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## Our interview with District Attorney Marian T. Ryan – Part 1



Photo by Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The standing District of Attorney of Middlesex County, Marian T. Ryan, took time to speak with *The Somerville Times* to share her thoughts on issues facing the county.

**By Jeremy F. van der Heiden**

*This is the first part of a three-part series for The Somerville Times interview with Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan.*

Marian T. Ryan, the standing District of Attorney of Middlesex County who grew up right here in the City of Somerville, recently sat down with *The Somerville Times* to discuss goings-on throughout the area. Ryan was born in Cambridge, raised in Somerville and attended school at St. Joseph's in Union Square before moving on to Emmanuel College and then the law school at Boston College.

In her third year at Boston College, she started defending in district criminal trials Committee for Public Council, later moving on to the District Attorney's office. Before being appointed as an Assistant District Attorney, Ryan was handling cases in superior court as a trial team captain, heading up the domestic violent unit, child abuse unit, elderly and disability unit in that time.

Now, Ryan has just under 35 years worth of experience as an ADA, and was appointed to the DA position when Gerry Leone stepped down last April. In her

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## Free meals for Somerville youth

**By Jim Clark**

The City of Somerville's award-winning Food and Nutrition Services Department will be providing free breakfasts and lunches to area youth under the age of 19 through August 22, 2014.

The federally funded Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is pitching in to help make sure that Somerville's kids are well fed throughout the summer months. Just look for the Food and Nutrition truck to get your free meal.

Visit the following Somerville parks for breakfast: Foss Park/Pool: 9:45-10 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, and KidStop @ Powderhouse Park: 9-9:15 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

Free lunch is served daily (Monday-Friday) at the following locations: Grimmons Park: 10:15-10:30 a.m.; Bayshore Drive - Boat House: 10:40-10:55 a.m.; Walnut Street Park: 10:40-10:55 a.m.; Mystic Housing & Playground: 11:00-11:15 a.m.; Lexington Park: 11:05-11:20 a.m.; Foss Park/Pool: 11:25-11:40 a.m.; Dilboy Pool: 11:30-11:45 a.m.; North Street Playground: 11:35-11:50 a.m.



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Over 100 people attended Monday night’s community meeting for the Powderhouse School location. Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development hosted the meeting for residents to discuss the future of the former Powder House Community School site. One development proposal we heard of was for 40 units there at the old school. We hope that no development goes there and that the property is used for housing. Time will tell. What do you think the school property should be used for?

Happy Birthday this week to just some of our friends still here and some here in spirit, but who are fans of The Somerville Times. Big Time Happy Birthday to Ricky Hart, formerly of Somerville and a member of the huge Hart family. He and his lovely wife have three kids and by all accounts continue the Hart Family tradition, We wish Ricky a great day and best wishes. Happy Birthday to Anthony Fedele, who was from here and still keeps an interest here in the city. We wish him a good day. To Cheryl Chaille Horan, from another well-known and popular family here in Somerville. We wish a big Happy Birthday to her and hope she has a good one. To a good guy and newbie here in the Ville, John Serpico, a new family-man-taxpayer, and we hear quite the guy who loves to dabble in the arts. We wish John, who we know is a good guy, a Happy Birthday.

Guess the who-is-the-Chief is still up for grabs. The mayor’s office set up a special committee and each of the two candidates for Chief were to have several people (maybe 10) come before the committee members, starting on Monday. Maybe the selection will be eminent and we will have a new Police Chief soon. We’re still hoping it’s Dave Fallon here at The Times, and we know a lot of people in the community feel the same way.

Prices everywhere are going up, from food to gas to just about everything, except for Albrandi’s Barber Shop on Holland Street between Teele and Davis. You can’t beat the price. Tony has been doing this for decades and Paul, his associate, is one of the best around. Why pay \$30/\$50 or

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

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

sue says:  
Finally, we have the transparent government we’ve wanted. The Mayor will veto a law limiting campaign contributions by developers. Now there will be no question as to whose side he is on. No surprises in the breakdown of the votes for and against this proposal, which is long overdue, and maybe too little too late.

Wally says:  
The zoning and planning boards are already involved in political decisions. I think Aldermen who wish to remain in office (especially the new ones) should strongly consider supporting a veto override.

James says:  
funny if you look at some of the contributions made to the 7 that voted ‘yes’ you’ll see developer money.

St. Augustine of Hippo says:  
James, does that make them hypocrites, or is it their experience with developers that makes board members feel it is necessary to limit contributions?  
Also, if the 7 board members who voted in favor are hypocrites for accepting developer money, what does that mean for the four who voted no and also accepted developer money?

Joe Lynch says:  
Ah Somerville, a great place to live, work raise a family and pay to play.

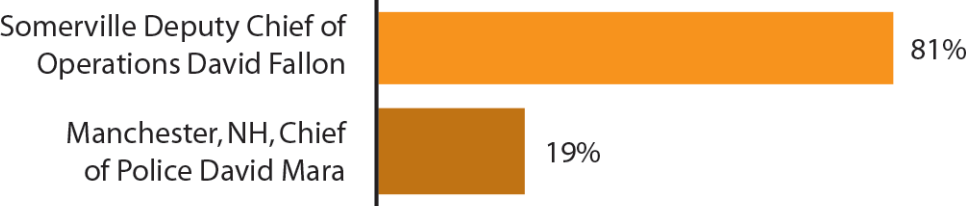
Tanglewood says:  
And make comments on a website on company time and the company computer.

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 who you would like to see chosen as the next Somerville Police Chief. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

### Who would you like to see chosen as the next Somerville Police Chief?



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# Public updated on McGrath Highway — McCarthy Boulevard Project

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The McGrath Highway/McCarthy Boulevard Project has been moving along, although perhaps not as quickly as many residents in the city would prefer. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation and City of Somerville recently held a public information meeting to explain some of the current goings-on with the grounding of the McCarthy overpass.

For a refresher, this project was launched to fit a variety of current and forthcoming demands within Somerville's infrastructure, especially those areas central to Route 28. From the outset of the plan, officials wished to ground the McCarthy Overpass — which was designated as in need of substantial repairs — and bring the McGrath Highway corridor into the modern era.

As a note, other aspects of the initiative involved a new designation of the highway to be more akin to a boulevard, and preparing for the advent of the Green Line extension to Medford that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has been working on.

Thus far, the latest stage of the McGrath Highway/McCarthy Boulevard project to be completed was the Grounding McGrath planning study that highlighted some of the core needs of the area's infrastructure, as well as indicated which procedures might be most beneficial.

This latest meeting was held to inform the public of the next stages of the project, which will involve the design of the actual construction to be completed. As officials

have noted, the goal is to get this area to a classification of "complete streets," which would include bicycle, pedestrian and automobile functionality.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, whose territory includes part of the project's area, explained some of the reasons why the construction is so important in an email correspondence with *The Somerville Times*.

"The highway has long been a barrier to connection from East Somerville and Brickbottom to Union Square and beyond," Alderman Heuston affirmed. "This project provides those connections and, with the recent razing of the waste transfer station, it opens up wonderful opportunities. It also will address myriad issues related to pedestrian and bicycle travel which is virtually impossible in the current state."

She went on to state that while the short-term aspects of the project remain a bit testy, the long-term scope appears to be right on schedule with initial estimates for completion. The officials involved announced at the last meeting that a surplus in budget thus far has led them to begin considering moving the timeline up on the final workings.

Residents should remember that the population of Somerville is rising rapidly, accelerating past the state average of 2.2 percent in growth last year with 4.1 percent in the city. Infrastructure upgrades are increasingly a requirement of the community, especially as more individuals move within its borders.

Projects such as this are notably put



Although the present day McCarthy overpass is destined to become a thing of the past, the public is being reminded that change can often come gradually, and sometimes annoyingly so.

forth with the long-term in mind, while the short-term fixes are more to keep matters in order ahead of major upgrades' completion.

Alderman Heuston added that she has been an advocate of grounding the highway since the first discussions were held, and stressed the importance of ensuring MassDOT's newest study group maintain focus on real-time issues, such as Union Square traffic.

"This is a long term project. It is not going to happen any time soon but we should first look to the short term changes and make sure they work," she noted. "I know there is some concern that this may empty traffic onto our streets making things worse than they are now. That

is why I am hoping that the 'study group' MassDOT referred to brings a practicality to the project. It will if we can be assured that some local residents are included. Finally, coordination with all the other changes on the docket for this area of the City is crucial to the success of this project, or else we might be standing around 20 years from now wondering where things went wrong."

Residents who are interested in learning more about this project can reference MassDOT's main website, as well as that of the City of Somerville. More announcements and meetings are expected to come in the ensuing months, and Somervillians are urged to attend and provide their input on the matter.

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## 5th Annual Great Urban Campout

The Recreation Department and Mayor's Office invite Somerville residents to spend a night camping in Lincoln Park. The 5th Annual Great Urban Campout will be held from Friday, July 25 until Saturday, July 26. Set up tents anytime after noon on Friday.

Join neighbors for s'mores over the campfire, games and stories, a performance by the Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band, and plenty of coffee/donuts for anyone who makes it until the next morning. Come for the evening or camp overnight. Bring food to grill and a dish to pass. A police patrol will be by regularly and there will be a clean port-a-potty on site. Contact Stephanie Hirsch at shirsch@sprynet.com for more information.





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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Cops get a blow-by-blow account of getaway

Police were called to the Magoun Square area on Monday after the alleged victim of a car burglary phoned in a description of a man who had reportedly engaged in the intrusive activity.

The patrol car was directed to a Trull St. location where the suspect, Russell Rossi, 26, of Medford, was reportedly being followed by the victim and his friend. The victim continued to give reports to police dispatchers as they closed in on the suspect.

Rossi was reportedly spotted carrying items that the victim said were taken from his car, specifically a green case containing a Bocce ball set, a black case with tools, and a small brown box containing playing cards.

As Rossi passed Olde Magoun's Saloon he was detained by officers and questioned about the property that he was carrying. He reportedly told police that they were items freely given to him by the victim, who he claimed was a friend of his.

The victim denied that he knew Rossi, and further stated that he was only visiting a friend who lives on Trull St. and was from out of town.

The victim reportedly told officers that he had been walking with his friend and witnessed Rossi walking down Trull St. carrying the items taken from his car. He then used his friend's cell phone to call the police.

Rossi was placed under arrest and charged with nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

A subsequent search of Rossi's person reportedly turned up a Gameboy device that also belonged to the victim.

## Wanted man reports his location on Facebook

In an attempt to make a warrant arrest of Christian Buscemi, 22, police checked out a Wellington Ave. residence Saturday afternoon in search of the man.

