Mingle and network with other peers in the industry while indulging in tasty refreshments and people's special dishes. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Hear from presenters about AIFF along with film screenings and a Q & A. 8:30-9:00 p.m. Close out the night with any additional mingling

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to Letter on zoning from the Somerville Arts Council advisory board

Uncle Rocco says:

Dear Artists

Thank you for helping me to create an image of Somerville as 'hip and happening'. It was quite a struggle there for years. Now that the real estate speculators and people that make way more money than you'll ever dream of have fallen for it, your services will no longer be needed.

But thanks for everything. And best of luck in Lynn and Brockton . . .

Love Joe

James says:

I think this is a fantastic proposal.

To respond to the critics, what's your idea? You just want to hand the keys over to the developers and say good luck?

Villinous says:

Artists have done more for Somerville than the whiners in this comments section. Guess what? All the artists leave Somerville and this city would be dreary (again). All of you leave Somerville and no one will shed a tear. You're the parasites. You're the ones doing nothing while other people make this an actual better place to live.

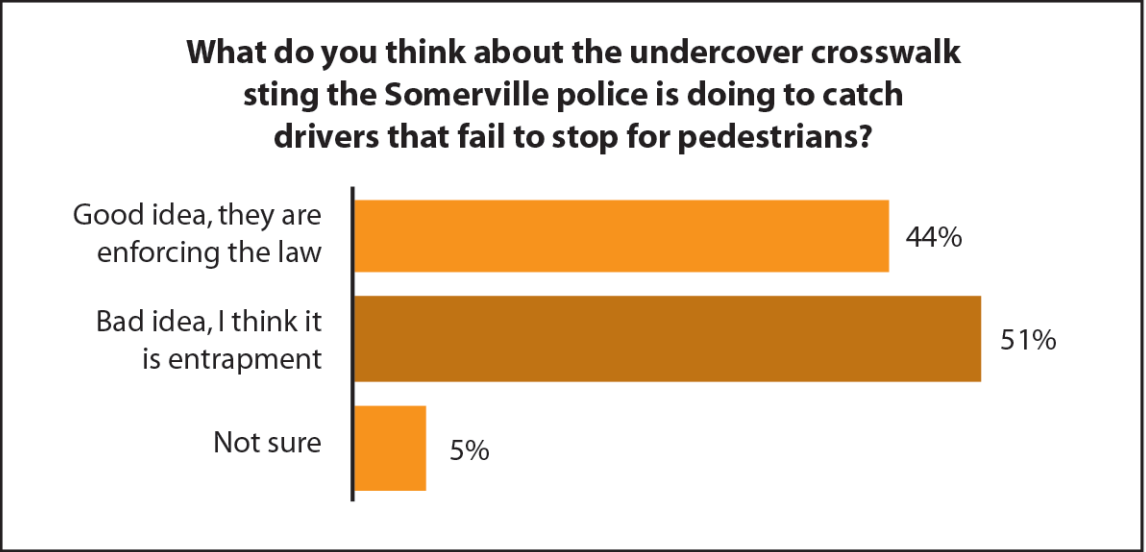
important to society? says:

yes, art is important to society. so is youth employment, recreation for all, affordable day care, substance abuse prevention, veterans, social services, libraries, I could go on and on. Artists seems to think they hold the only place of importance in our community. They are so, so, wrong

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on what you think about the undercover crosswalk sting the Somerville police is doing to catch drivers that fail to stop for pedestrians. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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# Mayor may tangle with Board of Alderman over campaign finance reform

By Jim Clark

The Board of Alderman voted on a long-discussed law that would limit campaign contributions by property developers to \$250, compared to the current limit of \$500, at last week's general meeting on Thursday. The law affects those who develop 10,000 square feet or more in the city.

The aldermen took more than a year to study and discuss two versions of the campaign reform plan, one put forward by Mayor Curtatone, featuring measures that would restrict city employee contributions, and another fashioned by Alderman-at-Large and Board President William A. White, which focuses on limiting donations by developers. Additionally, each plan proposed placing restrictions on companies and individuals that sought to gain contracts with the city.

It was decided that a vote would be taken on the proposal put forward by Alderman-at-Large White. Voting in

favor of the law were Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz, Matt McLaughlin, Katjana Ballantyne, Mark Niedergang, Bill White, Tony Lafuente, and Dennis Sullivan. Those who voted against it were Aldermen Bob McWatters, Mary Jo Rossetti, Maryann Heuston, and Jack Connolly.

The law must be voted on and passed twice in order to take effect. While last week's 7-4 vote in favor of the proposal set the stage for final passage in September's vote on the matter, there was not a large enough majority of votes to avert a veto by the mayor, which he has said he would do. The Board lacked one vote in assuring that the mayor could not impose a veto on the law.

The mayor told the Board that he was in favor of finance reform, but he was concerned that the proposed law would impose too many restrictions and negatively affect those who would run for office as well as set the stage for the zoning and planning boards to become in-



Mayor Curtatone voiced strong opposition to the Board of Alderman plan for campaign finance reform, suggesting that he would veto the law if necessary.

involved in political decisions.

The mayor warned the Board that the law would negatively impact the ability of first-time candidates to get involved in the system.

Conversely, Alderman White argued that the political process was open to all, but that his concern was for developers who might exert undue influence and gain political power, there-

by circumventing due process when it comes to zoning and planning decisions.

The law will be further debated and voted on again in September.

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[of slope]. Because we are in 7 hills of Somerville, the 15th densest populated area in the U.S. and the second densest area by population in New York City, we are trying to match it with the existing topography," Henken said.

Henke used the slope right outside the Argenziano School in Somerville as an example to explain the definition of cross slope. "The slope is running 7 percent. How can you get it to 2 percent without creating a ski jump for cars?" Henken said.

Other issues to address is that there are a couple of handrail extensions sticking out of the walkway, and the MBTA is looking for exceptions to get rid of them so it can ensure the safety of the pedestrians; the path of travel to the elevator at Gilman is slightly longer whereas the paths of travel is equal distance at every station.

The MBTA's presentation about Equivalent Facilitation covers all the GLX stations that include the relocated Lechmere

Station, accessible path issues at Washington Street Station, Union Square Station, Gilman Square Station, Lowell Street Station, Ball Square Station and College Avenue Station.

John Winske, Executive Director of Disability Policy Consortium suggested that the stations should have escalators go both directions. "We have a lot of troubles with accessibility in Somerville," Winske said.

Rachel Tanenhaus, Program Coordinator III at Massachusetts Department of Public Health, said during the public testimony that the MBTA should test the signage near the stations to make sure there is not glare, for readability's sake.

"Some of the stations are politely described as a cluster, and perhaps [the stations] are not so easy to navigate, so I'm glad that MBTA is looking at where the traffic is going," Tanenhaus said. "I'd also like to make a recommendation in general. As someone with low vision, I always thought it would be awesome to paint a



Executive Director of Disability Policy Consortium John Winske addressed accessibility issues.

yellow dot or line near the bus stop, so you can see the shape of a T stop sign. Sometimes I miss the bus because I'm standing at the wrong place."

Medford resident Ken Krause shared the similar thoughts with Tanenhaus about signage. "I identify the accessible pathway far in advance for someone who's approaching, so they could avoid the slope. I also thought that Broadway Bridge is one of the bridges that are supposed to be rebuilt."

The public is encouraged to send comments to the GLX Project through email and address, which are listed on the Equivalent Facilitation Request at [http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/documents/PubMtg/Equivalent\\_Facilitation\\_Request.pdf](http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/documents/PubMtg/Equivalent_Facilitation_Request.pdf).



Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Rachel Tanenhaus weighed in on station signage plans.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## She almost got her money back

Police were dispatched to a Bow St. location last Friday in response to reports of a dispute in progress.

Upon arrival, they were met by two men, both alleged victims of assault by a woman, Cheryl Pederson, 39, who was described as the girlfriend of one of the men and a friend of the other.

The victims reportedly told police that Pederson had been arguing with them and became physically abusive. At one point Pederson is said to have chased the friend down the street, shouting that she would kill him.

The friend said that he barricaded himself inside a chain-link fenced area and forcibly had to keep Pederson from entering through the gate.

Unable to get at the man, the victims described to police how Pederson then broke into the man's vehicle and rifled through its contents, throwing things out into the street in the process, according to reports.

The victim said that Pederson took money that was in the vehicle's console then left the area, at which time the police were called to the scene.

A dispatch was broadcast to nearby patrol units and Pederson was soon located. The arresting officer said that Pederson had the stolen money on her person. She reportedly told the officer that apprehended her that she took the money because the alleged victim had stolen from her in the past.

Pederson was placed under arrest and charged with felony daytime breaking and entering of a boat or motor vehicle, threat to commit a crime, and larceny under \$250.

## Tricky shopper gets nailed

A reported case of larceny brought police to the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last week.

The responding officers were briefed by loss prevention personnel and advised that a man, Alexander Basisity, 48, of W. Newton, had attempted to switch price tags on store merchandise in order to make away with a relatively expensive item at a much lower price than would normally be charged.

Basisity was reportedly observed by a loss prevention officer as he removed a bar code tag from a \$54 box of nails, which he then taped to the box for a \$449 flooring nail gun.

When Basisity attempted to purchase the nail gun for the lower price he was detained by loss prevention personnel and escorted to their office, without incident, to await arrival of the police.

Basisity was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

## Water bottle welder nabbed

Officers in the vicinity of Police Headquarters on Somerville Ave. reacted last week to what sounded to them like a brawl taking place nearby.

Officers located two females who were reportedly engaged in a physical altercation. The women were ordered to cease their fighting, and eventually calmed down after several warnings.

One of the officers had reportedly observed one of the women, Danielle Fiore, 23, strike the other woman with both hands.

Fiore was holding a plastic water bottle, and marks on the other woman's skin appeared to be consistent with wounds attributable to that type of object.

Although both women claimed that they were just having an argument, Fiore was placed under arrest for assault and battery.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Danielle Fiore**, 23, of 16 Heath St., July 7, 11:43 p.m., arrested at 252 Somerville Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Alexander Basisity**, 48, of 15 Smith Ct., W. Newton, July 8, 3:11 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Geraldo Silva**, 44, July 9, 2:11 p.m., arrested on a charge of protection of an incapacitated person and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

**Marquille Morrissey**, 26, of 9 Oliver St., Everett, July 9, 8:23 p.m., arrested at 11 Elliot St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and on warrant charges of aggravated assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Samantha Merrill**, 26, of 130 Morrison, July 9, 8:53 p.m., arrested at Buena Vista Rd. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Jaaron McKinney**, 21, of 56 Berkshire St., Cambridge, July 10, 10:08 a.m., arrested on a charge of unarmed robbery.

