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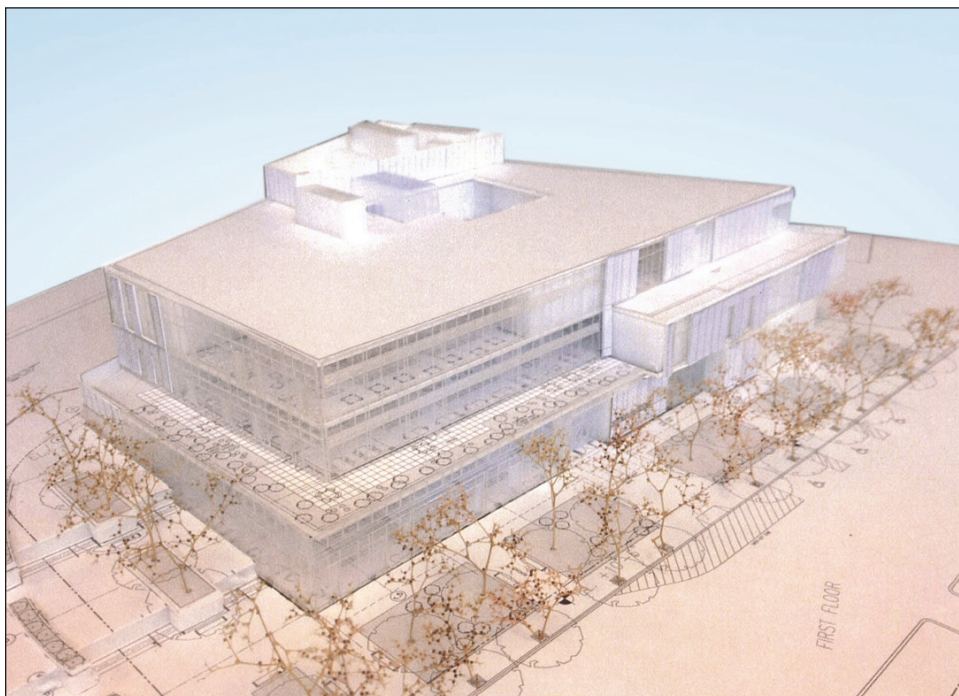
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## Construction grant for Union Square Library declined



The much hoped for library for Union Square faced a setback as the city declined a matching grant earmarked for construction costs.

By Haley ED Houseman

At the end of June, the city announced that the Somerville will be passing on a \$18 million grant that underpinned hopes for a plan for a library presence in Union Square. According to Dann DeMaina, the Media Manager for the city, Somerville applied for the grant from Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' (MBLC) MPL Construction Program in January 2012, although discussions about this proposal began even earlier. Initially the city was placed on a waiting list, and received notification of the provisional award in 2014. After a series of planning discussions, it was determined that the timeline designated in the grant application could not be met by the city, and the city declined to match it.

City departments that were involved in the bid included the libraries, *Continued on page 4*

## Loss of a local gem: Johnny D's to close

By Amy Swain

Somerville's beloved Johnny D's, a local landmark since 1969, has decided to close its doors. The restaurant/club has served generations of Boston area patrons and bands, and has been a destination for out-of-towners.

Owner of the venue Carla DeLellis posted a letter to the Johnny D's website as a farewell from the establishment. The letter begins "Dear Friends," and in it, you can feel the genuine emotion of a tough goodbye.

The space has been in the family since DeLellis' parents bought Murphy's Uptown forty-seven years ago. Although it will not remain our treasured Johnny D's, it will remain in the family. DeLellis states in her farewell address that she feels the time is right to develop the property. In a correspondence with her, she disclosed that she will be turning the upper levels of the building into apartments, and is still unsure about the fate of the commercial space. "I hope to find some unique strong local independent business(es) to occupy the commercial space that are a good mix for

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A Somerville entertainment institution will be shutting its doors early next year, as Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant & Music Club calls it quits. — Photo by Amy Swain

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Make the Mural Night is this week, on Thursday, from 8:00–10:00 p.m. at 34 Cross Street East. You are welcome to join in to bring the mural design to life. Help trace the community mural design on the wall at Deano’s Pasta Factory. The Cross Street mural projection event is an opportunity for the community to see and be a part of a very important part of the mural process. You can help trace the community mural design up onto its new home and reveal a mural design created from community participation and stories told at the mural design event on the 18th. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded East Somerville Main Streets, in conjunction with the Somerville Arts Council, a grant to fund a place making initiative for East Somerville during 2014 and 2015. The initiative, called “This is East,” will celebrate, maintain and promote East Somerville’s identity at this time of change for the neighborhood. This event is only one piece of a much larger place making initiative that includes video stories and other events.