A reported incident of destruction of property occurred the night before at that location, the home of Buscemi's grandfather, who had been threatened by Buscemi on that occasion.

Buscemi's grandfather reported the incident to police, according to police, and had stayed away from his home the previous evening in order to avoid contact with Buscemi.

Police officers noticed that there had been a forcible entry of the residence on Saturday, and discovered numerous instances of someone having rummaged through various rooms of the residence.

The victim, who had returned to his home as police arrived on the scene, reported that his iPad had been taken from the residence.

Police surmised that someone, presumably Buscemi, kicked in the door to the basement and then used a sledgehammer to gain entry into the main area of the house.

Witnesses said that Buscemi was using the iPad and had stated on Facebook that he was hiding out at his mother's house.

Buscemi was soon located and placed under arrest, charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering, destruction of property over \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Naresh Bhandari**, 25, of 27 Sewall St., July 14, 8:28 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault, and assault and battery.

**Daniel Caruso**, 47, of 97 Ten Hills Rd., July 14, 4:04 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Sean O'Shea**, 42, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, July 15, 6:11 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

**Edmilson Gomes**, 25, of 87 Bartlett St., July 16, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Edgar Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Hui Chen**, 48, of 343 Avery Ave., Flushing, NY, July 16, 7:51 p.m., arrested at 23 Cumming St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

**Orion Adey**, 25, of 11 Wodridge St., Cambridge, July 17, 11:01 a.m., arrested at 232 Elm St. on a charge of miscellaneous common law violation.

**Guy Stacey**, 56, of 36 Hawthorne St., Chelsea, July 18, 12:29 p.m., arrested at 103 Marion St. on charges of threat to commit a crime and aggravated assault and battery.

**Nilton Piveta**, 46, of 3 Whitney St., Saugus, July 18, 1:30 p.m., arrested at 582 Broadway

on a warrant charge of larceny by check over \$250.

**Shaun Mosley**, 28, of 15 Memorial Rd., July 18, 1:55 p.m., arrested at 104 Glenwood Rd. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Pierre Michel**, 21, of 37 Stuart St., Everett, July 18, 5:37 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, home invasion, and armed and masked robbery.

**Elma Deoliveira**, 34, of 265 Bryant St., Watertown, July 18, 6:42 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, and on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Steven O'Brien**, 24, of 223 Earnest Rd., Arlington, July 18, 6:55 p.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Hakeem Ruffin**, 25, of 125A Alewife Brook Pkwy., July 19, 3:18 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Christian Buscemi**, 22, of 22 Wellington Ave., July 19, 12:32 p.m., arrested at home on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering, destruction of property over \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

**Kevin Kondrat**, 43, of 39 High St., Amesbury, July 19, 5:04 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

**Russell Rossi**, 26, of 14 Golden Ave., Medford, July 21, 12:47 a.m., arrested at 14 Trull St. on a charge of nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

July 14, 8:20 p.m., police reported a theft at 230 Highland Ave.

July 15, 9:40 a.m., police reported a theft at Hawthorne St.

July 17, 4:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

July 17, 7:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

July 17, 7:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 247 Elm St.

July 17, 8:11 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Artisan Way.

July 18, 5:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Hawthorne St.

July 18, 8:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

July 18, 10:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Pkwy.

July 19, 3:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville

Ave.

July 19, 9:27 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

July 20, 4:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

July 20, 12:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Pitman St.

**Robbery:**

July 18, 10:20 p.m., police reported a robbery at 45 Broadway.

July 19, 1:32 a.m., police reported a robbery at Roberts St.

**Breaking & Entering:**

July 15, 5:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

July 16, 8:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Clarendon Ave.

July 19, 12:51 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Oak St.

**Vehicle Theft:**

July 20, 6:44 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Ware St.

Assault:

July 14, 8:28 a.m., police reported an assault at Sewall St.

July 15, 10:18 a.m., police reported an assault at Merriam St.

July 18, 12:29 p.m., police reported an assault at Marion St.

July 18, 1:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Glenwood Rd.

July 19, 3:18 a.m., police re-

ported an assault at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

July 19, 1:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Montrose St.

**Destruction of Property:**

July 14, 9:22 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Boston Ave.

July 14, 5:21 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Houghton St.

July 15, 11:40 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 64 union Sq.

July 18, 1:49 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Wellington Ave.

July 18, 6:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Washington St.

July 19, 12:32 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Wellington Ave.

July 20, 1:06 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Marshall St.

July 20, 2:47 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Chester St.

Liquor Law Violation:

July 15, 6:11 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Davis Sq.

July 16, 5:10 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Edgar Ave.

Drug Violation:

July 16, 9:25 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Albion St.



# Human remains stored in Somerville, Weymouth

By Jim Clark

Cremated human remains have been discovered in storage facilities in Somerville and Weymouth by law enforcement investigators who have been looking into allegations of fraud by a former funeral director, Joseph V. O'Donnell, 55, of Mattapan.

Dozens of cremated remains were found by investigators at U-Haul Moving & Storage in Somerville on Wednesday of last week, followed by 12 more remains discovered in a Public Storage Unit in Weymouth on Thursday.

O'Donnell has been the subject of a fraud investigation by the Boston Police Department and the Suffolk Count DA after allegations were made that he had taken money from an elderly couple as pre-payment for future funerals. When the couple tried to apply one payment to another family member who passed away, they learned that the funeral home was closed and O'Donnell was unable to provide them with their payments. O'Donnell was arrested in April and charged with two counts of larceny over \$250.

In the course of the investigation by authorities, the cremated remains of a reported 52 deceased people were discovered in the storage facilities. Authorities said that foul play in the deaths of the deceased are not suspected at this time, but an investigation into the storage of their



Former funeral director, Joseph V. O'Donnell.

remains is under investigation.

Suffolk County DA Daniel F. Conley said, "Our top priority right now is determining the identity of the remains we've discovered. We've seized records and documents that could help us locate those people's families, but this will be a time- and labor-intensive task."

Investigators are reportedly

looking into additional instances of possible fraud by O'Donnell, whose funeral director's license lapsed in 2008.

According to authorities, no threat to public health has been caused by the storage of the human remains.

The investigation into the details of the case is ongoing at this time.

## Somerville Police Chief search continues

With the final two candidates left in the process, Chief of Police of Manchester, NH, David Mara and Deputy Chief of Police Somerville David Fallon, the mayor set up a "Site Visit Committee" to help in the selection of the final candidate for chief of the Somerville Police Department.

Mayor Joe Curtatone, along with personnel Director Bill Roche, Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi, Teen Empowerment Director Stan Pollack, Chief Labor Counsel Bob Collins, Chief of Staff Dan Hadley and Alderman Jack Connolly make up this final selection committee.

Each candidate was asked to put an agenda together that consists of community leaders, colleagues, business leaders, youth and senior representatives, civic



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

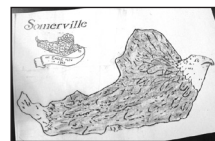
leaders, and others to speak on their behalf by giving specific examples and interactions with the candidate on why they should be the next chief of police here in Somerville.

The site committee met this past Monday for several hours

with Deputy Chief Fallon's selection. On July 31 the committee will travel to Manchester, NH, to hear Chief Mara's selection.

Some say that David Fallon had some good speakers on his behalf.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #57

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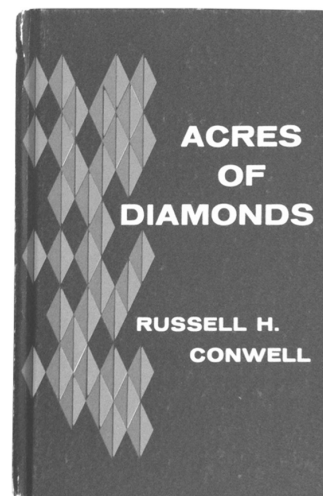
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you like ketchup on your hot dogs, burgers or fries, then you have a lot in common with most people. The largest seller in the world of tomato ketchup is the H. J. Heinz Company. It sells over 650 million bottles and 11 billion packets of ketchup each year. The company, named after its founder Henry John Heinz, is 145 years old. The seeds of the company sprouted when Henry started making horse-radish from ingredients found in his mother's garden. This was the first of many food varieties to come.



He began his company in 1869, and before he died fifty years later he had amassed a fortune. It is said that in 1896, while observing billboards on a New York train ride, he was inspired to make up the "Heinz 57" variety logo, and so it was born. This doesn't sound right to me because at that time the company already had produced well over sixty varieties. The answer might lie in the actions of a former Somerville citizen, Russell H. Conwell, the author of *Acres Of Diamonds* and the founder of Pennsylvania's Temple University. Conwell was a lawyer, soldier, writer and minister. He founded *The Somerville Journal*, which was later edited by his son, Leon, the 19th mayor of Somerville. Before leaving the state, he established a West Somerville Mission. Conwell Street, Conwell Avenue, and the former Conwell School carry on the Conwell name.

The romance surrounding Philadelphia's Temple University's birth is gripping. It's a chronicle about an eight-year old little girl who moved mountains just by being herself. The story is about a minister who, on his way into his packed church, is startled by a child, Hattie May Wiatt, crying at the curb. He stops and asks her why she is crying. She explains



that the tiny Sunday school room that she wanted to attend was overcrowded, and she was turned away. The minister then scoops her up onto his shoulder, walks into the church down the center isle, and seats her at the front of the church. He then alters his sermon, using the plight of the young girl, to address this new dilemma. He then asks his congregation for financial help.

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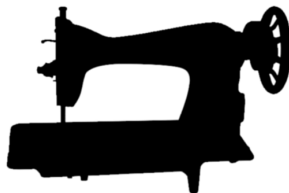
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# Metro Mayors Coalition praises gun violence legislation

By Jim Clark

The Metro Mayors Coalition, a group of 13 Mayors and city and town managers that includes Somerville's Mayor Curtatone, saluted the Massachusetts House of Representatives recently for their passage of House Bill 4278, which seeks to help in the reduction of gun violence. The Coalition is now urging the Senate to go onward and pass the bill.

Addressing the need to reduce gun related violence in Boston-area communities has been an ongoing ambition of the Metro Mayors Coalition and its members applauded the passage.

Somerville Mayor and Chair of the Metro Mayors Coalition Joseph Curtatone said in a public statement, "Congratulations to Speaker DeLeo and Chairman Naughton for their hard work in passing this vital legislation. Protecting our residents from violence is one of the most important things we do as public officials. This bill provides meaningful and comprehensive reform while protecting lawful gun owner's rights. Once again, the nation should take the lead from Massachusetts."