**Richard Smith**, 27, of 7 Louise St., Saco, ME, July 10, 12:46 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.

**Benjamin Chacon-Lopez**, 28, of 52 Glen St., July 10, 4:09 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and armed assault to murder.

**Elisa Pino**, 39, of 3 Everett Ave., July 11, 12:50 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, felony larceny, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, assault and battery, and leaving the scene of personal injury.

**Cheryl Pederson**, 39, of 8 Oliver St., July 11, 1:19 p.m., arrested at 25 Bow St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a boat or motor vehicle, threat to commit a crime, and larceny under \$250.

**Aaron McGee**, 24, of 15 Glenwood Rd., July 12, 11:25 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, and threat to commit a crime.

**Miguel Gonzales**, 26, of 3151 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, July 12, 1:30 p.m., arrested at 25 Sewall St. on charges of failure to signal, drug possession to distribute, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Amina Casey**, 26, of 49 Battles St., Brockton, July 12, 3:03 p.m., arrested at 40 Howard St. on a warrant charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

**Laura Johnson**, 34, July 13, 1:07 p.m., arrested at 540 Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Daniel Caruso**, 47, of 97 Ten Hills Rd., July 13, 4:59 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Tyler Jacquard**, 29, of 11 Beacon Pl., Melrose, July 13, 6:50 p.m., arrested at 55 Wallace St. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

July 8, 3:11 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

July 8, 6:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Glen St.

July 9, 8:42 a.m., police reported a theft at New Washington St.

July 9, 9:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

July 9, 12:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

July 9, 2:41 p.m., police reported a theft at 440 Somerville Ave.

July 13, 6:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Canal St.

July 13, 10:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 120 Broadway.

**Robbery:**

July 9, 8:53 p.m., police reported a robbery at Buena Vista Rd.

July 11, 9:09 p.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Highland Ave.

**Breaking & Entering:**

July 8, 3:00 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 76 Middlesex Ave.

July 8, 3:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 300 Beacon St.

July 9, 1:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Webster Ave.

July 10, 1:51 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tufts St.

**Vehicle Theft:**

July 9, 7:41 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at George St.

**Assault:**

July 8, 10:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

July 9, 10:24 p.m., police reported an assault at Davis Sq.

July 10, 4:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

July 10, 11:55 p.m., police reported an assault at 1 Davis Sq.

July 13, 4:59 p.m., police reported an assault at Ten Hills Rd.

**Destruction of Property:**

July 10, 9:47 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Holland St.

July 13, 1:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Cottage Ave.

July 13, 1:50 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Oak St.

**Disorderly Conduct:**

July 13, 9:53 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Osgood St.

July 13, 6:50 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Wallace St.

**Drug Violation:**

July 12, 1:30 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Sewall St.



# Robbery suspect arrested

By Jim Clark

Somerville Police have arrested a man suspected in the July 4 robbery of an elderly Somerville woman.

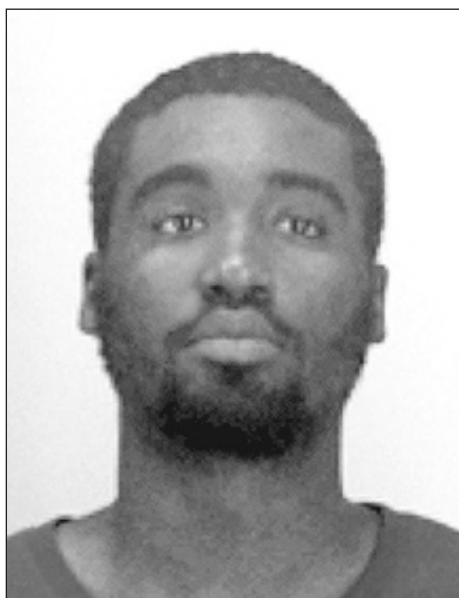
On Thursday morning, July 10, Jaaron McKinney, 21, of 56 Berkshire St., Cambridge, was taken into custody by Boston Police and formally placed under arrest by the Somerville Police and charged with unarmed robbery.

McKinney is alleged to have forcefully taken money out of the woman's hands as she waited on a bench at the Twin City Mall in Somerville. She was reportedly counting her money at the time, which amounted to \$710, according to police accounts.

A photo of the suspect was publicized by local media outlets, and after several tips came in an identification was made.

McKinney was arraigned at the Somerville District Court on Friday, July 11. He was held on \$5000 cash bail.

In a public statement, Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino said, "I commend our investigators for their diligent efforts to identify the person responsible for this



Robbery suspect Jaaron McKinney.

crime, and our thanks go out to the media that quickly put out a call for information and to the citizens who assisted in making this identification possible."

A collection fund has been established for the victim, and nearly \$2000 has already been donated to her.

Those interested in donating to the fund can contact the Somerville Police Department for further information.

# Safety concerns or revenue generator?

By Jim Clark

A bit of a controversy has been brewing concerning a Somerville Police Department sting operation involving pedestrian safety in crosswalks in the city.

Undercover "pedestrians" are sent walking through a clearly marked crosswalk for which oncoming vehicular traffic should give right-of-way. If a vehicle disregards the pedestrian and goes through an awaiting patrol car pulls the driver over and issues a citation.

Some have criticized the operation as being too excessive and focused on generating revenue for the city. The police department insists that the program is intended to raise awareness of pedestrian rights and safety concerns.

The SPD have released the following statement:

*The City of Somerville takes safety very seriously and pedestrian safety is no exception. Somerville experiences on average 47 pedestrian accidents per year, and a pedestrian was killed just last month in a crosswalk in Davis Square. As the cars speeding by the pedestrian in this video show, increased enforcement is clearly needed for crosswalks. Just as we enforce stop signs, speeding and red lights, we must enforce*

*crosswalk regulations as well to ensure resident safety, especially the safety of children and seniors. This intersection has seen a number of pedestrian and cyclist accidents over the years and was recently identified as one of the top intersections of concern in the city. At intersections such as this where drivers clearly are not stopping as required, we prefer to have an officer out there rather than wait for an unsuspecting resident to risk getting hit.*

*The Somerville Police Department worked with state and federal transportation and public safety agencies to target this area specifically to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.*

*Additionally, the city restriped or added more than 2,000 crosswalks citywide, added or repaired more than 1,800 damaged or faded traffic signs, and installed about 300 reflective signs for added visibility on pedestrian and stop signs. We're trying to make it easier for drivers to see pedestrians in crosswalks and know when to stop. But when they fail to do so, it is our duty to enforce the laws that keep our residents safe.*

A video posted on YouTube by a citizen who is skeptical of the city's motives in implementing this program has garnered a lot of attention. It can be found here: <http://youtu.be/iGZd1AbSMfQ>



Clearly marked pedestrian crossings like this one are reportedly being heavily monitored by police.

# Police Chief finalists narrowed down to two



Current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations David Fallon (left) and Current Manchester, NH Police Chief David Mara (right).

The finalists for Somerville Chief of Police have been narrowed to two: Somerville Deputy Chief of Operations David Fallon and Manchester, NH, Chief of Police David Mara, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced last week.

Following a public hearing with the four initial finalists selected by the Police Chief Search Committee—Fallon, Mara, Somerville Deputy Chief of Support Michael Cabral, and Hamden, CT, Chief of Police Thomas Wydra—the committee submitted a final written assessment of each candidate to Mayor Curtatone for consideration. A team of City officials including the Mayor, Director of Personnel Bill Roche, Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi, and Teen Empowerment Executive Director Stanley Pollock interviewed each of the candidates following the public hearing before narrowing the finalists down to Fallon and Mara. Together with a team of city officials, Mayor Curtatone will conduct site visits on July 28 and 31, with the goal of presenting a new Chief of Police to the Board of Aldermen at the Board's meeting on Aug. 28.

Experience and education of the two finalists (full resumes are available online) include:

- David Fallon: Current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations. Formerly captain, lieutenant, sergeant and patrolman with the Somerville Police, and security police with the U.S. Air Force. Fallon holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Western New England College, a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from University of Massachusetts-Boston, and an associate degree in applied science from Community College of the Air Force.

- David Mara: Current Manchester, NH Police Chief. Formerly administrative captain, prosecutor, patrol sergeant and officer with Manchester Police, and prosecuting attorney with the City of Manchester's Office of the City Solicitor. Mara holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and a juris doctor from New England School of Law.

"We had four extremely qualified and excellent candidates for Somerville's next Chief of Police and it was difficult to narrow down the list," said Mayor Curtatone. "I want to thank Deputy Chief Cabral and Chief Wydra—two outstanding candidates—for taking part in this process and wish them the best of success in

the future. I look forward to visiting with Deputy Chief Fallon here in Somerville and Chief Mara in Manchester to learn more before selecting our new chief."

The city selected Waters Consulting Group through a request for proposals in December to assist in the search for a new police chief. Working with the Police Chief Search Committee, Waters Consulting representative Chuck Rohre interviewed city officials and over 40 constituent group representatives, held a public hearing and conducted a citywide survey that had more than 200 responses to obtain input on the qualities and characteristics desired of the next police chief. By the April deadline, 37 candidates applied for the position, which the Search Committee narrowed down to the four initial finalists. The public hearing with the four candidates was held on June 25, with the public submitting questions through the city website and in writing at locations around the city.

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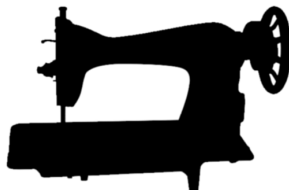
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# Assembly Row Summer Series begins July 24

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Assembly Row is one of the hottest areas in Somerville today, as the shops and restaurants have already started to open and the new MBTA station is set to be functional within the next few months. While the attractions have already started to attract more Somervillians and others from neighboring towns, several events will likely send traffic soaring even higher.

The Design Museum Boston, along with the support of the Federal Realty Investment Trust, will be putting on a Summer Series that will have several events at Assembly Row. The first, a free event open to the public, will feature an urban design keynote from Vancouver-based writer Christine McLaren and will take place on July 24 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at 1 Assembly Row in the amphitheater.