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Save the date, Saturday October 17 at the Holiday Inn when the SHS Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. For updates go to their Facebook page.

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Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of *The Times*: To young Corey Norton, who is about to become a dad, we wish him and his fiancé the very best and hope he has a great day for himself. His grandmother, Patti Norton, celebrates the same day, on the 29th. We wish her the very best and a happy birthday to her as well. To a great guy who grew up here in the Ville, joined the service, married and is himself a father of three boys, happy birthday to Ricky Hart. We wish a great day for him. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang is celebrating this week as well. He’s been working very hard and doing a great job representing his constituents in Ward 5. We wish him the very best. To Ms.Laura Pitone, the School Committee member from Ward 5, as well is celebrating this week. Laura, if you haven’t met her, is a smart lady and we predict she’s going far here in the city in the future. May she

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Comments of the Week

Response to: *Economic terrorism and the siege of Athens*

A.Moore says:

It shows how dangerous it is for a country to be in debt. Having the economy destroyed by trying to buy it’s way out of debt. Every country that tried this found it did not work. The US is headed in the same direction. One only has to look at the history books to see this.

Dick Tater says:

Let’s run Trump for President of Greece. He’s got plenty of experience with bankruptcy.

Pixie Pocahontas says:

Bill,

Look at what’s happening to Britain–

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/31942-eco-village-offers-off-the-grid-refuge-from-london-housing-crisis>

Maybe your next article can expose the amount of homeless and displaced people this country has abandoned like the Brits have done to these poor souls, while the filthy rich keep getting richer.

Matt says:

Greece is in a really tough spot, partly because of the decisions they as a country made and also because of the structure of the EU which has buoyed large export economies like Germany. Reform is needed in many of the lower performing EU countries which make it very hard to start, grow businesses and take risks. Lots of focus has been on the flows of structural funds to EU member countries while little (other than accolades) is said about countries like Germany.

One of the biggest drivers of growth for Germany has been the valuation of their currency which is artificially low compared to their trade balance. The second part about Germany has to do with their post war debt. Back when they had huge debts, many of those debts were forgiven and while not wiped out, there were left with debts at a reasonable, manageable level.

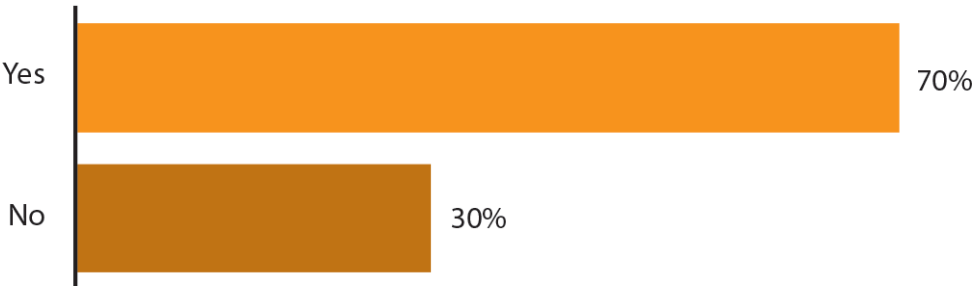
The EU needs to decide what it will be when it grows up, if it is to be successful it must move to a fiscal union as well as a monetary one, otherwise it is doomed to be a failed experiment.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you are disappointed that Boston will not be hosting the Olympics in 2024. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Are you disappointed that Boston will not be hosting the Olympics in 2024?



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# Somerville weekly food truck festivals are here

By Patrick McDonagh

Popularity grew in L.A., where cavalcades of 27-foot metal trucks serving gourmet meals might be known as rodeos. The Food Network converted this culinary phenomenon into a TV show hosted by Tyler Florence, *The Great American Food Truck Race*, which will soon be airing its sixth season.

Early east coast adopter of mobile meals, Somerville city's Tuesday truck gathering is a titled food pun embraced by residents. The StrEats event in Somerville now boasts a selection of food trucks with cult Twitter followings, beer gardens, electric bike demos, and residents ready for evening outdoor dining, regardless of same day tornado warnings.