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh echoed Mayor Curtatone's sentiments by saying, "I

applaud Speaker DeLeo for his tireless work over the last year to produce sensible gun legislation that will make a lasting and meaningful impact on the Commonwealth. While Massachusetts has some of the strongest gun violence prevention laws in the nation, this is the most significant legislation in a long time and I stand with the Speaker in knowing that more actions like those included in this bill are needed."

*"Protecting our residents from violence is one of the most important things we do as public officials"*

The bill, which passed by a margin of 111-37 on July 9 – with nearly all house Republicans voting against it – requires the state of Massachusetts to comply with an established national background check system. Licensed gun dealers would be authorized to access criminal records before making a sale.

Additionally, the bill also affirms stipulations that give the licensing authority wid-

er options when considering denying licenses to carry and firearm identification cards if, for example, a city police chief should find cause to do so based on the unsuitability of a particular applicant.

Also, school districts will have to have at least one resource officer and two-way communication devices with fire and police departments in the event of emergencies. They must also establish mental health programs for the students' well being.

Chelsea City Manager, and Vice-Chair of the Metro Mayors Coalition, Jay Ash said, "Thanks to the leadership of Mayor Walsh in addition to Speaker DeLeo, Chairman Naughton, Chairman Linsky, and other members of the House, efforts to prevent the scourge of gun violence have moved forward by leaps and bounds. Between improved background checks, emergency response plans in schools, and increased penalties for gun-related criminal activity, the approaches that this bill takes will make a difference in our communities."

Additionally, Malden Mayor Gary Christensen said, "As a mayor, I know the destructive effects that violence has on communities and I am encouraged by the passage of this important



The Metro Mayors Coalition has publicly endorsed the legislation passed by the House and is urging the State Senate to make the bill's passage complete.

legislation. We need to take illegal guns off the streets and make our neighborhoods safer. This bill gives the criminal justice system the tools it needs to enhance public safety."

The City of Somerville has embraced the spirit of the legislation by planning a "Food For Guns" firearm buyback program this coming Saturday. The Middlesex Sheriff's Office and Somerville Police Department will oversee the event wherein Somerville residents can turn in guns and ammunition – with no questions asked – in exchange for grocery vouchers. The event will take place at the Public Safety Building on Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Metro Mayors Coalition is a coalition made up of 13

communities in the Greater Boston area. It is a voluntary forum where members exchange information and create solutions to common problems. Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) helped to establish Metro Mayors in 2001, and provides staff support and financial administration. The municipal officials comprising this group represent over 1.2 million constituents. The founding members include mayors and managers from Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Quincy, Revere and Somerville. In 2006, Brookline and Winthrop joined Metro Mayors, and in 2008, Braintree joined, raising the membership to 13 municipalities.

## 'Seize the Summer' at SomerStreets on Sunday

Celebrate the season at "Seize the Summer," the July installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, on Sunday, July 27 from noon to 4 p.m. between Walnut and Lowell Streets on Highland Ave.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity.

Through SomerStreets, the city and its community part-

ners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

Activities along Highland Ave. will include:

- Pony rides at the Central Library (noon – 2 p.m.).
  - Explore emergency apparatus including a fire truck and an ambulance.
  - Pickle Ball, Imagination Blocks, and other recreation activities.
  - Family bike ride from City Hall (1 p.m.).
  - Knucklebones inventive play areas.
  - Food.
  - Live entertainment on two stages.
  - Craft Fair at the Armory, and more.
- To ensure public safety at the event, the following road closures and parking bans will be in effect:
- Highland Avenue (Walnut



Street to Cedar Street): Closed to all vehicular traffic 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; no parking 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• City Hall Concourse and Central Library parking lots: No parking 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Madison Street and School Street (Madison Street to Medford Street) will become two

way streets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to allow access for abutters.

• Central Street will remain open, and will be converted to a two way between Highland Avenue and Summer Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• MBTA buses will be rerouted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For locations of rerouted bus stops,

visit MBTA.com.

Residents of Highland Avenue may call (857) 523-9017 in advance or on the day of the event and city volunteers will assist you in leaving/returning to your property safely during the event.

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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 six roll calls from the week of July 14-18.

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.

EXPAND BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER (H 4308)  
House 131-19, Senate 33-7, approved a \$1 billion borrowing bill to fund a 1.3 million square-foot expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Funding is provided by existing fees and taxes including a tax on hotel rooms in Boston and Cambridge and a \$10 fee on all car rentals in Boston. A controversial provision automatically raises the Boston hotel tax from 12 percent to 14 percent if the funding to pay off the debt fall short.

Supporters said Massachusetts is losing substantial business from events that the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center is too small to accommodate. They argued the project will create 4,000 construction jobs and 2,000 new permanent jobs and generate an estimat-

ed \$15 million annually in taxes and \$185 million in private sector business.

Opponents said the state was scheduled to pay off the existing loans that built the convention center by 2034 at which point that money would be available for the state’s General Fund to use on projects that will benefit residents across the state. They noted this new expansion will require the state to continue servicing the debt on the \$1.1 billion project until 2050 at a loss of \$5 billion of revenue that would have been available for the state.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

JUVENILE KILLERS (H 4307)  
House 131-18, Senate 35-4, approved the bill making juveniles convicted of first-degree felony murder between their 14th and 18th birthdays eligible for parole after serving 20 to 30 years in prison. Other eligibility criteria for first-degree murder established by the bill include 25-30 years for murder involving premeditation and 30 years for murder with extreme atrocity. 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 for these children whose brains are different than those of adults.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (H 4306)  
House 145-4, approved and sent to the Senate a bill making changes in the regulation of local housing authorities. Provisions include establishing performance benchmarks, requiring training for board members and executive directors, requiring an annual report from each authority, mandating annual audits by independent auditors and allowing a tenant a seat on all local boards.

Supporters said the bill would increase transparency, accountability and efficiency and establish new roles for tenants in the governing of their local housing authority.

Some opponents said the bill is unclear and possibly takes away preference that gives local residents priority for placement in housing projects in their local city or town. Others said that the bill gives too much power to the Patrick administration’s Department of Housing and Communities Development and are afraid that the department will eventually give preference to some of the illegal Central American immigrants who have arrived here in the past few weeks.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

SOCIAL MEDIA PASSWORDS (S 2270)  
Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill prohibiting employers and school administrators from asking for someone’s social media passwords as a condition of employment or acceptance to the school.

Supporters said this would stop the increasing number of incidents in which students, student applicants, employees and potential employees are asked for access to their Facebook and other accounts in order to do an informal “background” check on them.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

CHARTER SCHOOLS (S 2262)  
Senate 9-30, rejected a measure that would gradually lift the 120 limit cap on the number of charter schools allowed in the state. The legislation also requires troubled schools that are in danger of becoming “underperforming schools” to be designated as “challenge schools” and to develop turnaround plans.

Supporters said charter schools have been successful and should be allowed to expand. They noted the bill would also give a second chance to low-performing schools by allowing them to develop turnaround plans before being declared underperforming.

Opponents said these experimental schools have questionable performance records and are draining desperately needed funds and many of the best students from regular, non-charter public schools.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

MCAS (S 2262)  
Senate 14-25, rejected an amendment that would require the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to inform the Legislature 60 days before implementing any alternative testing system to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The department would be required to issue a report evaluating alternative systems being considered and the costs and benefits associated with them.

This spring the state began trials of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for Colleges and Careers (PARCC) test, a national exam designed to test the Common Core Standards adopted by the state in 2011.

Amendment supporters said the bill would ensure the Legislature has an opportunity to review this major proposed change in the state’s education system.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is flawed, duplicative and bureaucratically burdensome because it unnecessarily requires DESE to provide a cost benefit analysis for any other alternatives to MCAS that were considered even if PARCC was chosen.



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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

**GUNS (S 2265)**  
Senate 28-10, approved an amendment to a bill making several changes in the state’s gun laws. The amendment eliminated a provision that would have given local police chiefs more discretion over issuing Firearm Identification (FID) cards to own rifles or shotguns.

Supporters of the discretion provision, including the Mass. Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, said it is the most important part of the proposed law. They said removing it would make it more difficult to keep rifles and shotguns out of the hands of people who pose a risk to the public.

Opponents of the discretion provision, including the pro-gun group GOAL, said its removal would protect the rights of gun owners and argued that it is unfair to give that much discretion to one individual.

A conference committee will attempt to hammer out a compromise version of the Senate and House bills.

(A “Yes” vote is for eliminating the discretion provision. A “No” vote is for keeping the provision.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ABORTION PROTESTERS (S 2281)** - The Senate approved, on a voice vote without a roll call, and sent to the House a bill filed in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling that struck down a 2007 Massachusetts law that established a 35-foot protest-free buffer zone at reproductive health care centers. The measure authorizes law enforcement officials to issue a written order mandating immediate withdrawal of anyone who substantially impedes access to a facility entrance or driveway. The individuals must then remain at least 25 feet from the facility’s entrances and driveways for a maximum of eight hours.

Supporters said the bill balances public safety and access considerations with the right of free speech.

Opponents said proponents should abide by the Supreme Court ruling and not look for ways to rush through a bill that tries to get around the court’s decision.

**\$22,718 PAY RAISE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (H 4294)** - The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a bill that would increase the salaries of the state’s 11 district attorneys from \$148,843 to \$171,561.

**OFFICIAL GROUNDHOG (H 2864)** - The Senate approved a House-approved bill making Ms. G., the popular groundhog at the Massachusetts Audubon Society’s Drumlin Farm, the official groundhog of Massachusetts. Ms. G. is the Bay State counterpart to Pennsylvania’s Punxsutawney Phil. The measure also requires that the popular groundhog be used as a mechanism to educate elementary school children on the importance of meteorology.

The bill was filed by Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) on behalf of elementary school students at the Hunnewell School in Wellesley. Many of these types of bills are filed by legislators on behalf of classes of students as part of an exercise for youngsters to learn about the legislative process. Only final approval of the measure in each branch is needed prior to it going to the governor.

**COACHES MUST LEARN CPR (S 1918)** - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill that would require all school coaches to complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other state-approved agency. The measure also prohibits local cities and towns from being responsible for the costs.

**ALLOW LIQUOR STORES TO OPEN EARLIER ON SUNDAYS (H 228)** - The Senate gave initial approval to a House-approved a bill that would allow liquor stores to open at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Current law prohibits stores from opening until noon. A total ban on Sunday sales of alcohol was state law until 2003 when the ban was repealed.

Supporters said the measure will allow Bay State stores to compete with stores in New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, which are allowed to open earlier on Sundays.