McLaren was the lead researcher for *Happy City*, a forthcoming book by celebrated Canadian journalist Charles Montgomery, which hones in on the impact urban design has on the livelihood of those living in the areas. At the Urban Design Keynote next Thursday, July 24, McLaren will provide insights related to environmental issues and urban planning as they intersect with local populations.

All of the events will focus on this interaction between urban design and the community

members living in these environments, making the brand new Assembly Row an exceptional venue for these types of discussions.

In an interview with *The Somerville Times*, Sam Aquillano, the co-founder and executive director of Design Museum Boston, affirmed that the developers involved in the creation and management of Assembly Row have had the proper mindset throughout the various stages that have taken place.

“We work with a lot of different developers and you do not hear the word ‘people’ a lot, it’s all about buildings and it’s not about the human-centered approach,” Aquillano explained. “I think that’s what I’ve heard a lot from the Federal Realty folks - how are people going to interact with the space - they know that it’s at a different scale than Somerville is used to ... it is like building an entirely new neighborhood from scratch.”

He also pointed out that the developers have been specifically focused on street-level aspects of the environments along with the buildings themselves, helping to create a mixed-use space that can act as a central hub for commerce and the community itself.

As for the opening event for the Summer Series, Aquillano highlighted some of the reasons why Somervillians would want to come out and listen to McLaren’s keynote.

“She’s going to talk about how



Assembly Row Summer Series is right around the corner, so get ready to have some fun in the sun – and the shade.

you can design a city to make people happier, and you’re going to be sitting in a new neighborhood that is being built to make people happy,” he added. “You’re in this context of a new neighborhood being built and designed, and you’ll have this presenter basically talking about the latest thinking and thought leadership behind designing cities.”

McLaren’s keynote speech will mark the start of the Design Museum Boston’s Assembly Row Summer Series, which will be followed up by a screening of *The Human Scale*, a Danish film that discusses urban area optimization on August 29 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. This event will also feature a live question and answer component conducted via Skype with the

filmmaker.

The final event will be an Urban Design Panel that will thus far include senior urban designer and architect at the Boston Redevelopment Authority Corey Zehngebot, Landscape Architect and Principal at Sasaki Gina Ford, Senior Vice President of Federal Realty Trust Don Briggs and Architecture and Design principal at ADD Inc. B.K. Boley. This will take place on September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

When asked why Somervillians should be interested in the design going into Assembly Row and other areas throughout the city, Aquillano said the following:

“From our perspective, our whole tagline is ‘design is every-

where,’ and it affects every aspect of our lives, from the design of our phones to the design of our buildings and neighborhoods. You might not be designing your neighborhood, but if you aren’t a part of that, someone is going to be making the decisions for you ... we’re trying to educate people that everything around them is important to curate.”

All of the events at Assembly Row are free and open to the general public, while the Design Museum Boston is putting on several other events around the Boston area throughout the summer as well. More information about the series and the Design Museum Boston itself can be found through the organization’s main website, [design-museum-boston.org](http://design-museum-boston.org).

## COMMENTARY

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## Some ideas for preventing gentrification in Union Sq.

A Boston Globe op-ed from July 1 claimed that “at heart, Somerville’s Union Square redevelopment is an anti-gentrification plan. The only way to moderate spiking rents is to build more.” Unfortunately, the redevelopment itself is not an anti-gentri-

fication plan. It will take strong community involvement and proactive anti-displacement measures to make it one.

Since the 1980s, Somerville has become both more diverse and more gentrified, with a mix of artists, professionals, immigrants (over 25 percent of the population is foreign-born), and working-class residents. In recent years, the City has worked hard to bolster its economic standing by increasing the commercial tax base and encouraging development. As the op-ed shows, the strategy is paying off and Somerville is finally poised to achieve its economic goals. But at what cost?

“I am part of the immigrant community of Union Square,” says Bridget Breton, who lives

with her family on Carlton Street. “We want to live in a safe neighborhood with affordable businesses, parks and open space for our children, and above all rents that are within our reach. We want Union Square to continue being our home. This is a multicultural community of people who work hard every day to bring opportunity to our families.”

Changes in Somerville threaten to displace people like Bridget. Property values and taxes have increased an average of 10 percent per year over the last two decades, and will skyrocket with the arrival of the Green Line. Corresponding rent increases have already begun to displace residents and businesses – in the last six months,

at least five businesses have left Union Square. According to a recent report by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, 113 apartments in Union Square are at risk of condo conversion, and the rest will see staggering rent increases. Without strong anti-displacement measures, many people will be displaced from Union Square and the rest of the GLX corridor by rising costs.

Since the redevelopment was announced, more than ten community groups, twelve businesses, and 25 residents have formed the Union United Coalition and are drafting a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) based on principles of equity that calls for concrete actions to prevent displacement. We look forward to working

with the Union Square Station Associates (US2) development team and other stakeholders so that those most at risk of displacement have access to the opportunities created by the redevelopment. In the words of Dirce Silva, a local business owner, “I’m part of Union United because I want to be informed about what’s going on, support my community, and grow my business. I went through hard times in Union Square during the economic crisis, and I want to be here for the good times too.”

Our proposed CBA will include specific requirements for affordable housing, local businesses, local jobs, workers’ rights, green space, art and culture, public safety, and

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on five roll calls from the week of July 7-11.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

**POSTPONE GUN BILL FOR ONE WEEK**  
House 57-92, rejected a motion to postpone for one week debate and a vote on the bill making changes in the state’s gun laws.

Postponement supporters said the bill has only been available to members to read for a very short period of time. They argued it is undemocratic and irresponsible to debate and vote on this important bill without giving legislators a chance to read it and get input from their constituents.

Postponement opponents the gun issue has been around for years and every member has had input on this bill. They argued that this bill has had more discussion, deliberation and input than any other bill being considered

by the House.  
(A “Yes” vote is for postponement. A “No” vote is against postponement.)

Rep. Denise Provost No  
Rep. Timothy Toomey No

**GUNS (H 4278)**  
House 112-38, approved and sent to the Senate a bill making changes in the state’s gun laws. A key provision allows police chiefs to deny a firearm identification (FID) card if there is credible information that the applicant poses a public safety risk.

Other provisions prohibit a convicted felon from acquiring an FID card; require gun dealers to obtain a CORI check when hiring workers; increase the fine for failure to report a lost or stolen firearm; require school districts to have a school resource officer to provide security services and to develop plans to address the mental health needs of their students; and increase the penalty for carrying a firearm on school grounds.

Supporters said this comprehensive proposal is a well-balanced update of current gun laws that will remove the unnecessary burden placed on gun owners while taking action to eliminate firearm violence in the state.

Some opponents said they opposed the bill because they did not have sufficient time to read it since it was brought up for a vote only a few hours after legislators received a copy of it. Others said the bill goes too far and infringes on the rights of lawful gun owners and imposes unfunded mandates on schools.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes  
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

**REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR GUN CHANGES (H 4278)**  
House 30-120, rejected an amendment that would prohibit any new requirements to be placed on gun owners by any state authority or constitutional officer without the approval of the Legislature.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure the Legislature retains its power to regulate guns and prohibit other officials from making changes without legislative approval. They argued it has no effect on the power of local police chiefs.

Amendment opponents said it would take some discretion away from local police chiefs who, when denying an FID card, would be required to list the credible information that an applicant poses a public safety risk. They argued the amendment might require the chiefs to obtain legislative approval for the denial.

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

Rep. Denise Provost No  
Rep. Timothy Toomey No

**JUVENILE KILLERS (S 2246)**  
Senate 37-2, approved a bill making juveniles convicted of first-degree felony murder or premeditated murder

committed between their 14th and 18th birthdays eligible for parole after serving 20 to 30 years in prison. It also makes juveniles convicted of first-degree murder with “extreme atrocity” eligible for parole after 30 years. The bill was filed in response to last year’s Supreme Judicial Court ruling that life sentences without the possibility for parole for juveniles were unconstitutional.

Supporters said this range of strict minimum sentences is a balanced approach that protects the public while recognizing the special circumstances that the court pointed out about the developmental differences between children and adults.

Opponents said the sentences are too harsh and noted that serving 15 years before being eligible for parole would be a fairer choice. They noted the international average maximum sentence for juvenile murderers is 20 years.

The House has approved a different version of the bill. A House-Senate conference committee will attempt to work out a compromise version.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

**ELIGIBLE AFTER 35 YEARS (S 2246)**  
Senate 16-23, rejected an amendment increasing the 20 to 30 year range that juvenile first-degree murderers must serve before being eligible for parole to a flat 35 years.

Amendment supporters said 35 years is a fair sentence given the severity of the crimes and the inability to sentence these murderers to life without parole.

Amendment opponents said 35 years is excessive and most said they supported the 20 to 30 years range.

(A “Yes” vote is for waiting 35 years. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

**30 YEARS IF EXTREME ATROCITY (S 2246)**  
Senate 34-5, approved an amendment increasing the 20 to 30 year range that juvenile first-degree murderers must serve before being eligible for parole to a flat 30 years if the murder was committed with extreme atrocity or cruelty.

Amendment supporters said juveniles convicted of murder with atrocity or cruelty should have to serve more years prior to being eligible for parole than other cases of first-degree murder.

Some amendment opponents said the 30 years is excessive and argued that the 20 to 30 year range gives more flexibility. Others said they support an even shorter period of 15 years.

(A “Yes” vote is for the increase to 30 years. A “No” vote is against the increase.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes



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## REGULATE PORTABLE ROCK CLIMBING (S 2253)

Senate 38-1, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring companies that set up portable rock climbing walls higher than 12 feet to be equipped with an inflatable protective base and guardrail surrounding the base of the wall. The measure also requires that all climbers use a safety harness and a helmet.

Supporters said this highly unregulated industry should be regulated in order to ensure safety, prevent injuries and save lives.

The lone opponent said the bill is another example of unnecessary government intrusion. He noted it would hurt many of these companies because it would not allow them to use their existing walls and will result in the purchase of new equipment.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## \$1.9 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND BILL (S 2250)

Senate 38-0, approved a \$1.9 billion environmental bond package allowing the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects. The Senate during floor debate added an estimated \$200 million in extra spending, many for projects in individual districts. The measure includes dozens of earmarks costing hundreds of millions of dollars proposed by individual senators and designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a “wish list”: The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

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

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**GOV. PATRICK SIGNS \$36.5 BILLION FISCAL 2015 STATE BUDGET (H 4001)** - Gov. Deval Patrick vetoed \$16.1 million in spending and then signed into law a \$36.5 billion fiscal 2015 budget that increases spending by 5.5 percent.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

Opponents said the budget is excessive and does not include sufficient reforms.