Food Truck Festivals Of America has been in the business of organizing food truck festivals since its 2011 inception, growing the popularity of a festival client's request for something new. Janet Prensky of Aigner Prensky Marketing shares, "When we started it was for a client in the Pine Hills in Plymouth. They wanted something different. Not music or the same old same old. Anne-Marie Aigner, my business partner came up with the concept."

Aigner said she had noticed mobile meal popularity trickling from the west coast to New York, but it was a sparse scene outside of major cities. They went searching for food trucks in 2011. "We found eight trucks for our first event," said Prensky. "That first little festival with eight trucks in Plymouth gave us the concept. Today our list in 2015 is 500. That is how the industry has grown in just four years."

The first event's success eased uncertainty and surpassed conservative preparation.

Prensky describes the scene of Food Truck Festivals Of America's first event: "Interestingly enough, the trucks said to us that day 'how much food should I bring? What should we expect?' We had no clue if anyone would even come to this thing. We told them to bring enough for 1,000 people, we don't know who is coming. It could be 500 and we apologize if you bring too much food. 4,000 people showed up. That is when we knew that we were on to something. This concept was huge, even with very little advertising. Advertising was all social media. Social media drives this industry. If it wasn't for Twitter, I don't even know if there would be food trucks." Prensky works so-

cial media during events, sending tweets to trucks with ten to twenty thousand followers, a marketing campaign that is effective yet deliberately reserved.

"We want it to be successful but still intimate so we are very careful with the way we market it," says Prensky. "It has been working well in Somerville. We are very pleased with the reception the trucks have received. Somerville has been very good to StrEats. It is not just about us coming into a neighborhood and bombarding it with food trucks. We have been embraced and we are very grateful. The trucks are excited to keep coming. We are thankful to the neighborhood and would like to express that gratitude. We want this to be successful for the trucks and the neighborhood itself."

Part of that success means finding a lineup of trucks from their pool of clients that will draw the Somerville crowd; four savory trucks and one desert serving a variety of dietary needs including vegetarian, vegan, and Kosher.

Spicy pickle flavors wrapped in a sandwich, choice of fresh fillings on a toasted baguette stuffed with pickled carrots and daikon, cucumber, cilantro, red onion, house (or truck) made spicy mayo, and pork pate. One of StrEats event coordinators, Angela Case's, preferred entrees is from Bon Me. Case's desert choice: a Frozen Hoagie's homemade vanilla ice cream filling with coconut cookie. Part of the allure, she says, is the variety provided in an outdoor park environment. "The restaurant world is fantastic but this is a more casual fun and funky way to have a good meal. You don't have to go out to a really nice restaurant to have nice food, you can go to Powder House Square and sit in the park with your family and have really nice food. You don't all have to have the same thing. I like spicy food and a lot of people don't. You can have Asian and I can have Kosher, you can't get all of that in a single restaurant." Aigner Prensky's client, Wheelworks, has joined the Somerville StrEats event, demoing electric bikes at festivals while reaching the ideal Wheelworks demographic.

E-bike demos will be available to the community at the August 4 event and through the summer through Wheelworks. Prensky equates the experience to the strangely unbridled pleasure of moving walkways often seen in airports. "Remember, when you try it this is a bike, not a motorcycle, you don't need a special license for it. You ride in the bike lanes. It



Food Truck Festivals Of America will be wheeling in gastronomic delights every Tuesday evening throughout the month of August at Powder House Square.

is a little faster, smoother, and easier," says Prensky. "I compare it to when you go to the airport and you have the 'people mover,' the moving sidewalk thing. That to me is like walking, but better. This electric bike is like biking, but better."

The trucks will be at Powder House Square every Tuesday at 5 p.m. through the end of August. Here is what to expect on August 4:

+ Bon Me – Vietnamese noodle and rice bowls and banh mi sandwiches

- + Rami's Food Truck – Modern Mediterranean falafel, shwarma, Kosher
- + Papi's Stuffed Sopapillas – Flaky, fried puff pastry sandwiches
- + Terri Yummy – Teriyaki chicken and beef sandwiches and entrees
- + Frozen Hoagies – Homemade ice cream pressed between homemade cookies

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Tool return goes wrong in parking lot

Plainclothes police officers working a narcotics surveillance detail in the Assembly Square area last Saturday evening observed what they believed to be suspicious activity in the Home Depot parking lot and decided to investigate the situation.

The officers reportedly observed an automobile with heavy damage to its front end stop in the parking lot. According to reports, one of the four passengers in the car placed a boxed Milwaukee power drill on his seat and proceeded to pry the security tag off the box with a screwdriver.