Opponents said many liquor store owners oppose the bill because they would have to pay their employees time and a half. They also argued that studies have shown the earlier hours do not increase liquor sales but rather spread existing sales out over a longer period of time.

**NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 299)** - The House gave initial approval to a measure that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees;

from companies advising employees of work schedules; from correctional facilities advising victims; and from municipalities and state government. It also would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make an illegal robocall and allow an individual who is called to sue a company for \$10,000.

**ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS (S 944)** - The Senate approved and sent to the House a proposal to allow municipalities to seek civil penalties in court against an offender when a local law is violated. Under current law, the court is not allowed to assess a civil penalty.

Supporters said that cities and towns need the tools to enforce their laws and to show offenders that the community is serious about these violations.

**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 14-18, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 37 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 13 hours and 17 minutes.

Mon. July 14	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:36 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.
Tues. July 15	No House session Senate 1:01 p.m. to 3:14 p.m.
Wed. July 16	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. Senate 12:45 p.m. to 6:23 p.m.
Thurs. July 17	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:46 p.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.
Fri. July 18	No House session No Senate session

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## Gun buyback program can help keep our families safe



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Massachusetts House of Representatives took an important step this month in passing a commonsense gun control bill that fairly addresses all the facets of this critical issue. Massachusetts police chiefs—who already have discretion over licenses to carry firearms—will be able to deny an application for a firearm identification card if the applicant is deemed a safety risk; licensed gun dealers will be able to obtain a CORI check when hiring employees; and the state would create an online portal for private gun sales. Meanwhile, school districts would be required to develop plans to

address students' mental health needs and have a school resource officer for security purposes, and the State Police would have a new criminal firearms and trafficking unit.

The Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) has moved from opposed to neutral on the bill, with GOAL's executive director stating that "we believe this is a victory for the 2nd Amendment in Massachusetts." I'm proud that the House under the leadership of Speaker DeLeo was able to create a bipartisan bill and hope that the conference committee puts forward a bill that includes these provisions, but there remains the problem of the guns that are already out there—and who can get their hands on them.

That's why on Saturday, the Somerville Police and Middlesex Sheriff's Office will hold a "Food For Guns" firearm buyback program this Saturday, where Somerville residents can trade in unwanted firearms and

ammunition for grocery gift certificates—no questions asked. If you turn in a firearm at the event and do not have a license, you will not be prosecuted. Bring your unloaded firearms—and transport it unloaded in the trunk of your vehicle—to the rear of the Public Safety Building between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and any firearms turned in will be logged by the Sheriff's Office and sent out for destruction.

The data is clear—removing guns from a home keeps our families and residents safe. Having a gun in a home significantly increases the risk of someone in that home committing suicide, according to a review of several studies by University of California, San Francisco researchers. More than half of deaths from suicides are firearm-related and more than three-quarters of suicides occur in the victim's home. That same review also found evidence, to a lesser degree than for suicides, of increased risk of being murdered when guns are

present in a person's home.

This is also a domestic violence issue. Women living in homes with at least one gun were more than three times more likely to be killed in their homes, according to a fact sheet on intimate partner violence and firearms by Johns Hopkins University. That fact sheet also notes that family and intimate assaults with firearms are 12 times more likely to result in death than non-firearm assaults. The University of California study review states that women who live in a home with guns have a higher risk of dying in a murder, and that "empirical evidence suggests that most homicide victims know their assailant, which suggests an interpersonal dispute within the household or other domestic violence and not an unknown intruder."

These statistics are not an indictment of responsible gun owners. Firearms that are stored loaded or unlocked are naturally more likely to be used in a sui-

cide and adolescent suicide victims often use an unlocked firearm in the home. Responsible gun owners keep their firearms locked and unloaded. Nor do these statistics mean that someone with a gun in their home is more prone to violence or self-harm. Rather, it's a question of immediacy and availability. A troubled person in an emotional, tense situation where a gun is readily accessible could act on a rash impulse that, without the gun there, would not have to end in death, the University of California researchers point out.

Mass shootings in Newtown, Aurora and elsewhere sparked the debate that has led to the House bill, but sensible and fair gun laws are about more than mass shootings. In the past seven years, more than 900 people have died in mass shootings—that accounts for less than 1 percent of all gun-related homicides. The terrible tragedies in Newtown, Aurora, Oak Creek and, most

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

### How are ya, pally?



Originally published September 13, 2008.

I love Somerville. Why do I love Somerville? There are tons of reasons. One reason is that I know where most of the streets are. I also know a lot of short cuts, especially during rush hour. Here are a few more reasons:

You run into people you know everywhere you go! Up at Old Orchard Beach I hear, "Hey Jimmy, what's up?" I actually saw a guy who grew up on my street at Disney World about 15 years ago. If you are from Somerville, I'm sure it happens to you too.

My kids say, "Dad, you know everyone!" I love Somerville because my sons and I were at a 1 p.m. showing of *The Dark Knight* a while back at the Somerville Theater, when I saw some familiar faces. Sitting about four rows in front of us were Vinnie and Howie. For about a half hour before the movie started, we caught up on things. Important stuff like, "Have you seen Jackie Veri lately?" and "How's your father doing?" and "Too bad about Joe..." and "Hey, are you still driving the Lincoln?" We weren't talking real loud, but loud enough. Okay, we were bordering on yelling. In the row in front of us

was this guy named Ryan who was born on my street and recently moved back into the family house. He's 34 and I remember him as a kid.

Funny thing about us old Somerville people, we don't care where we are or who is around, if we see an old friend, we catch up right there on the spot. We may be loud, but we are sincere. We are genuinely happy to see one another. We are also pretty good at avoiding someone we don't want to talk to. Spending most of your life in one city can create a lot of friends, but also some people you would rather avoid. Not so for these two old friends. A couple of weeks ago I ran into two guys in Teele Square and we talked for 30 minutes. I am always especially happy to see some of my old partying buddies, for the mere fact that we are still kicking. Just the fact that we survived this long is an accomplishment considering the craziness of the 70's and 80's.

I love Somerville because when another lifelong Somerville friend calls and asks if you can do him a favor, you say yes before asking what the favor is. I came home Friday and found a container of lawn furniture cleaner by my front door that my cousin picked up for me from the Christmas Tree Shop. Thanks, Carol!

This past Sunday afternoon I was up



at Powder House Park with my dog, and there were two couples with infants, a group of picnickers who rode their bikes there and several other sun worshipers laying out. I just looked around and felt very grateful that we have such a beautiful park that people can enjoy on a picture perfect day in peace.

As I become an "older" Somerville resident, remembering names gets a little tough. You spend your entire life in a city and you know hundreds of people, so it is especially embarrassing when they know your name, but you can't remember theirs. They say, "Jimmy, how have you

been man?" and you have to reply with a safe "buddy," "pal" or one of my favorites, the old reliable "my friend." I love the term "pally," but that's usually reserved for more familiar friends. Not everyone earns the title of "pally."

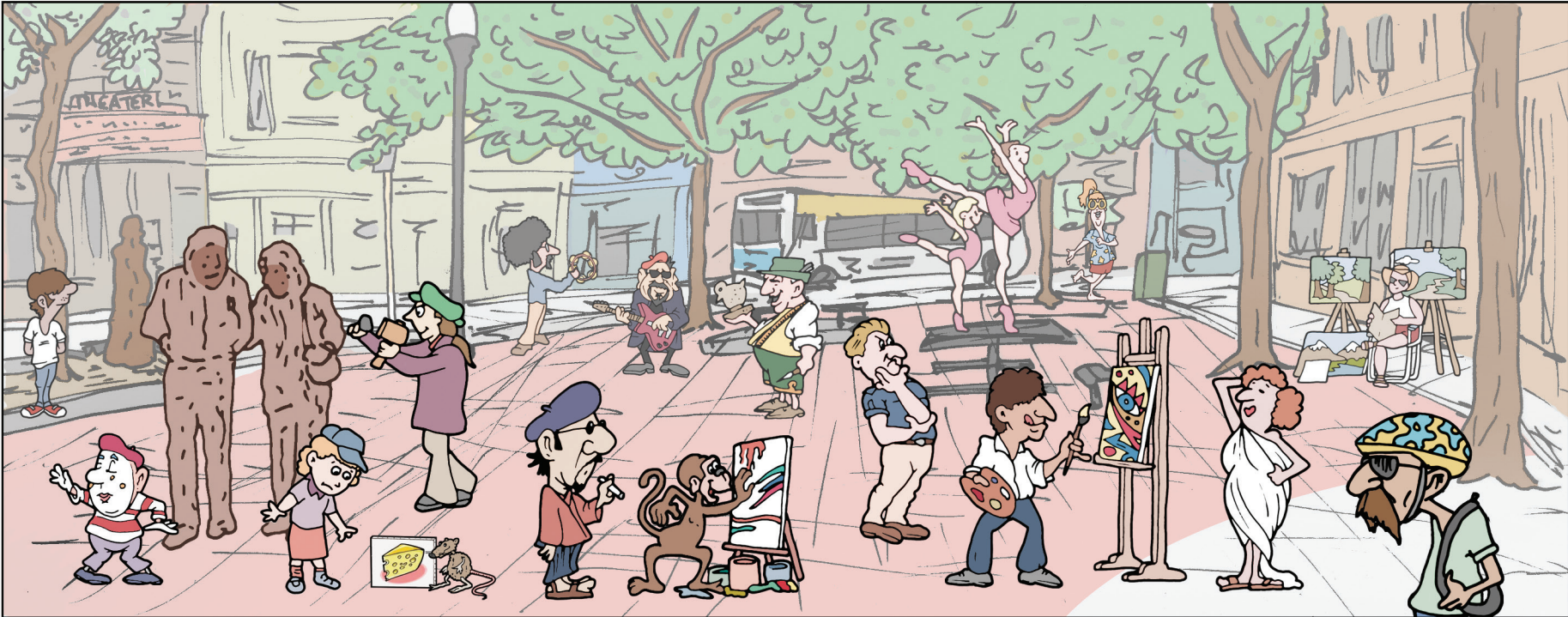
Most of the time I really do remember those old faces and that's great and sometimes I remember the face, but not the name. But after a minute or so, it all comes back. Somerville is where you make friends and keep them for life. So, if I see you and I can't remember your name, don't mind if I just say, "How have you been pal?"



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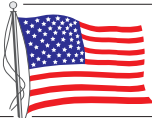
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ArtBeat continues its tradition of bringing Somerville’s unique talents into the spotlight.

The View Of The Times



The Somerville Arts Council’s Art-Beat festival has become a much beloved annual tradition here in the city for many.