**WELFARE CHANGES (S 2211)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill making changes in the state’s welfare system including increasing penalties for store owners who knowingly allow the purchase of prohibited

products or services with an EBT card. The measure also mandates that applicants search for a job prior to receiving cash assistance. Current law gives recipients a 60-day window after they start receiving benefits before they are required to look for employment.

Other provisions reduce the period for an extension of benefits beyond the 24-month period from six months to three months; create a job diversion program to connect able-bodied individuals with full-time jobs before they start receiving benefits; and change the school attendance requirement from age 14 to age 16.

**WARNING SYSTEM AT BEACHES (S 2247)** - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill creating a program that uses different colored flags to advise beachgoers of the safety conditions at their beach. This uniform warning system would be required at all public beaches maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Cities and towns would have the option of using the flags for their local beaches.

The bill was filed at the urging of Anthony Harrison, the father of Caleigh Anderson, the 2-year-old girl who went missing while at the beach in 2012 and is believed to have been swept out to sea. Supporters said the flag system might have saved Caleigh’s life and should become law in order to save the lives of others.

**LOTTERY FOR LOW LICENSE PLATES** - The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced it is now accepting applications for the 2014 Low Number License Plate Lottery. This year’s batch includes 160 low number license plates including 351, D88, 6777 and 7000. Applications are available at all RMV branches and online at [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv). All entries must be mailed and postmarked by August 11. No date for the drawing has been set.

**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS LICENSES FOR NON-CITIZENS (H 3946)** - The House and Senate have agreed on a version of a bill that would make it easier for non-citizens to obtain a license to compete in mixed martial arts, boxing and kickboxing competitions in Massachusetts. Current law requires the fighter to obtain a social security number. The bill would allow the use of a form of identification “sufficient to identify the applicant.” Only final approval is needed in each chamber until the measure goes to the governor.

Supporters said the social security number requirement discourages many major competitions from holding events in the Bay State because it is a long process to get a social security number.

**COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES (H 4235)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would increase the state’s oversight and regulation of compounding pharmacies that create a specific product to fit the unique needs of a patient. The bill comes more than a year after the State Board of Pharmacy voted to permanently revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, the pharmacy at the center of the 2012 spread of fungal meningitis that infected hundreds of people across the nation and killed 64.

Supporters said the bill will save lives by setting many new standards and requiring more transparency from compounding pharmacies. They argued it would help prevent an event like the meningitis outbreak of 2012 from ever happening again.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Local managers remain fearful of making a ‘wrong decision’ that could find them responsible for the next Jeremiah Oliver.” — *Peter MacKinnon, president of the SEIU Local 509 representing social workers, on the morale of social workers at the Department of Children and Families. Jeremiah Oliver is the 5-year-old Fitchburg boy who went missing and was later found dead.*

“With this legislation, we will go from the state where an unregulated pharmacy compounded a substance that killed dozens of people and caused more than 700 to deal with serious illness, to the state which provides patients with the best safety standards in the country.” — *Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy) on the new law increasing the state’s oversight and regulation of compounding pharmacies.*

“At a time when employers and the state are struggling with the high cost of health care, adopting new mandated benefits will exacerbate the challenge Massachusetts businesses face in finding affordable options.” — *Jon Hurst, president of Retailers Association of Massachusetts, on pending legislation that mandates that health insurance companies provide additional benefits for coverage mandated by the state.*

“If she was wearing a helmet, she would not have died.” — *Sen. Thomas McGee (D-Lynn) on a bill requiring climbers using portable rock climbing walls to wear a helmet. He was referring to the May 2005 death of Stacey Sarrette, then 24, of Saugus who died of injuries suffered in a fall from one of those walls.*

**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 July 7-11, the House met for a total of nine hours and 55 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 11 hours and 54 minutes.

Mon. July 7	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Tues. July 8	No House session Senate 1:00 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.
Wed. July 9	House 11:01 a.m. to 8:14 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. July 10	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 6:46 p.m.
Fri. July 11	No House session Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

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Community engagement critical to Union Square revitalization



By Joseph A. Curtatone

After months of public meetings, presentations, community feedback and visits to projects across the country, we took our first big step in Union Square. In June, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority selected US2 to undertake perhaps the most important and most sensitive project in Somerville—the

revitalization of key properties in Union Square that will complement this historic neighborhood, while realizing our vision of more jobs, more housing with a range of affordability, and more green space. I want to thank the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee, the Redevelopment Authority, city staff and every community member who provided insight and thoughtful critiques over the past six months. But that was just the first step. We need that insightful participation to continue.

In the coming weeks, US2 will schedule a kickoff event in the square and lay out a 100-day plan that will launch this project. A major component of the next

100 days—and beyond—must include community engagement if we are to realize our collective goals for Union Square.

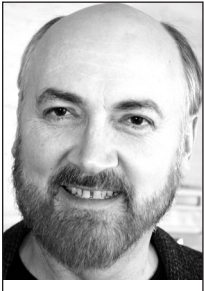
Fortunately, US2 has already demonstrated a commitment to community engagement from the start of the master developer selection process. When the Redevelopment Authority first began receiving applications for a Union Square master developer partner in January, US2 may have been the biggest mystery among the firms that applied, but their team quickly turned that around. As noted in both the CAC’s report and a city staff report, the US2 team had a notable presence on the ground in Somerville, including top executives from Magellan Development and senior real estate personnel from Mesirow Financial, the two firms that partnered to form US2.

They have reached out to the community, solicited as much feedback as possible and taken the time to truly understand Union Square’s unique character and challenges. The ‘early activation’ strategy that US2 sketched out during this process demonstrates that they get what Union Square is today—a place where creativity flourishes among innovators, makers and artists in a neighborhood made vibrant through local businesses and the diversity of its residents. They also made the commitment early on to have a full-time project manager in Somerville, have a US2 principal establish a home here, and to open a local office in the heart of Union Square.

This kind of hands-on approach from US2’s top officials and open door policy has been gratifying to see, because in Somerville, we’ve seen how an inclusive, engaged approach yields the best results. It’s also gratifying to see because we have made it clear in the request for qualifications that solicited master developer partner applications that we expect community engagement and public participation to be an integral part of the revitalization of Union Square. The CAC

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Rules of Thumb



By William C. Shelton

Any man in Davis or Union Squares on a Friday night who is drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon, discussing obscure bands and movies, and wearing Converse All-Stars, a plaid shirt, tight jeans, heavy-rimmed glasses and facial hair will declare that he is not a hipster.

The crossbar on a bicycle should just come to your crotch, standing flat-footed with your shoes off.

Spring moves north about 13 miles per day.

When trying to get somewhere in Somerville without directions, take a turn at every major intersection. On Cape Cod, go straight and look for signs.

If a knife’s edge reflects light, take it to Siraco’s van in Union Square on the last Farmer’s Market of the month.

You will recognize the obvious much sooner than the experts.

The intensity of a cheese’s flavor is inversely proportional to

the thickness of its slices.

When you are conversing with people who don’t speak English, assume that they understand about half as much as they look like they understand.

A developer who buys a residential lot or property in Somerville will obtain permission from the Zoning Board of Appeals to build more units that the Zoning Code allows.

Those units will cost more than the homes that surround them.

Don’t enter a poker game unless you have fifty times the betting limit in your pocket.

The diameter of a tree trunk in inches is the radius of the root

system in feet.

New arrivals to Somerville remain politically inert for seven years unless they have children who are in public schools.

In half the cases, an employee calling in sick is actually sick.

We tend to do to others what has been done to us.

To estimate the number of calories that you consume each day, multiply your weight by 15. To gain or lose weight, increase or decrease this number by 20%.

A used tool in good condition should cost no more than half the price of a new one.

The number of seconds between lightning and thunder,

divided by five, is the number of miles you are away from it.

Any time a mechanic begins by telling you how lucky you are that you brought your car in when you did, plan on spending at least \$500.

If for some reason you need to wear a tuxedo more than once every year, it is cheaper to buy than to rent.

Somerville government costs \$132,000 per year for every taxable acre of land.

A 3/4 front view makes the best photo for selling a car.

A ball hit to left field by a left-handed hitter will slice toward the

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Wait until your father gets home!



Originally published July 17, 2010

My kids had turned just about every light in the house on and went out. When they came back I said, “Who do you think I am, Rockefeller?” They looked at me with a very strange expression. I should have updated it to Donald Trump.

I find the same words my parents said to me as a kid are now coming out of my own mouth. My father always threatened that someday the roof was going to fall in on me, and that my big mouth was going to get me in a lot of trouble. My mom used to say, “I hope your children treat you the same way you treat me.” There

were many more.

I asked my buddies to toss out a few gems from their parents that we could have a laugh about, and here they are. As always, thanks to all my Facebook friends!

Don’t cross your eyes or they will stay that way. Eat your broccoli. There are children starving in China. When you live under my roof, you live under my rules. I’m going to count to 3. 1 ... 2...

When they used your full name you were really in trouble, like ... James Steven Del Ponte, you get over here this instant! I’ll give you something to cry about young man! Now, go back down to Lionel’s Barber shop and get a real haircut! Because I’m the mother and I say so, that’s why. I didn’t just fall off of the turnip truck! Children should be seen and not heard!

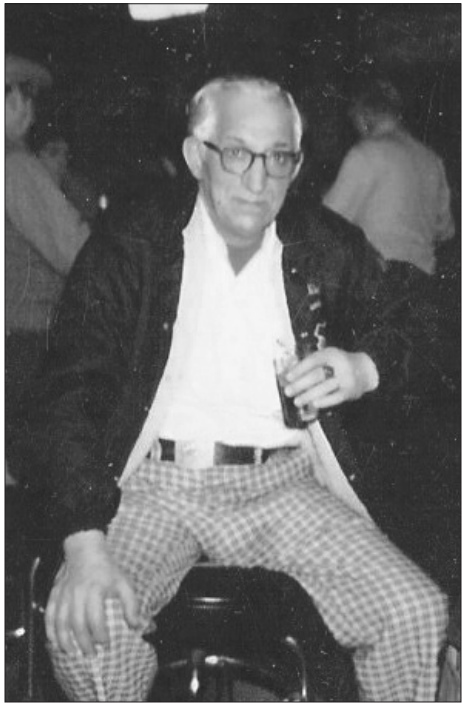
If your friends were jumping off the Ball Square bridge would you jump too? When you’re old enough to have your own home you can do what you want, but as long as you live in my house you’ll do what I tell you to.