One thing can be said for certain, it brings to the fore some of the most imaginative and unique creations one could ever wish to see, hear, and –

sometimes – even feel.

This year’s theme, Hatch, brought out some particularly ingenious ideas to be presented to the art-loving public in and around Davis Square last weekend.

Whether it was egg-shaped, feather laden, or just plain mysterious in its

concept and execution, the works of art exhibited were definitely idiosyncratic and fully representative of the daringly creative spirit that thrives in our beloved city.

Though perhaps not everyone’s cup of tea, it cannot be denied that the event shines a favorable light on our

community as visitors from near and far converge to take in the spectacle.

We salute SAC’s efforts to present the best our artistic community has to offer to the larger world around us, and eagerly look forward to the next imaginative plot the organization may be hatching for us a year from now.

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\$75 for a hair cut when you can spend less then \$20.00 for one? And if your elderly it’s \$10. How do you beat that?

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**Shopping at Market Basket this week was not so crowded because of the workers protest. By the way, some of us here support their protest. On the other end, Stop & Shop on McGrath was crowded this week and we noticed prices down almost to Market Basket prices. We wish the employees of Market Basket the best of luck in their protest.**

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The representative fight for the vacant seat is getting pretty busy this summer. Two candidates for the office so far have been walking around in the Ten Hills.

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Well, it looks like the Sylvester Baxter Park Bridge will open officially soon. It’s open now for those crossing from Ten Hills over to Assembly Square. Nice bridge, but we’re still wondering why the state gets to pick the name of a park here in Somerville after no one from Somerville.

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District Attorney Marian Ryan dropped by our office on Monday and stayed awhile and talked about her career and her beginnings right here in Somerville. Marian went to St. Joseph in Union

Square, grew up here for many years while she worked over at the District Attorney’s Office in Cambridge as an Assistant District Attorney. Marian Ryan was appointed by Gov. Patrick last year to fill the vacant spot left by Leone. It’s the first time a woman from Somerville was named District Attorney and we can tell you, she’s more than qualified for the job, and she’s a nice person to boot. Her campaign coordinator here in Somerville is Alderman Rob McWatters, so you know she’s going to win with McWatters support.

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**Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to an informational community meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to the Marshall Street Playground. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Central Library, 79 Highland Avenue, on Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Luisa Oliveira at 617-625-6600 ext. 2529.**

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Fascinated by Katie Smith Milway’s inspiring book, One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference, clas-

sical chamber group Vento Chiaro, with funding from The Free for All Concert Fund, commissioned Justin Casinghino to set the tale to music. One Hen tells the true story of Kojo, a boy from Ghana who, with one small loan, a great idea, and hard work, brings work and hope to his village. Join Vento Chiaro for this special performance with composer Justin Casinghino narrating. July 30, at 2 p.m. at the Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA. Free admission.

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For the second straight year, the City of Somerville has earned the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting in North America for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting recognizes the City for going beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in preparing a CAFR that achieves a “spirit of transparency and full disclosure,” according to awarding nonprofit Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The city earned the same award last year for its fiscal 2012 CAFR and, in April, the GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fis-

cal 2014 budget. The program’s high standards mandate, among other requirements, that the CAFR includes an independent auditor’s report on the city’s financial statements, and that it describes the relationship between the city’s financial statements and the data reported for governmental activities, with analysis focusing on the reasons for changes in the city’s financial statements rather than only the amount of change. The city must also clearly distinguish expenses by function instead of lumping call expenses together in a single line item, making it clear to readers what exactly is being spent and where, among the other 220-plus requirements included on GFOA’s checklist. The city’s CAFR, complements the annual city budget by presenting a complete accounting of all government funds, investments and operating activities, more detailed demographic and statistical information, and annual budget comparisons to help the reader better understand the financial condition of the City. The CAFR also has the potential to improve the City’s bond rating and earn lower interest rates for the City. The City currently has the highest bond ratings in its history-AA+ from Standard & Poor’s and Aa2 from Moody’s Investors Service.



# ArtBeat 2014: 'Hatch!'

The Somerville Arts Council and The City of Somerville presented the 2014 edition of ArtBeat last weekend in Davis Square. Artisans and patrons of the arts rubbed shoulders in celebration of the best that the local creative community offers.







Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Alibrandis crush Minutemen

By Ben Cassidy

After a couple of rainouts earlier in the week, the Somerville Alibrandis looked well rested last Friday night against Brighton, thrashing the Minutemen 11-1 at Trum Field.

Somerville used a consistent offensive attack and dominant pitching to beat the Minutemen. The Alibrandis scored five runs in the fourth inning and three in the sixth, along with single runs in the second, third, and fifth innings. When it was all over, every Somerville batter had col-

lected at least one hit, including Mike Maguire, who belted his first home run of the season and drove in three runs.

The offensive explosion didn't overshadow starter Jon Morse's sterling outing. Morse improved to 6-0 by tossing six innings of one-run ball, lowering his ERA to 1.31 this season. His 10 strikeouts were a season-high.

Somerville faces the Malden Maddogs tonight at Trum Field. The Alibrandis were to have played at Rogers Parks against the Brighton Braves yesterday.



The Somerville Alibrandis dominated the Brighton Minutemen by a score of 11-1 Friday night, coming off of a rejuvenating break in the season due to some rainouts earlier that week.



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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. How many branches of Federal Government are there and what are they?

2. How many years do Congress members serve?

3. How many years do Senators serve?

4. How many years does the President serve?

5. How many years does a Supreme Court justice serve?

6. How many states in the USA are there?

7. How many US Senators are there?

8. Who is eligible to run for President of the USA?

9. What is the job of each branch of government?

10. Can convicted felons vote?

11. Name the two temporary Capitals before Washington DC?

12. Who was the first President to live in the White House?

13. Who was the first President who lived in the White House and referred to it as such?

Answers on page 20

Historical Fact of the Week

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Months went by and one day a father came to the church to tell the minister that his ill daughter has died. It was little Hattie May. The father gave him a toy purse that he found under her pillow. It contained fifty-seven cents that she had saved for the new Sunday school. Explaining this sad story at his next sermon, the minister took the purse and sold the pennies off, one at a time. Buyers kept returning the pennies for resale and the eventual total made from the original "57" cents paid for the new Sunday school and Temple University's first building.

The minister was Russell Conwell of Somerville and his actions were the talk of Philadelphia. During the same time, Henry J. Heinz expanded his company there. Heinz was a wealthy, deeply religious man who was also a behind-the-scenes philanthropist. His donations were vast, with the largest portion going to Sunday school associations. When not running his company, he was a teacher who travelled the world volunteering and promoting these schools. He was an instrumental member in Pennsylvania, national and international Sunday school associations.

So whenever you find yourself tapping the bottom of a "Heinz 57" ketchup bottle, you might think it's H. J. Heinz saluting an eight-year old girl who had a dream.

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# Our interview with District Attorney Marian T. Ryan – Part 1

CONT. FROM PG 1

first campaign for a publically held election, she will be competing against County Clerk Michael Sullivan.

In this first part of our interview with DA Ryan, we discuss her background and a few aspects of her position on certain adversities facing Somerville, as well as what must be done.

**The Somerville Times:** You served as a defense attorney briefly and said you then quickly fell in love with the DA's office. Do you find that you enjoy the prosecutorial side more than defense?

**D.A. Ryan:** To do a good prosecution, you have to kind of put yourself into what the defense is going to say, so the intellectual piece of it is still the same. I love doing these types of cases, putting the investigations together, I love it every day. I'm very lucky.

**TST:** What do you feel needs to be done to reduce the rate of violent crimes in Somerville?

**D.A.R:** That is a huge question. One of the things you learn in the experience of being a prosecutor for a long time is it's never one thing – you really have to have a coordinated approach ... my goal is always to be as preventative as possible. In Middlesex County, we have between 30,000 and 40,000 cases a year. The challenge is to figure out what the root of that is, and what we can be doing to deal with that.

If you know, for instance, addiction is the root of some things, then trying to be in front of that and doing some prevention,

outreach and treatment programs, you get people before they get to that piece. If you know that people have committed a crime because of an addiction issue, you want to be holding them accountable for what they did and give them treatment to ensure they don't redo that type of issue. That is one of the things that I've worked a great deal on, for instance the drug courts.

In our office, we have a nonprofit partnership in which we flood schools across the county with prevention and intervention programs for kids, parents and staff. I've done a lot of them right here at the [Somerville Public] High School and the idea is to catch the kids before they fall into that path.

You really have to be doing a lot of things at the same time, because while you're doing prevention and intervention with the middle school kids, you might be treating someone with a real substance addiction differently, and on the other hand you have people making a good living off of moving vast quantities of drugs, and we'll want to deal with them differently.

It's never just an easy fix – it's always that coordinated effort.

**TST:** Somerville has a high rate of children in households living below the poverty line, placing them, statistically, at greater risk of addiction, homelessness and other problems down the road. Do you view this as a potential indicator of issues to come in the future?

**D.A.R:** There are two sides to that. We all know kids. I grew up in Somerville and knew kids that had everything



against them, and despite that went on to be incredibly successful. I certainly do not think that is necessarily a predictor of people's ability.

When I was growing up in Somerville, it was a very blue collar, middle class, nobody had a lot of money, and there were certainly ... at-risk factors that lots of kids I grew up with had and still grew up to be incredibly successful ... You know I look at this graduating class [in Somerville] ... there are incredibly impressive kids in that senior class, and I'd bet, when the number shake out, some of those kids

are the ones with at-risk factors.

District Attorney Ryan went on to note that few things can compare to an involved adult in at-risk children's lives, and that it is difficult to accurately gauge what would be to come given a specific individual's background.

In the next parts of this series, we will dive into Ryan's thoughts on Middlesex County at large, the state and her ideologies as they relate to policy, law enforcement and some of the more popularly discussed pain points such as the war on drugs and the nation's prison system.

## 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. You can watch SNN every Tuesday at 7pm on Ch.3 or online at [www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN](http://www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN).



**Union Square: US2 Says It's Ready to Listen** by Jane Regan: Somerville, MA, July 15, 2014 – The new master redeveloper for Union Square told residents, business owners and members of the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee that his firm is ready to work with the community as plans for redeveloping seven parcels there move forward. The full story is online at [www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN](http://www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN).

**Poor, Latino Youth Hit by Nationwide Obesity Crisis** by Sharon Johnson: Somerville, MA, July 15, 2014 – Somerville has not been spared from the obesity crisis affecting some 12.5 million children across the country. Obesity rates in eastern Massachusetts are declining, thanks in part to programs like the innovative and nationally recognized Shape Up Somerville, but health professionals in the city remain very concerned. The full story is online at [www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN](http://www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN).

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, August 6, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**299 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2013-38)** Applicant and Owner, Comar Real Estate Trust - James Cohen, Trustee, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO §3.1.9, 3.2, and 3.2.3 from violation notices from the Division of Inspectional Services regarding the use of the parking lot. CCD-55 zone. Ward 4.

**273 Broadway (Case #ZBA 2014-54)** Applicant, 271 Broadway Inc., and Owner, Macarthur Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review per SZO §7.11.10.2 to establish a fast food use and a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 4.

**69-71 Lexington Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-57)** Applicant & Owner David Bemiss seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a 2.5 story, 3-family nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement and removing an attached rear shed to create a new basement access and window. RA zone. Ward 6.

**116 Glenwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2014-58)** Applicant, John Murray, and Owner, Cynthia Snow, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to increase a nonconforming FAR by adding living area in the basement. RA zone. Ward 4.

**346 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2014-59)** Applicant & Owner, Paul Lavelle, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to enclose a rear porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

**54 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-60)** Applicant & Owner, Rimma Pevzner, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming two-family structure, which includes multiple dormers and a rear stairwell, in order to add a by-right third unit. The Applicant also seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief. Ward 2. RC zone.

**266 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-61)** Applicant and Owner, Somerville Realty Ventures, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SZO §5.2) to establish 7 residential units (§7.11.1.c) in a new structure and a Variance (§5.5) for height (feet & number of stories) and side yard setback. Also, a Special Permit (§5.1) is sought for the number of compact parking spaces and to establish a shared driveway (§9.13.b & §9.13.c). A Variance is sought to reduce the parking required by approx 3 spaces (§9.5). RC zone. Ward 2.

**14 Greenville St: (Case #ZBA 2014-62)** Applicants & Owners Greg Bowne and Mark Staloff seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a 2.5 story, 2-family nonconforming structure by adding a shed dormer. RA zone. Ward 3.

**260 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-63)** Applicant, Highland Development, Inc., and Owner, 50 Beacon Street Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SZO §5.2) to establish 17 residential units (§7.11.1.c), in a new mixed-use building with 3 approx 1,000 sf commercial units. Also, a Special Permit (§5.1) is sought for the number of compact parking spaces and to establish a shared driveway (§9.13.b & §9.13.c). A Variance (§5.5) is sought to reduce the parking required by approx 12 spaces (§9.5). RC zone. Ward 2.

**55 Putnam St, #1: (Case #ZBA 2014-64)** Applicant & Owner Michael Reed seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding an exterior spiral stair as a third floor egress. RA zone. Ward 3.

**3 Cameron Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-65)** Applicant, David Kinsella, and Owner, Daniel Murphy, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add rear decks, increase the height of the structure, and window alterations and §9.13 for parking relief. RC zone. Ward 7.

**24 Wesley Park: (Case #ZBA 2014-66)** Applicant and Owner, Heidi Meyer, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1, to alter a nonconforming three-family by installing an egress stair in the rear of the property. RB zone. Ward 3.


**14-22 McGrath Hwy: (Case #ZBA 2014-67)** Applicant and Owner, Twin City Plaza, LLC seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under the SZO §5.3.8 to alter a loading dock area of the building that was approved by Special Permit with Site Plan Review. BA zone. Ward 2.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, August 7, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**771 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2013-05)** Applicant, CPC-T Holdings, LLC, and Owner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, seek an amendment to a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on Sept 6, 2001 and Nov 1, 2001 under SZO §16.11 to construct a 75-unit residential building. Waivers are requested for a reduction in the requirement for landscaped area, signage area and height and reduced setbacks under SZO §16.5.4 and 16.5.5.

**185 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2014-21)** Applicant North East Foods, LLC, and Owner, Carroll's Corporation, seek a Special Permit per SZO §6.1.22.5 for building alterations and §6.1.22.H.7 for signage. CCD 55 Zone. Ward 2.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P3595EA

Estate of :  

Sean	Thomas	Lawrence
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: Sean T. Lawrence

Date of Death: 06/27/2014

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

Petitioner Rosann Mejias of Ware MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[ ] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[ ] 

<u>Rosann</u>	<u>Mejias</u>	of	<u>Ware</u>	<u>MA</u>
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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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P347EA

Estate of :  

James	Levis	Acheson
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: James L. Acheson

Date of Death: May 24, 2014

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

Petitioner Barbara D. Van Dyke of Billerica MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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

[ X ] 

<u>Barbara</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Van Dyke</u>	of	<u>Billerica</u>	<u>MA</u>
First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)	

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P3588EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Carmella Vaccaro

Also know as: Carmela Vaccaro

Date of Death: 02/14/2003

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Elaine Stiehl of Somerville MA

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

And also requesting that:

Elaine Stiehl of Somerville MA

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 08/11/2014  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

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

Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

Date: July 14, 2014

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THE TRIAL COURT  
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
CONSERVATOR-MAINTENANCE**

MIDDLESEX, SS, DIVISION

Docket: MI 14P1229PM

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the estate of **Susan A. Stubeda of Somerville** in the County of Middlesex, with an interest in real estate, a petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter by, **Susan S. Bilder**, praying for license to sell at -private sale- certain real estate situated in **Somerville** for his/her maintenance.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **8th of August, 2014**, the return date of this citation.

Witness Hon. Edward F. Donnelly Jr., ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court, this **11th day of July, 2014**.

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

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## East Somerville's 'World Groove'

East Somerville Main Streets' Third Thursday Block Party called "World Groove Dance Party" took place last Thursday at Chuckie Harris Park.

The event featured World Music DJ'd by Anthony De Soto and Anita Young Coelho, a storybook walk and crown crafting by The Beautiful Stuff Project, community quilt making with Connection Lab, performances and dance demos by On-Stage Dance Company, live Drumming, spoken word performances and more.

The next Third Thursday Block Party is scheduled for August 21, 6:00-8:30 p.m., also at Chuckie Harris Park.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



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**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**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

**Thursday|July 24**

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

**SomerMovie FEAST**  
Soylent Green  
Dusk|Seven Hills Park, Davis Square.

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Hall Avenue|7 p.m

**Friday|July 25**

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

**East Branch Library**  
Story & Craft for Kids 4 and Older  
Meghan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Sunday|July 27**

**Somerstreets “Seize the Summer”**  
noon to 4 p.m.|Highland ave-Walnut st to Lowell

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

**Monday|July 28**

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

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Rose Street|7 p.m

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

**Tuesday|July 29**

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

**Wednesday|July 30**

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

**Central Library**  
Vento Chiaro presents One Hen  
Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 x2954  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**MUSIC**

**Wednesday|July 23**

**Johnny D’s**  
Boston Jewish Music Festival presents A Multimedia tribute to Amy Wine-house 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”|-Pet Jail|Sam Haiman|Lee Preston|Blueprint For A Riot  
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

**Thursday|July 24**

**Johnny D’s**  
Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 60s & Beyond ft the music of Peter & Gordon|6:30 p.m.  
Mipso plus Ordinary Magic|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Liz Morrison  
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**  
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**  
The Loop  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|July 25**

**Johnny D’s**  
Kasey Lansdale plus Ashley Jordan|7:30 p.m.  
The Chroma Concept with Jonny Vinal Band|10  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Other Houses|Alex Raven Band|Edel-weiss|Alan Semerdjian

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dave Wells & Andrea Gillis  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

**Saturday|July 26**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jeff Jam Dance Party \$5 Cash @ Door|4 p.m.  
Li’l BeeDee & the Doo-Rites & DJ Easy Ed|6 p.m.  
Endangered Speeches plus Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Glen Yoder, The Rotary Prophets \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Blue Light Bandits|Hard Soul|27|/Q|Conmen  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
BCAP & The Peoples  
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

**Sunday|July 27**

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

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m  
Ryan Taylor, Natalie Flanagan Band, Roses|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Somerstreets “Seize the Summer”**  
noon to 4 p.m.|Highland ave-Walnut st to Lowell

**Monday|July 28**

**Johnny D’s**  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: Storyteller Cafe|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 29**

**Johnny D’s**  
Open Mic with Dr Grant  
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 30**

**Johnny D’s**  
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**  
Volcanic Islands|Swiss Clark & The Eskimo Project|]-train  
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

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**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

**Thursday|July 24**

**Central Library**  
Occupational Interest/ Career Exploration  
Laura Denison|978-886-0764  
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Marshall Street Playground: Community Meeting  
Luisa Oliveira|617-625-6600 x2529  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

**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

**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 26**

**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 27**

**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 28**

**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

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



## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

**Holland Street:** located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square)

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(617) 666-5223

**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 28th we will be featuring the movie Frozen – August 25th will be Philomena – September 29th will be Saving Mr. Banks and October 27th will be The Monuments Men. Please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

**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 ball-park, 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.

**Christmas in July Super Bingo:** Thursday, July 31 – 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center – 9 New Washington Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Kim at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot or if you should have questions.

**Mayor’s Annual “Old Time” Senior Picnic:** Wednesday, August 6 / Rain date, Friday, August 8 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Powderhouse Park – It’s a great day filled with lunch, dancing, music, entertainment and prizes galore. Tickets available at our Holland Street Center, our Ralph & Jenny Center, our Cross Street Center, the Mayor’s Office & a representative from the SCOA will be going to every senior building to distribute tickets. Please give Connie a call if you need additional information at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

**Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT:** Tuesday, August 19 - For a \$25.00 fee you receive transportation, \$10. Food coupon and a \$10. Free bet. Check in time is 8 a.m. at the Holland Street Center and 8:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8 p.m. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

**Summer Special Super Bingo:** Friday, August 22 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

**We Sold A Winner, Documentary:** Thursday, August 28 – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Holland Street Atrium – The SCOA invites you to a visual presentation and discussion by Somerville Arts Council Fellow Edie Bresler – A social documentary that looks at state lotteries. Lunch and transportation available upon request. Please 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

Battleship Cove – July 25 are BOOKED.

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.

**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. RSVP required no later than 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 7.

**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 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 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 to 11 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 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 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 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

**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 a.m. (H)

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

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 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 p.m.

**Fridays:**

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

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m.

Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12 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 23**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Thursday, July 24**

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Mobile Farmer’s Market (H)

**Friday, July 25**

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday, July 28

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movies: Frozen (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Fenway Park Tour and Red Sox Game

**Tuesday, July 29**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Wednesday, July 30**

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Supper & Bingo at Hanscom AFB

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recently, Santa Barbara bring attention to the issue of gun control, but every day 33 Americans are killed, mostly with handguns. Last June, the number of shooting victims in Boston rose to more than one per day. That was the most it had been since the turbulent years of 1990-1995. Gun buyback programs alone won't solve the problem, but they are an important piece of a comprehensive approach, along with the steps put forth in the House bill.