Don’t run away from me. Get over here! Why don’t you try using your head for something besides a hat rack? If you fall out of that tree and break your leg don’t coming running to me.

Stop spinning that channel knob so fast, you’re going to break it. Your room looks like a cyclone hit it! Wipe that smirk off your face right now young man or I’ll wipe it off for you! Don’t get smart with me! Don’t give me any of your lip. Who do you think you are?

Don’t talk with

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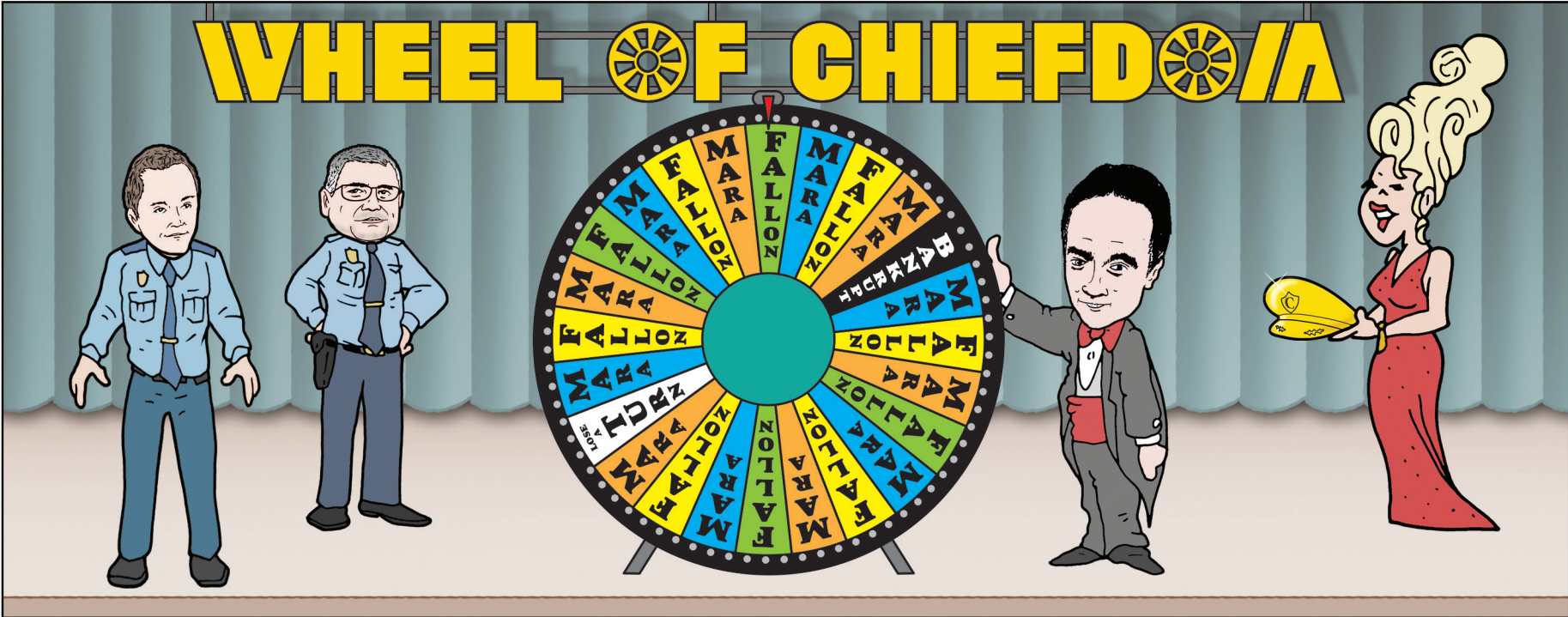




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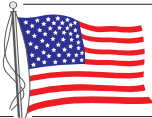
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



...and where it stops nobody knows.

The View Of The Times



The process of finding a replacement for our outgoing Chief of Police has been quite an undertaking. From a “nationwide search” – yielding four New Englanders as final contenders, as it happens – to a thorough vetting process involving city officials and the general public, we have before us now two finalists who are excellent candidates for the position.

Both Deputy Chief of Operations David Fallon and Manchester, NH Police

Chief David Mara have the experience and skills needed to take the helm at the Somerville Police Department.

The question before us now is who will be the best choice overall, given the challenges and demands that go with the job.

After careful consideration, we are prepared to endorse David Fallon as our choice to fill the position.

The Deputy Chief is local, knows the city and the Department, and should

enjoy the full support of the public and city officials.

His record of service to the community is outstanding, and the combination of education, practical experience, and innate talent fits the bill perfectly in our estimation.

While we extend the utmost respect and appreciation to Chief Mara, and thank him for his interest in serving our city, we hope that Deputy Chief Fallon

will get the nod and be allowed to prove his worth to the city and its people.

Perhaps, too, that revolving door that has been on the move so often in recent years will finally be given a rest, as we welcome a true local presence in the office that is so important to the community.

We eagerly look forward to seeing David Fallon take his place as our Police Department’s new Commander-in-Chief.

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and networking. Please RSVP to this event. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1421512128112654/?ref>

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Happy Birthday this week to some of our friends and fans here at The Times. A Happy Birthday to Ali (Koty) Fernandes, who is celebrating this week. It’s hard to believe all these years fly by. We remember her back on Ohio LN. Another special person this week, Charlotte Pye, who is very well known here in Somerville and on the North Shore. What a great lady. We wish her many happy returns. Another large Somerville family member, Paula MacLeod-Woodfill, is celebrating this week as well. From a great family and a nice lady. We wish many more great and happy birthdays. Happy Birthday to Steve Soares, who is celebrating this week. And one person who we’re still waiting for a certain phone call from who is celebrating this week, Richard Spinoso, a lifelong Villen and from a great family here in the Ville. We hear Dad’s here for the summer. Maybe this year there is a barbeque? To Mr. Ken Manzi, who lived here all his life up until recently, is having his birthday this week as well. Also celebrating this

week is Joe Vanessa a nice guy and the obviously successful owner of Mod-elo’s Meat Market in Maguon Square. Many happy returns, Joe!

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We have to say the East Somerville reunion was such a great time and it was nice to see how well we aged. We were very surprised to see how many still live here in the city. Talk to anyone from East Somerville and they will tell you the same thing, it’s a special place and it was great to have it as home while growing up. To the many others who couldn’t be there for many reasons, if it happens again, make sure you attend and take that walk down memory lane.

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Well, an interesting thing is about to happen here in the city. For the first time in many years the mayor just might have to veto a recent vote by the Board of Alderman regarding campaign contributions. A majority of aldermen want to decrease the amount of contributions to campaigns from \$500 to \$250. The vote was 7-4, but needs an 8-3 majority to ordain it and for it to go before the mayor. Unfortunately the mayor is having a bumpy ride with some of the aldermen, so

who knows, maybe next year we will see more candidates for office on the ward level from various points of view.

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Congratulations to former Mayor Dorothy Kelly-Gay on being appointed to the Planning Board by Mayor Joe. Dorothy will bring a good perspective to the board and we wish her the very best of luck.

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A new Somerville Police Chief will be selected real soon, if not already this week. We’re going for the local guy, Dep. Chief David Fallon. Both candidates Fallon and Mara are excellent choices.

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Don’t forget the Mt. Vernon Restaurant and their great meals and prices. Cut out the coupon in our paper today and get yourself down for a fine twin lobster dinner for only \$16.99.

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What a great opportunity for a job someone might need on their resume. We hear that Patsy’s Pasty shop on Lower Broadway is going to remain open at least through to next spring and they are looking for a baker to come and work with them. Again,

what a great opporutnity for someone to gain knowledge from these owners. Who knows? The next “Cake Boss” might just be from here in the city.

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Do you want to help set the direction for Somerville’s anti-poverty agency? The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) is seeking candidates for its Board elections, coming up in September. “We’re at a critical time in the history of Somerville and CAAS. Without strong voices advocating for our low-income community, we may lose much of the diversity which makes Somerville such a great, strong place to live,” said Board President Rev. Justin Hildebrandt. “In order to be a board member you must be a Somerville resident with a commitment to the well-being of Somerville’s low-income persons and households.” The Board normally meets on the fourth Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. of each month. If you are interested in serving, please contact Justin Hildebrandt, Board President (617-863-7381 or [pastor@connexionumc.org](mailto:pastor@connexionumc.org)) or Lisa Brukilacchio, Board Member (617-591-6940 or [lbrukilacchio@challiance.org](mailto:lbrukilacchio@challiance.org)) by August 22nd.



# East Somerville pride gathers for reunion

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many from away places such as Florida, Tennessee and California and some not so far away in the south shore and north shore and still plenty that continue to still live here in Somerville.

The event started of rather slowly, but the crowds kept coming, and by 8 o'clock it started to get real noisy and crowded. The talk was loud and emotions ran deep. Happy emotions of meeting for the first time in over 30 to 40 years in some cases, talking and getting everyone caught up to date with their lives.

Conversation ran about growing up in East Somerville and hanging out in places like Glen Park, Prescott-Hanson School, Little Flower, Florence Street Park, down back, The Three Bells, Steve's, Tip-Top. And, of course, everyone in East Somerville knew about "Joe Izzy" and his special place as well as the Cross Street Drug Store that many of us used to go to on Sunday's to get those not so high prices on those special bargains.

The tar pits off Washington Street and, yes, some talk even took place about the Bucket of Blood and Tin Roof, two of East Somerville's notorious locations. Buying cloths at Tucks, going to the Broadway show for 25cents and the long walk to Northeastern Junior High and those crazy train rides home after school. Monsg. Hogan and his rants. Great memories, and it was great to connect with those from our past.

The reunion may have been inspired by Dan Rogovich, but he credits three East Somerville ladies to making sure it was going to happen: Rita DiRusso, Susan Carter-Craghead and Susan Mangherini. Dan said this could not have happened without their help all along the way. He credits them with putting it all together. Also, he credits those who made the donations to get the hall and food so that it was a no cost event for those attending.

There were lots of laughs, good times and good memories of a community that everyone from East Somerville loved. There was some talk that maybe this will happen again, and who knows? Keep an eye on Facebook. We hear that maybe a new page will be started and maybe some others will step in and help to coordinate a second reunion in the next year or so. The sign on the door was not missed by anyone coming and going: "We are East Somerville" — and to think about it, we always will be!







Photos by Donald Norton





SPORTS

Somerville Youth Soccer Boys Team finishes third best in state finals

The Somerville Youth Soccer BU12-1 team completed their Spring 2014 season on a high note, finishing third best in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC). The boys-under-12 team earned their MTOC ticket with a 9-1-0 regular season record and first place finish in the 2014 MYSL Commissioners Cup.

The team won their first 3 MTOC playoff games against other league champions before losing a close semifinal game (2-1) to a strong Ludlow team. The third place finish is motivation for the upcoming fall season; the team is determined to become the first Somerville boys team to win an MTOC

state championship.

On a related note, teammate Ben Lopez has been chosen to play for the Region 1 Olympic Development Program (ODP). ODP has only four geographical regions across the US. Ben was the only player from Massachusetts to be selected for the Region 1 ODP team. ODP is charged with finding and developing the best youth soccer players in the country who will then compete with other top athletes to earn a potential roster spot on the US National Team and represent our country in future Olympic and World Cup matches.

Ben attends the Argenziano School and is excited about his ODP opportunity. Says Coach



Back row: Coach Paul Clarke, Tarekgn O'Neill, Luca Duclos-Orsello, Ben Lopez, Diego Garcia, Tyler Whitney-Ellis, Coach Julio Veliz. Front row: Jeremy Rodriguez, Oliver Clarke, Alexis Figuierroa, Diego Nolasco, Owen Sheehy.

Paul Clarke, "Ben is hard working athlete. He has great skill, great strength, and a tremendous soccer IQ. All of these attributes will serve him well. Ben's future is bright."

Alibrandis edge South End

By Ben Cassidy

Last Thursday night, the Somerville Alibrandis defeated the South End Astros 4-3 at Jim Rice Field in Roxbury. The victory moved the Alibrandis to 15-7-1. As of Sunday, Somerville trailed Stoneham and Revere in the Ted Williams Division of the Yawkey Baseball League.

Somerville started and finished strong against South End. The Alibrandis scored three runs in the first inning and broke a 3-3 tie with a run in the seventh, which proved to be enough to squeak by the middling Astros (10-11-1 as of Sunday). Ted Dziuba had two of the Alibrandis' eight hits, including his first home run of the season, and Marc DesRoches provided two more knocks from the fifth spot in the order. Vladimir Camacho pitched a scoreless sixth and picked up his second win of the season, and Brian Tanguy notched his fourth save of the season.

The Astros were able to hang around because Somerville was uncharacteristically sloppy in the field. Over the first 22 games of the season, the Alibrandis had committed 35 errors. Against South End, the



The Alibrandis victory over South End gives the team a 15-7-1 lead for the time being.

club had four miscues.

The Alibrandis play the Brighton Black Sox tonight at Rogers Park and host the Brighton Minutemen on Friday at Trum Field. The Alibrandis were to have played Monday at East Boston.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. There are 33 words on the back of a bottle of what brand of beer?

2. What requires seven signatures in red ink?

3. Who created Tarzan in 1914?

4. On which ship did President Nixon welcome the astronauts back from the moon?

5. What base did Babe Ruth touch for luck while running from the outfield between innings?

6. What US Congressman had roles in *Hairspray* and *Airplane II* before winning his seat in congress?

7. What do seals live in?

8. What is the common name for *Yuca Brevifolia*?

9. What Las Vegas crooner spent \$75,000 to refurbish his pet penguins' pond?

10. How did Jeff Bezos pick the name for his e-commerce company, Amazon.com?

11. What soccer player was voted World Player of the Century by the International Federation of Football History & Statistics?

12. What was the only language beat writer Jack Kerouac spoke until the age of six?

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Local Somerville company needs part-time home telemarketers to make calls for appointments. Experience preferred, but if you're self motivated, home during the day and think you can handle making calls to get sales leads, contact us at 617-623-6605 and ask for Tom.

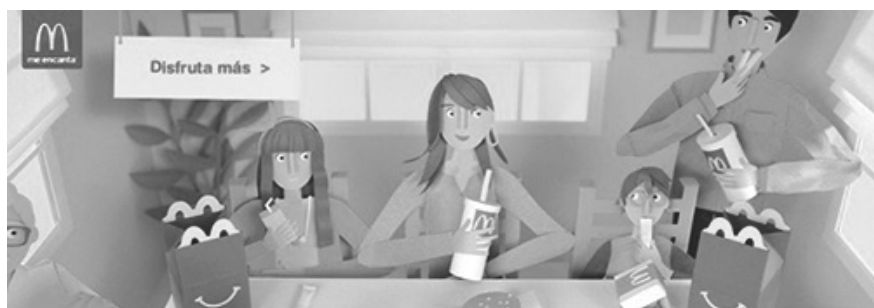


## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

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



Here are the latest Somerville Neighborhood News headlines: The Boston Globe says 56% of state residents have no problem with more casinos. What do Somervillians think? The city needs more playing fields; what's better, grass or artificial turf? A lot of Somerville youth are overweight. Some are even considered obese. Why and what is being done? Independence Day, bike safety, the Museum of Bad Art and more, on Somerville Neighborhood News #19. Watch it on Channel 3 Tuesdays 7 pm, or online at [www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org](http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org).



## Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program openings available

A few spots are still open for the second session of the Somerville CIT/LIT Job Readiness program. The program serves approximately 24 13-15 year olds in each of the two 4 weeklong sessions, for a total of 48 youth in eight weeks.

With partnership from the Somerville YMCA, Somerville Community Youth Program, SCALE Program and the Teen Empowerment Program this motivational program provides youth leadership, team building, and job readiness training activities.

The purpose of the program is to train youth for future employment in a summer camp program or other job opportunities when they are age appropriate. The program runs 30 hours a week, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is the Scale Program located in the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street near Davis Square.

In addition to the many aspects the

program will cover, the youth will learn how to fill out job applications, create resumes, go on mock job interviews, as well as learn to set up bank accounts.

During the program teens spend time as counselors in training for a few hours at the YMCA and other local summer day camp programs. At the end of the four week session the participating youth will receive a certificate of achievement and stipend for completing the program.

The second session runs from July 29 to August 22. Applications are still being accepted for this session. Applications are available at the Somerville YMCA, 101 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 as well as online at [www.somervilley-mca.org](http://www.somervilley-mca.org). For more information please contact Matt O'Donnell / Joe Pinto at the YMCA (617) 625-5050 or [jpinto@somervilley-mca.org](mailto:jpinto@somervilley-mca.org), [citlit@somervilley-mca.org](mailto:citlit@somervilley-mca.org).

## Somerville Sunsetters performances for July 2014



The Sunsetters will be performing at the following locations through the month of July: July 16 — 70 Perkins St; July 17 — Windsor Rd.; July 21 — Palmacci Park; July 22 — Little Sisters (indoors); July 23 — Pearl Street Park; July 24 — 21 Hall Ave.; July 28 — 22 Rose St.; July 29 — Cobble Hill Apts; July 30 — Chandler Street; July 31 — 20 Kensington Ave. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE  
Somerville Conservation Commission  
Public Hearing

Applicant: Partners Health Care, 101 Merrimac, 8th Floor,  
Street Boston, MA 02145  
Agent: VHB, 101 Walnut Street, Box 9151,  
Watertown, MA 02471  
Location: 399 Revolution Drive, Somerville, MA 02145

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday July 22, 2014**, at **7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

Partners Health Care is proposing the redevelopment of parcel 11A within the Assembly Square Planned Unit Development (PUD). The Project consists of the construction of two mixed-use buildings with ground level retail/restaurant space and upper floor office space, a daycare center, and a stand-alone 7-story parking garage.

The site stormwater management system connect to the roadway stormwater system which in turn connects to the 72 inch stormwater outfall that discharges to the Mystic River and was previously approved by the Somerville Conservation Commission (DEP File No. 0287-0028 – See Attachment C). Condition 62 of the 72 inch outfall Order of Conditions requires that all future stormwater connections to the 72 inch outfall from new development must demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards in effect at the time of permitting. In addition, any new development area connected to the 72 inch outfall must be reviewed and approved by the Somerville Conservation Commission as an Amendment to the existing outfall Order or receive a new Order of Conditions.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 10P4319 EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

In the Interests of: **Julia M. Brown**  
Late of Somerville in the County of Massachusetts

To all interested person:

A Petition has been filed by,

**James J. McAvoy, Jr. of Melrose, MA as Public Administrator**  
of the Amended 1st, 2nd & Final Accounts

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting, determine heirs, compel or approve a distribution, adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 08/08/2014.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but, a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

Date: July 2, 2014

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday July 21, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Tasting Counter Inc., for a new All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by devices at 14 Tyler St., Somerville MA.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 15-04

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:  
**Capuano Field Lights Construction**

Nature and scope of work: Capuano Field is located at 150 Glen Street in Somerville. The scope of work is to install four new brand light poles and footings, and new sport netting poles, cables and nets. The lights, poles and footings are not included in this bid. The vendor shall be responsible for the purchase of all other items. Work is intended to extend the hours of play at this very popular field and to protect the adjacent school building from soccer balls.

Plans and specifications will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting **Thursday, July 17, 2014**, upon deposit of **non-refundable fee of \$ 50.00** for each set of Plans & Spec's, in the form of a check made payable to the City of Somerville. Any person requesting more than two sets will be required to pay a nonrefundable fee in the form of a separate check for each additional set in the amount of **\$ 50.00** per set.

**Sealed Bids** will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until **August 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

**Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email [anosnik@somervillema.gov](mailto:anosnik@somervillema.gov), for information and bid packages.**

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

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P2810EA

Estate of :  

<u>Paul</u>	<u>LeBlanc</u>
First Name	Middle Name
	Last Name

Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: January 7, 2014

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

Petitioner Barry A McGrory of Bedford MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] Barry A McGrory of Bedford MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve  
[ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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 Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday July 21, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Demeter Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Daddy Jones Bar, for an Alteration of Premises for service of alcoholic beverages in the outdoor seating area at 525 Medford St., Somerville, MA.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, July 24, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

**337 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-20)** Applicant, Back Bay Sign for Carewell Urgent Care, and Owner, Corporation, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22, for new signage and awnings. CCD 45 zone. Ward 4.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman  
To be published in The Somerville Times on 7/9/14 & 7/16/14.