If you have unwanted firearms or ammunition in your home, whether you are licensed or not, please bring them to the Public Safety Building this Saturday and help us prevent another tragedy before it occurs. The "Food For Guns" Gun Buyback program will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rear of the Somerville Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St. Any and all hand guns, rifles, shotguns, BB guns and air

guns, working or non working, antique or modern, registered or not and ammunition will be accepted. Residents are asked to bring the unloaded firearm, or any ammunition, transported in the trunk of their vehicle in a clear sealed plastic bag or box. No questions will be asked and no identification is required. Unlicensed residents who turn in weapons will not be prosecuted for the crime of unlawful possession of a weapon.

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Answers

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1. Three: The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches	President
2. Two years as many times as they want	9. The Legislative branch enacts laws; the Executive branch carries out the laws and recommends laws; and the Judicial branch reviews laws that are challenged between states and decides the laws as constitutional or not
3. 6-year terms as many times as they want	10. No
4. 4-years with a limit of two 4-year terms in a row	11. New York City and Philadelphia PA
5. Life tenure	12. John Adams
6. 50 states	13. Teddy Roosevelt
7. 100, two per state	
8. Only those born in the United States can run for	



# The North blasts through defenses

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The average individual only enters a church for a funeral or a wedding. Hard rock Los Angeles band The North encompasses both—out in front, a funeral for family—or alternatively, a hymnal from a wedding of off-kilter famous couples like Helena Bonham Carter and Tim Burton. The origins of the band started in Massachusetts with the group playing local spots in Somerville and other areas. They’re returning to Massachusetts on August 1 for an 11 p.m show at Church of Boston.

Even Neil Gaiman, author of the *Sandman* series and prose fiction *American Gods*, has to rock out once in a blue moon, and there, at the altar, watched from the pew and priestly intoning the vows that witch and warlock unite to, sings Gaiman’s vessel. Tying the knot never looked so bloody crimson, but aside from royal figures coming together, the typical romance sincerely promises till death do us part.

That’s the key to The North. Each song is a promise, whether it is a funeral march like the poignant track *Long Goodbye* or a bond of matrimony in one of

their tunes like *Staring At Your Picture*. And when that first-born child comes between the romance, it is time to stop thinking of you and me, it is time to “Disengage” announces The North. Each member of The North is grabbing the bull by the horns. They flirt with disaster, staring Death in the face, until the wench suddenly pinches their cheeks.

The North identifies themselves with blue-collared bands from the 70s through the 90s. Inspirations include groups from Led Zeppelin to Pearl Jam, says guitarist Jamie Maguire. For their debut album, *Disengage*, the depth of the vocals and instruments parallel a dark Kings of Leon or a melodic Deftones.

“We all come in and chat about the latest and greatest while we set up. We usually get warmed up with a good ten-minute or so jam session with everyone kind of improvising and playing around with different sounds and dynamics. From there, we’ll get into either the set, working on some new cover tunes, or start writing some new stuff. Kind of depends on what we have coming up. Lately, been a lot of rehearsing of the set and really getting dialed in for the



North is going places.

big shows,” said Maguire.

The band includes Jamie Maguire (guitar), Dennis Harris (bass, backup vocals), Ted Kelliher (drums), Ryan Sullivan (vocals), Carlyle Crenshaw (lead guitar). “Dennis, Ted and I all grew up in the West Roxbury/Roslindale area of Boston. We started playing together when

we were about fourteen with another friend of ours singing. By around 2000, we started playing out at a lot of local clubs and then spread to other towns in Massachusetts. One of our favorite joints outside of Boston was a place in Somerville called Good Times Emporium. There was a really great scene going

there, really thriving. A lot of solid rock bands in Somerville who all wanted to come out and really show off their stuff. It was very impressive,” says Maguire.

Their debut album, *Disengage*, can be found on iTunes, Amazon, and [www.TheNorthLA.com](http://www.TheNorthLA.com); their web site also includes streaming samples and videos.

## SCATV Survey & “This Is My Square” Contest

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**About This is My Square contest:** Additionally, we also want to learn more about your favorite spots in Somerville and we invite you to submit a picture of your favorite place, restaurant, statue, tiny museum, or hidden gem in one of Somerville’s Squares! Winners will be entered into a drawing for dinner for two at La Brasa Somerville and two Somerville Theatre tickets (a huge high five to those two fine Somerville establishments for donating those gift certificates!). The winner will be announced on SCATV Ch. 3 during Somerville Neighborhood News at 7pm (which also airs online at [www.scatvsomerville.org/watch](http://www.scatvsomerville.org/watch)). All pictures submitted will be edited into a slideshow that will broadcast on Ch. 3 daily til the end of August.

**Deadline:** July 25. Winner to be announced on Somerville Neighborhood News on July 29 at 7 p.m. on SCATV Ch.3.

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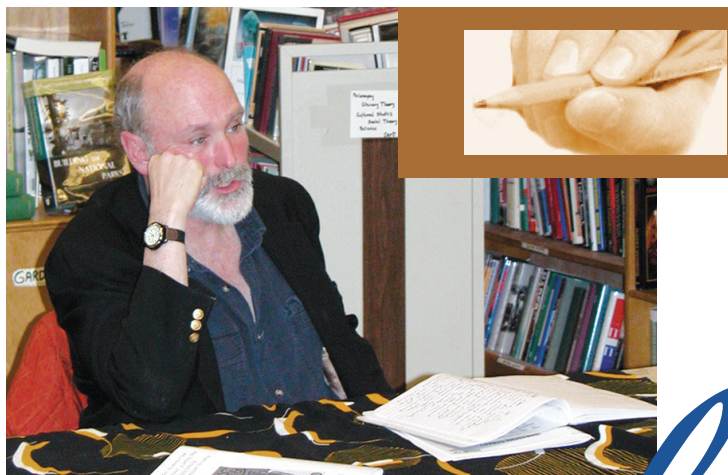
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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time		12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folkorist		12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)		1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	6:30pm	Health is Wealth		2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)		3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	7:30pm	Active Aging		4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Dead Air Live
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)		4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Greater Somerville
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship		5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00pm	Greater Somerville Special Edition		6:00pm	Down the Lynde	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:30pm	Art at SCATV		7:00pm	This is East	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
2:00pm	Physician Focus	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes		8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	<b>Friday, July 25</b>			9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Active Aging	7:00am	Dead Air Live		10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents: Le Dindon
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Hello Neighbor: with the Somerville Garden Club
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading		<b>Sunday, July 27</b>		8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
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6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders		8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville		9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
7:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	2:30pm	Art at SCATV		10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	Greater Somerville	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Groundwork Somerville		11:30am	Basic Buddha	10:00am	This is East
10:00pm	Art at SCATV:	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News		12:00pm	Play by Play	11:30am	Ablevision
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)		1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show		1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	2:00pm	Active Aging
<b>Thursday, July 24</b>		7:00pm	Watch This		2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Visual Radio		3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	No Justice, Justice Us		4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship		5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents: Cabaret	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	10:00pm	100 Second Film Festival		6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)		7:00pm	African Television Network	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	<b>Saturday, July 26</b>			8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:30pm	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour		9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures		10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	African Television	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: The Candy Episode		11:00pm	Down the Lynde	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Music Class Episode		<b>Monday, July 28</b>		9:00pm	Energy Theater
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol		6:00am	Ablevision	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Chef's Table Series	10:00am	Tele Galaxie		6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		20:00pm: Family Fun Day		9:00am: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals		9:00pm: Raising Families - Wicked Sober	
<b>Wednesday, July 23</b>		10:10pm: Walter Shute Square Dedication		9:45am: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals		9:30pm: Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	
9:00am: SomerViva em Portugues		10:30pm: SomerViva em Portugues		11:00am: Little League 75th Anniversary		9:55 pm: Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	
12:00pm: Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row		<b>Sunday, July 27</b>		12:30pm: kid stuff – National Night Out		11:00pm: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS	
12:30pm: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest		12:00am: Art Beat 2014		1:00pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert		<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	
1:30pm: Porchfest 2014		1:30am: Voices of Somerville		2:00pm: Brown School Spring Concert		12:00am:Common Core State Standards for Education	
2:30pm: Family Fun Day		2:00am: Family Fun Day		3:00pm: SHS Boys Soccer vs. W Springfield		1:00am: SCALE Graduation 2014	
2:45pm: Pride Flag Raising		2:10am: Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration		6:00pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals		2:00am: Somerville School Day Games	
3:00pm: East Somerville Walking Tour		9:00am: SomerViva em Portugues		6:45pm 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals		9:00am:Common Core State Standards for Education	
6:30pm: SomerViva: en Espanol		9:30am: Art Beat 2014		8:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary		10:00am: Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	
7:00pm: Walter Shute Square Dedication		12:00pm: Senior Circuit		9:30pm: kid stuff - Boathouse		10:30am: Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	
7:10pm: Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting		12:30pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		10:00pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert		11:30am: kid stuff - Boathouse	
8:40pm: Family Fun Day		1:00pm: Congressional Update		11:00pm: Brown School Spring Concert		12:00pm: SCALE Graduation 2014	
9:00pm: Voices of Somerville		1:30pm: Voices of Somerville		<b>Thursday, July 24</b>		1:00pm:MIAA 1st Rd - SHS Boys Soccer vs. Cambridge	
9:30pm: 2014 Somerville Preservation Awards		2:00pm: Art Beat 2014		12:00am: All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8		3:00pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals	
<b>Thursday, July 24</b>		7:00pm: Senior Circuit		2:00am:Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert		3:45pm: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals	
12:00am: Walter Shute Square Dedication		7:30pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		9:00am: WHCIS Spring Concert		5:00pm: All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	
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2:30am: 2014 Somerville Preservation Awards		10:30pm: Voices of Somerville		1:30pm: MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs. Brookline		9:30pm: WHCIS Spring Concert	
9:00am: Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration		<b>Monday, July 28</b>		3:30pm: MIAA Div Semifinal SHS Boys Soccer vs. Malden		10:15 pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals	
12:00pm: Senior Circuit		12:00am: Senior Circuit		6:00pm: WHCIS Spring Concert		10:45pm: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals	
12:30pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		12:30am: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		7:00pm: All City Middle School Spring Concert		<b>Monday, July 28</b>	
1:00pm: Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection		1:00am: Legoland Ribbon Cuttingat Assembly Row		8:00pm: ESCS Spring Concert		12:00am: SCALE Graduation 2014	
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7:00pm: Art Beat 2014		9:00am: Taste of Somerville		<b>Friday, July 25</b>		9:30am: Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	
8:30pm: Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony		9:30am: Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting		12:00am: SHS Boys Soccer vs. W Springfield		10:30am: kid stuff - Boathouse	
9:00pm: Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration		12:00pm: Congressional Update		3:00am: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS		11:00am: SCALE Graduation 2014	
<b>Friday, July 25</b>		12:30pm: East Somerville Walking Tour		9:00am: SCALE Graduation 2014		12:00pm:MIAA 1st Rd - SHS Boys Soccer vs. Cambridge	
12:00am: Congressional Update		2:00pm: Porchfest 2014		10:00am: WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		2:00pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals	
12:30am: Art Beat 2014		6:30pm: Taste of Somerville		11:00am: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert		2:45pm: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals	
2:00am: Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony		7:00pm: East Somerville Walking Tour		11:30am: Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert		4:00pm: All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	
2:30am: Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration		8:00pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		12:00pm: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS		6:00pm:Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert	
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12:00pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		9:00pm: Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony		2:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary		8:00pm: Somerville School Day Games	
12:30pm: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest		9:30pm: 2014 Somerville Preservation Awards		4:00pm: SCALE Graduation 2014		9:00pm: WHCIS Spring Concert	
1:30pm: Congressional Update		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>		5:00pm: WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		10:00pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals	
2:00pm: Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection		12:00am: Taste of Somerville		6:00pm: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert		10:45pm: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals	
6:30pm: Porchfest 2014		12:30am: Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte		6:30pm: Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert		<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
7:30pm: SomerViva: Haitian Creole		1:00am: Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony		7:00pm: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS		12:00am: All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	
8:00pm: SomerStreets: Carnival		2:00am: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest		8:00pm: Somerville School Day Games		1:30am: 2014 SHS Class Day	
8:30pm: Secure Communities Press Conference		9:00am: Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony		9:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary		3:30am: 2014 SHS Graduation	
9:00pm: Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection		9:30am: Talking Business		4:00pm: SCALE Graduation 2014		9:00am: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	
<b>Saturday, July 26</b>		12:00pm: Senior Circuit		5:00pm: WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		10:00am:Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	
12:00am: Porchfest 2014		12:30pm: Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout		6:00pm: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert		11:00am: WHCIS Spring Concert	
1:00am: SomerViva: Haitian Creole		1:00pm: Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration		6:30pm: Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert		12:00pm: Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	
1:30am: SomerStreets: Carnival		3:00pm: SomDog Spring Fling		7:00pm: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS		12:30pm: GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	
2:00am: Secure Communities Press Conference		6:30pm: Congressional Update		8:00pm: Somerville School Day Games		2:30pm:Kennedy Show Drama Club: Schoolhouse Rock	
2:30am: Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection		7:00pm: Senior Circuit		9:00pm: Little League 75th Anniversary		3:30pm: 2014 SHS Spring Concert	
9:00am: Family Fun Day		7:30pm: Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout		4:00pm:Common Core State Standards for Education		5:30pm: Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14	
12:00pm: Walter Shute Square Dedication		8:00pm: Art Beat 2014		5:00pm: 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals		6:00pm: Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	
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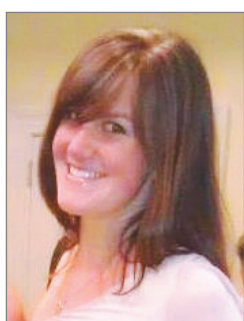