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P4768EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Estate of:  
Eleanore H. Larson

Also known as: Eleanore Hazel Larson

Date of Death: 08/11/2011

To all interested person:

A Petition has been filed by,  
**Elaine Koury of Somerville MA**

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting, compel or approve a distribution, adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 07/24/2014.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but, a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

Date: June 17, 2014

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
CONSERVATOR-INVESTMENT

MIDDLESEX, SS, DIVISION Docket: MI 13P3563PM  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
NOTICE

To all persons interested in the estate of a **protected person, Jenovina Petroni, of Somerville in the County of Middlesex**, a petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that **the Conservators, Robin Portle of Somerville in the County of Middlesex** may be licensed to sell at –private sale – certain real estate situated in **Somerville** for his/her investment.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before **Ten o'clock** in the forenoon on **July 21st, 2014**, the return date of this citation.

Witness Hon. Edward F. Donnelly Jr., First Justice of said Court, this **10th day of July, 2014.**

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

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## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**Some exciting events in the coming weeks:**

**Monday Afternoon at the Movies:** Monday, July 28 – Holland Street Atrium – 12:30 P.M. Due to popular demand we have decided to extend our “Monday Afternoon at the Movies” program. July 28 we will be featuring the movie Frozen – August 25 will be Philomena – September 29 will be Saving Mr. Banks and October 27 will be The Monuments Men. Please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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

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

**Lowell Spinners:** Thursday, August 28 – For just \$31.00 you receive your transportation, seating, all you can eat BBQ and a night of America’s favorite pastime – Baseball. Check in time is 4:00 P.M. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. Game time is 7:05 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

**Hampton Beach Seafood Festival:** Sunday, September 7 – Trip includes transportation ONLY. You are responsible for lunch, shopping & the \$5. admission fee. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes and bring your appetite. You will be able to try every kind of seafood imaginable for a very affordable price. Check in time is 10:00 A.M. at the Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

Both Free Fun Fridays, Sandwich Glass Musuem – July 18 & Battleship Cove – July 25 are BOOKED.

Revere Beach on Friday the 18 is SOLD OUT.

The Tanglewood trip scheduled in July is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Foxwoods on July 22 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Foster’s Clambake scheduled for August 18 is SOLD OUT.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

The Mobile Farmer’s Market is at our Holland Street Center every Thursday throughout the summer from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

The Mayor’s Annual Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6.

Suffolk Downs – Wednesday, August 20 & Wednesday, September 17.

**LGBT EVENTS:**

LGBT Lunch – Monday, August 11 – 11:30 A.M. Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will provided a hot or cold lunch – suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than 2:30 P.M. Thursday, August 7.

LGBT Dinner & Movie night – July 21 – Yet to be deter-

mined Dinner & Movie – more information to follow.

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, July 14 at 4:30 P.M.

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**GROUP INFORMATION:**

Men’s Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is led by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men’s group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind. If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone. Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Suzanne.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask for Suzanne.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Please call Suzanne at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker intern, Simone Martell, leads this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call us at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.

Book Club – Meets the first Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti, leads this group. Join this group to read and discuss a different book each month. In most cases, copies of the book are available in the COA office. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you require additional information.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 A.M. and running for an hour most times. Our volunteer, Vilma Sullivan, leads this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive “greenhouses.” Please contact Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.

Brain Games – Meets the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 A.M. This group is led by our volunteers Eileen Jones & Jan Ciganelli. Engaging as a group in brain healthy activities. Proven that keeping the mind active can actually reverse the signs of aging and improve memory and cognitive functioning. Contact the main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

\*All these groups meet at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street

**GROUP INFORMATION:**

English Conversations – Meets every Tuesday & Wednes-

day at 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Ana Price, our Cross Street Director, leads this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

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

**Wednesday, July 16**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Downeast Duck Adventures in Portland, Maine trip

**Thursday, July 17**

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Mobile Farmer’s Market (H)

**Friday, July 18**

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Revere Beach Trip

Sand Sculptures

**Monday, July 21**

9:30 Veterans (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

5:30 LGBT Dinner & Movie (H)

**Tuesday, July 22**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 SHINE by appointment only (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (H)

Foxwood trip

**Wednesday, July 23**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

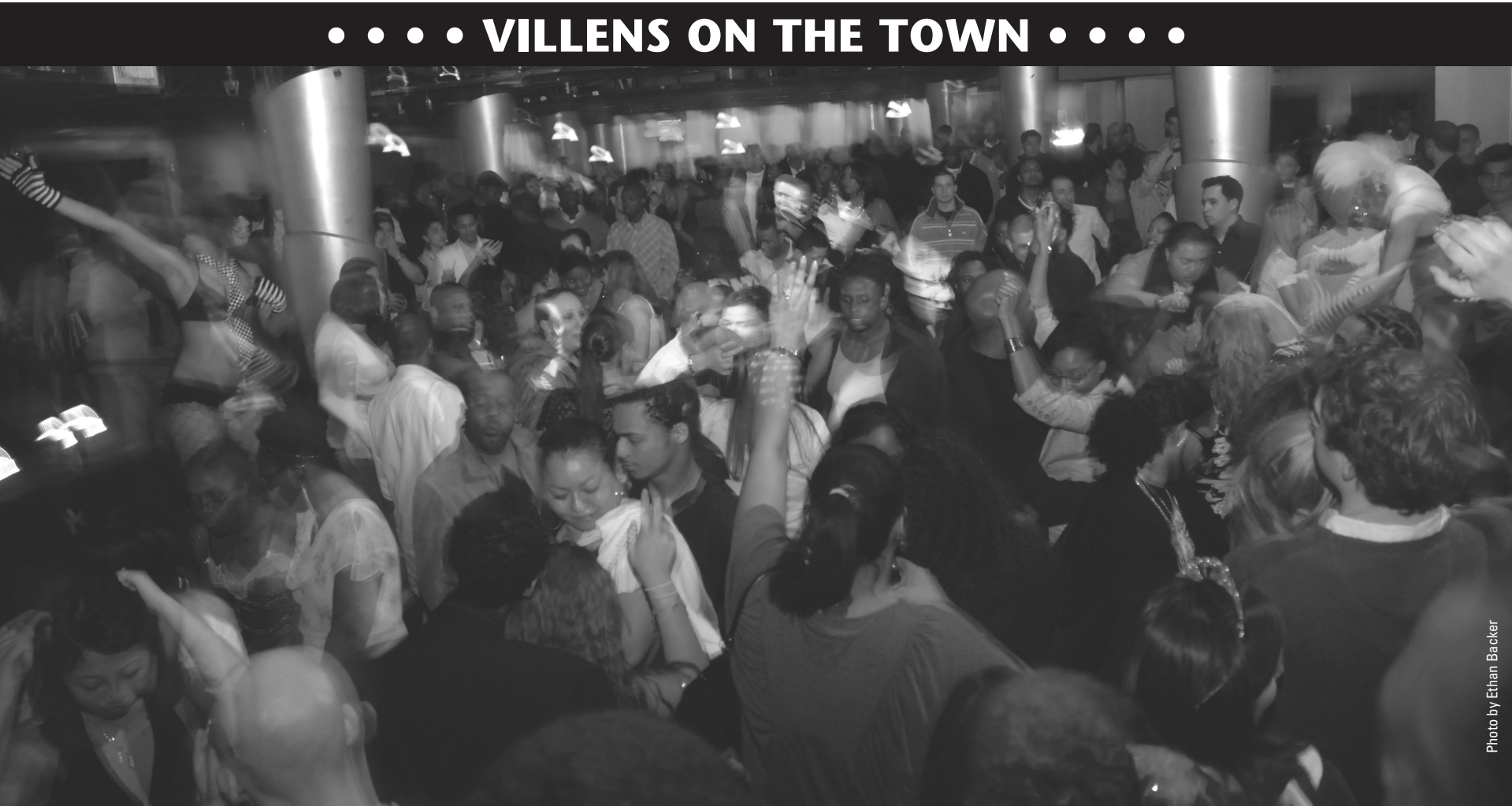
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**We have a Facebook page.** Check us out at [www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA](http://www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA).

**You can receive our monthly newsletter** that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.





**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Wednesday|July 16**

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

**West Branch Library**  
Pinto Bella Hoops  
Annamarie 617-623-5000 x2977  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|40 College Avenue

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
70 Perkins Street|7 p.m

**Thursday|July 17**

**SomerMovie FEAST**  
Fried Green Tomatoes PG-13  
Dusk|City Hall Concourse Highland Ave.

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Windsor Road|7 p.m

**Sunday|July 20**

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

**Monday|July 21**

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

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Palmacci Park |7 p.m

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

**Tuesday|July 22**

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

**Wednesday|July 23**

**East Branch Library**  
The Music Man! Sing Along with Ed Morgan  
Meghan Forsell/617-623-5000 x2970  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**

Kidstock! Jack & Jill & the Beanstalk  
Ann -x2950  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library**  
Storycraft  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Avenue

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Pearl Street Park|7 p.m

**MUSIC**

**Wednesday|July 16**

**Johnny D’s**  
Squeezebox Stompers  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
WEMF Radio presents: “CD Swap”  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
2 p.m. -7 p.m.|Café  
Extremely Casual II  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|Cafe| 191 High-

land Ave

**Thursday|July 17**

**Johnny D’s**  
Wild Woods Music & Arts Festival  
Pre-Party featuring MOXA, Harsh Armadillo and Di|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Midnight Spaghetti & The Chocolate G-Strings|The Soon To Haves|Cholesterol Jones 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Art at the Armory**  
Castle of Comedy  
8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|July 18**

**Johnny D’s**  
Rock On! Concerts Presents : Rising Appalachia|7 p.m.  
Free Friday featuring The Tins plus Bridges & Powerlines|10  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars  
|6 p.m.  
Trick Wallace presents \$5 cover  
|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Man The Sails|Denizen|Casco Viejo|Alosi Den  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Lyle Brewer Trio  
Beatles 1 p.m.  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

**ArtBeat**  
Davis Square|Seven Hills Stage  
6 p.m.-9p.m.

**Arts at the Armory**  
Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|July 19**

**Johnny D’s**  
The Fools|7 p.m.  
Bob Marley Tribute with Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen |6 p.m.  
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Back Room  
Cover Up  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Danny Charnley’s Night of Comedic Proportions|Danny Charnley w/ Emily Ruskowski|Kevin McCarron|James Mullan|Hosted by Tok Moffat  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Summer Villians & Jay Album Release  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

**ArtBeat**  
Davis Square|Seven Hills Stage  
All Day

**Sunday|July 20**

**Johnny D’s**  
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band |4 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
The Hip Swayers |6 p.m  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Love/Affairs: Songs of Infatuation and Infidelit  
5 - 7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|July 21**  
**Johnny D's**  
Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Tight Five|7 p.m.  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary

& Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Tuesday|July 22**  
**Johnny D's**  
Pine Leaf Boys  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Mike Gent and The Rapid Shave  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

9177

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

**Wednesday|July 23**  
**Johnny D's**  
Boston Jewish Music Festival presents A Multimedia tribute to Amy Winehouse plus Ingrid Gerdes  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
WEMF Radio presents: "CD Swap"  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Luke Carlino and Quarterly  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**Wednesday|July 16**  
**Central Library**  
BUSY  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Thursday|July 17**  
**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1)6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.  
40 College Avenue

**Central Library**  
Drop-In Meditation  
Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969  
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Muslim Journeys: Prince Among Slaves  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

**Saturday|July 19**  
**Bagel Bards**  
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

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

**Sunday|July 20**  
**Unity Church of God**  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

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

**Monday|July 21**  
**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
Session 1|6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Session 2|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Book Group: Books-into-Movies Discussion Group  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Tuesday|July 22**  
**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

**Wednesday|July 23**  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

**PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!**

**Wait until your father gets home!**

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your mouth full. Next time, call when you're going to be late. Drive slowly but hurry home! You must think money grows on trees! I'm sick of hearing MA! MA! MA! MA! I'm changing my name! "She" ... has a name ... and it's mom! You want how much? When I was a kid we could ride the trolley to Boston, see two movies, get a candy bar as big as your head, eat lunch, all for 25 cents!

Here are some more:

One friend told me that he said to his dad, "Jesus had long hair. Why do I need to get a haircut?" His Dad said, "Jesus also walked everywhere, so I don't think you really need a car." A friend's mother would take a situation and turn it into stern statement. For instance, if there was a matter of a broken window, she would say, "I'll window you!"

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A friend of mine who grew up in an Italian speaking home told me that his mother used to say, "Tu si bum di Somerville." Translated it meant, "You are the bum of Somerville." Happily, mama lived long

enough to see her "bum" become very successful.

Today we hear parents using the phrases "time out: and "good job!" I heard those words also. My dad said, "If you keep getting lousy report cards you'll never get a good job," and, "It's going to be a very long TIME, before you see OUT-doors again, young man," or "Time out while I take off my belt!" (P.S. He never used it on us!)

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Some ideas for preventing gentrification in Union Sq.

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transparency throughout the re-development process. We have looked at CBAs from across the country, and we know they work best when the community and the developer reach an agreement that is enforceable and widely supported. If all community members have a seat at the table, more of them will be able to enjoy the benefits the Green

Line will bring.

“We are not opposed to the re-development,” says Ed Halloran, president of the Somerville Municipal Employees Association and co-chair of the Somerville Labor Coalition. “The Green Line Extension is something many of us have hoped for. Our concern is: how many businesses, residents, and workers will

it affect? How will the city offer affordable housing to those who can no longer sustain the rising costs of living in the city they love? We need the redevelopment to provide good-paying union jobs where workers have fair rights, and partnerships like the one recently created with the City and MBTA that train Somerville residents and give

them an opportunity to earn a good-paying wage.”

By building strong relationships with other local groups like Union Square Neighbors, Union Square Main Streets, and the City-appointed Civic Advisory Committee, and by leveraging a CBA with the developer, Union United seeks to ensure a transparent process that gives

local stakeholders a voice. The Union Square redevelopment isn’t an anti-gentrification plan yet — but it could be.

*Bridget Breton*  
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Community engagement critical to Union Sq. revitalization

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is a huge part of that. We took care to ensure that the community members, advocates and Union Square business owners who serve on this committee provide a wide-range of skill sets and perspectives, and can both represent the community in an official capacity, providing a sounding board for US2’s ideas and proposals, and serve as an additional forum for public input beyond public participation at Redevelopment Authority and city board meetings.

Community engagement is

how we got here in the first place. We are on the cusp of a project that can provide us with tremendous benefits including the ability to manage the market forces that would have changed the face of Union Square even without this plan. We developed SomerVision through an intensive two-year community process that asked not what we want to build in Union Square and across the city but who we want to be—a city that capitalizes on our economic potential without losing our soul.

SomerVision followed the 2009 community-driven rezoning of Union Square, a process that codified the community’s desire to realize more jobs and more housing in the neighborhood by capitalizing on key underutilized properties. Now that community-driven work will continue as we take the hopes and dreams laid out in SomerVision, the framework created through our rezoning, and apply it to a tangible, physical product.

This work needs to coordinate with the MBTA’s schedule for

the coming Green Line station, and with Parsons Brinkerhoff for the in-depth roadway and infrastructure improvement plan for Union Square. Part of US2’s 100-day plan will be jumpstarting the master planning process so that the schedules coordinate. But every step of the way, the community will be involved.

Market forces have been changing Greater Boston, and sometimes only to benefit a developer’s bottom line, regardless of community impact. We

have bigger ideas in Somerville. We know that starting with the community’s goals, rather than the market’s goals, we can realize more jobs and economic growth, more homes with a range of affordability, a more walkable and bikeable square with more public green space, while still preserving Union Square’s soul and identity. Managing this change means starting with you—your ideas, your feedback and your vision. So I ask you to commit now to take part. I can’t wait to see what we envision next.

Rules of Thumb

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left-field line, and vice versa.

The third restaurant that goes into a space is usually the one that succeeds.

During a job interview, don’t spend more than 60 seconds answering any one question.

To blow a tree stump out of the ground, use one stick of dynamite for every four inches in stump diameter.

When writing an ad, keep each sentence to twelve words or less. A billboard should have not more than seven words and two things to look at.

Someone speaking in passive voice is probably concealing something. Doubt anyone who seems to be speaking with strong emotion, but whose shoulders are relaxed.

On government multiple-choice exams, the longest answer is usually the correct one.

The most offensive people are also usually the most easily offended.

When the temperature at sunset is 50 degrees or less, there will probably be a frost.

A garment is probably well made if stripes and plaids are matched at the seams.

If something that is not human bites you, it is probably female.

If you can’t see a car’s rear tires at a stoplight, or if you can read its odometer, you’re too close.

You can always find one good reason to do anything. Find at least two.

The speed that allows the most cars to use a road at once is 22 mph.

Ten people will raise the temperature of a medium sized room 1 degree per hour.

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Mark Redmond:

A curator of jazz at The Green Room in Somerville

# Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

A good poet like Keith Tornheim can latch onto a certain image (in this case fireflies) that can — pardon the pun — light up a poem.



#### Fireflies

Do you remember when  
the summer skies were full of stars  
and competing clouds of fireflies,  
and we walked and talked  
of everything  
till kisses interrupted words?  
In honor of that time,  
now nearly fifty years ago,  
each night before we go to sleep,  
I reach an arm across the bed  
to hold you close for just a moment;  
then you present your lips  
for that short kiss  
that echoes years of longer ones.  
Now we hope to sleep till dawn,  
but we remember once  
we walked all night through fireflies  
to greet the next day's sun.

— Keith Tornheim



Mark Redmond looks more like a lumberjack than a jazz aficionado. This tall, imposing man with a thick beard joined me at my usual table in the back of the Bloc11 Café in Union Square to talk about his relatively new series: “Jazz at The Green Room.” The Green Room is at 62 Bow St. in Union Square and was founded by Somerville musicians and vocalists Michael and Anney Barrett. The space, according to Redmond, was a former dry cleaning establishment. It hosts a variety of events that lean toward the classical side, but not exclusively.

Redmond said Union Square Somerville is a great place for his venue. The Green Room is an “intimate” space which Redmond feels is a perfect fit for the intimate art of jazz. He likes the vibrant scene here in Somerville, with places like Sally O’Brien’s, Bull McCabe’s, P.A.’s Lounge and others in close proximity. “All these places cater to a variety of musical tastes,” Redmond said.

Redmond told me that his series started in late November of last year. He has hosted many jazz musicians, including a number from Somerville. Garrison Fewell, a Somerville resident and a noted jazz guitarist and educator, as well as Somerville denizen Jean-marie-Corrois, an accomplished drummer, have been on stage. Another Somerville resident of note is saxophonist Russ Gershon, founder of the famed Either/Orchestra and impresario of the Accurate Records label. He and the pianist Rusty Scott played for Redmond and said of the experience: “The Green Room is like a nano-concert hall—intimate, creative, great sound and good piano.” Other musicians of note who have featured there are Bert Seager, who teaches at the New England Conservatory, as

well as Somerville vocalist Laura Grill, who recently appeared at Somerville’s Joe’s Jazz & Blues Festival. Matt Glaser, a violinist who directed the string department at Berklee for decades and founded their American Roots Music department, will bring a trio in the fall.

Redmond told me he has had a long love affair with jazz. He used to listen to his father’s albums when he was a kid. He listed some of his early influences as: Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Bill Evans and other classics. I asked Redmond about the genres of jazz he has hosted. He said: “I’ve booked folks who play straight-ahead traditional jazz, avant garde stuff, bebop, Gypsy Jazz. I like a variety of music—I like the energy and creativity it brings.”

Before the interview I did a little research on Redmond. I noticed he works as an existentially-oriented psychotherapist. Visions of Sartre, the meaningless of existence, and the connection to jazz ran through my pretentious head. But Redmond, a straight-no-chaser sort of guy, said: “I don’t know about the connection between the two, but live music, that sacred place in time, the energy, the movement, is a vital element for me.”

The good news is that The Green Room is owned by the Barretts—so when the gentrification of Union Square is complete they won’t be forced out by the skyrocketing rents that will displace many others.

Redmond has several events scheduled this summer and into the fall. They are usually held on weekend evenings, and the admission is ten dollars. To find out more about his series: <http://www.jazzatthegreenroom.com>.

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