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The *LYRICAL* got this message from poet Janet Dutcher: "I am a Senior at Endicott College with a minor in English. The inspiration for this poem came from the long winter we had and my desire for a warm summer day at the beach. I hope you enjoy *Summer at Singing Beach*."



### Summer at Singing Beach

Waves approach with no caution,  
slamming into the gentle sand shore.  
People flock in the never-ending sun  
and warmth. Gliding their feet,  
creating a gentle hum.  
The beach singing a song,  
welcoming people after the long winter.  
Staying quiet enough to  
let teenagers sneak in at night.  
Loud enough for people to gather in the day.  
Using its warm sand and loving song  
to let people know they are welcome.  
The song telling summer not to leave again.

— Janet Dutcher

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Review of 'Reckoning' by Rusty Barnes



Our guest columnist this week is Somerville writer Ralph Pennel. Ralph is the fiction editor at the *Midway Journal* (online) and teaches at Bunker Hill Community College. Here he reviews *Reckoning*, a novel by local writer Rusty Barnes.

At every turn, it is easy to forget that *Reckoning* is author Rusty Barnes's debut novel. From page one, the book is as emotionally complex and engaging as it is suspenseful and artful. A coming of age tale that takes on all the shape and guise of a more sophisticated literary narrative but for short breaths and gasps, the novel succeeds where many coming of age tales fail their less cautionary, more discerning readers. That is, it exposes the human failings of all its characters, both young and old, with the same unapologetic honesty, and it does so against the critical examination of the novel's rural Appalachian setting, which serves as a lens into the failings of the broader, restrictive patriarchal culture at large.

In the opening scene of the novel, Richard, the main character, who is fourteen, is shooting at woodchucks from the cab of his employer's truck. However, because of his poor aim—a recurrent theme explored throughout the book—all he manages to accomplish is to rouse the small Appalachian town from its rural slumber into a conflict each one of its members will not soon forget. In the wake of his poor shooting, Lyle, the man by whom Richard's own humanity will be tested personally and physically, emerges from the underbrush accompanied by a naked woman, Ms. Neary. Ms. Neary, the mother of Richard's eventual love interest, Katie, is the first naked woman Richard has ever seen, and he is forever changed, made too aware of his own emerging (albeit controversial) masculine identity.

Even before that, though, Barnes draws the reader into novel's primary theme immediately in the very first line of the book: "The sun was bad" (7). As all "sons" are. Especially the "sons" of Richard's hometown, where patriarchy and misogyny are not just the predominant modeling behaviors, they are the only ones. Even those characters, who seem to know intuitively that this type of behavior is wrong, can't bring themselves to fully disengage from it. It is a commentary on the main character's doomed future, where he will have to discern between what he is to become and what he has already unwittingly allowed himself to become. And, from that point on, from the very first line, Barnes never once takes his foot off the gas.

Through much of the novel, Richard is berated, admonished and regarded with ambivalence by his father until it is evident to his father that Richard is involved with Ms. Neary's daughter, Katie. It is at this point that Richard's father, who "Still in his work clothes, looked like he could handle about anything . . . replacing an engine, putting in a toilet, cutting wood, hunting, driving anything with a motor" (97), treats him as an equal. Richard, at this critical moment in the novel is tired from having stayed up late the night before and from having walked home early in the morning. His father admonishes him proudly, and even remorsefully, stating that, "Chasing women will do that to you" (98). Or, in other words, welcome to manhood, you will feel this way the rest of your life. Richard is now part of "the club." He now knows, according to his father, that it is the only thing that can save him, that love will save him and all men by making him defenseless to it, by taking away what makes him a "good" man. He is powerless against it, but made more powerful by defending his desire to have it. He has discovered the paradox of "manhood," that it is a "man's" prerogative to show that he can defend without fail the one thing that threatens his masculinity.

Ultimately, however, it is in stumbling across the body of Misty, who has been left for dead, lying naked and

beaten by the side of the brook, that Richard's life is steered directly toward his truest test and final confrontation. It is eventually revealed that Misty is in the sex industry and in this way somehow linked to Lyle. Richard befriends Misty, who is taken in by Ms. Neary, and it is through this allegiance that Richard becomes a threat to Lyle. This is because Lyle has no interest in treating women well, especially a woman like Misty who, according to Richard's father is, "going to end up toothless and five times pregnant before she's thirty" (100). This is an obvious detriment to Lyle's character and the defining difference between him and a man like Richard's father. Though both men resent facing their weaknesses, Richard's father owns up to his, however rudimentarily, whereas Lyle takes it out on that which reveals his weakness.

It is this same allegiance with Misty and Ms. Neary that, for all intents and purposes, costs Richard his job shooting woodchucks for Old Man Thompson and lands him in a fight with Lyle on Richard's uncle's property. In this fight, Lyle breaks Richard's arm in order to keep him "out of his business" because the two (his business and Misty and Ms. Neary) are, from what Richard can tell, one and the same, and he has become irreversibly emotionally invested in the lives of these women, Katie included, to back out. Even after Lyle threatens Richard at the end of the fight stating, "I'll kill every fucking friend you have. I'll start with her mother. Katie. Misty" (107), and it is clear that he means this, Richard cannot un-invest.

Richard's passion is ultimately put to the test, as he slowly sees that the fight he has taken on personally on behalf of his new friends is far larger than himself, and quite possibly unwinnable:

It was something he should have known. He was fourteen, and it was only now he realized what that meant. He had all the things—the size, the brains—that men had, but there was a certain set, the knowledge of the way Lyle and his father behaved, not to mention the presence of mind and power of even someone as obviously limited as Karl Nickson. Karl wasn't smart or anything like it, but his instincts in telling Richard how bad it would get, way back at the beginning of it all just a few days ago, seemed like the slow-powered decision of a king. (229)

Richard decides once and for all that he not only has to make this right by defending the honor of his friends, but he has to get back at Lyle personally for breaking his arm and for humiliating him. And, even though Richard is still just a kid, "he deserved to have the chance to get back at Lyle, to make it better in his head. It wasn't revenge . . . It was everything he'd been taught in school and by his father and by all the men in the world who truly cared about the kind of person he would become" (206). It is this decision, to take matters into his own hands, that leads him to the final showdown at novel's end and to deciding whether this is a world he can bear to make himself vulnerable for.

*Reckoning* is a work of considerable literary merit, and it is unequivocally prescient in its tackling of the subjects of patriarchy and misogyny, which have gained hold of the national consciousness in the wake of current events. Furthermore, whether it is a remarkably vivid description, or the way the dialogue strategically reveals the truest natures of the characters, the novel is very artfully crafted and the language is rich and dense. This in combination with the compelling narrative that pulls the reader through page after page, makes it is easy to wish for the novel to continue in order to lengthen our stay in Barnes's dysfunctional Appalachian town. But this sense of withholding definitely leaves us desiring for more and eager for this author's next full-length work.

— Ralph Pennel

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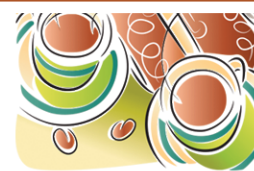
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