The officers noted in their report that Home Depot has a policy of accepting returned merchandise for store credit without a receipt as long as the security tags are removed.

The officers approached the parked vehicles and they identified themselves as police.

Upon questioning, the suspect, later identified as Robert Ventullo, of Haverhill, reportedly refused to identify himself and told officers that he did not have a receipt for the drill.

When asked where the drill had come from Ventullo did not offer an answer, police said.

After extensive questioning of all the car's passengers, Ventullo's identity was established after a few false names were offered.

Ventullo was placed under arrest and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250. He was additionally booked on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, larceny under \$250, failure to signal, and marked lanes violation.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

- Oswaldo Lima**, of 4 Sterling Sq., Boston, July 21, 5:51 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of refusal to identify self, resisting arrest, bicycle violation, and assault and battery on a police officer.

**Jamie Canadas**, of 68 Church St., July 23, 5:37 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of lease return failure
- and assault and battery.

**Alex Rivera**, of 166 Washington Ave., Chelsea, July 25, 11:30 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of common law affray, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60, and threat to commit a crime.

**Seynabou Tavares**, of 166 Washington Ave., Chelsea, July 25, 11:30 a.m., arrested at
- Broadway on charges of common law affray, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60, destruction of property over \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

**Evelyn Mercado**, of 221 Webster Ave., Chelsea, July 25, 11:30 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of common law affray, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a per-
- son over 60, and threat to commit a crime.

**Anthony Larose**, of 45 Conwell Ave., July 25, 2:44 p.m., arrested at Chetwynd Rd. on a charge of trespassing.

**Steven Bagley**, of 79 Bachelor St., Lynn, July 25, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and shoplifting by asportation.
- Robert Ventullo**, of 40 Lock St., Haverhill, July 25, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, larceny under \$250, failure to signal, and marked lanes violation.

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## Construction grant for Union Square Library declined

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Capital Projects, as well as the Board of Aldermen and the Library Board of Trustees. In November 2012, the Library's blog shared the plans for the theoretical construction of a new library in Union Square, which would have been supported by the bid. Media manager DeMaina notes, "This proposal was incredibly complex due to the nature of the project—a multi-floor, multi-use, multi-component building in the center of Union Square." In addition to the usual process of submitting the proposal, the bid also included in-depth architectural drawings and schematics, a complete breakdown of all associated costs (construction in particular), structural assessment, and site plans.

Speaking to Glenn Ferdmann, Director of Libraries, he noted, "When the association offered the grant, it didn't align with the development preparations for Union Square and the particular space that allocated for the library. It was a fairly short window for us to turn around, and we felt that wouldn't be able to get every-

thing done in order to get everything ready to accept the funds, which is why we ultimately and respectful declined to accept it." While the MBLC could not hold the funds once the city passed on matching the grant, they have indicated that Somerville would be a strong applicant in for a new grant in the 2017 fiscal year.

Mark Niedergang, alderman for Ward 5, notes that the circumstances and needs of the community are "serious questions" that he is glad were taken into consideration with the grant. In the years since the bid was submitted, "things have evolved and changed. I'm glad they have the flexibility to acknowledge this and adapt the plans accordingly."

The city is developing a neighborhood plan for Union Square that may include some type of library presence. In the meantime, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is leading the planning process for Union Square to collect input on what the community would like to see in the area, so there's no guarantee that there



will be a library in that location. The library, in association with Capital Projects and the city, is about to begin a "visioning process" for the library as a whole that will look its spaces and services in a systematic way.

The library is set to undergo a variety of renovations in the coming years, regardless of any new constructions. There has been work to develop several schematic designs for a possible West Branch renovation, pending submission to the Board of Aldermen. Increasing access is a focus of the plans, as the building is not currently handicap accessible. The next community meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the TAB building. There are funds earmarked in this year's capital budget to start a similar process to repair, upgrade and renovate the East Branch library, but there's no timeline yet for that project.

Alderman Niedergang, for one, is thrilled by the upcoming renovations of library branches. "The west branch should have been done a long time ago." Adds Niedergang, "The renovations are long overdue." The alderman would like to see more investment in the library system in broad terms; he is quick to point out that planning must take into account what the community needs, not just new buildings. "Personally, I really like the idea of a mixed-use space for the library. I'm not sure what it would look like, but it's a great direction. I would love to see a branch downtown."



## Heroin and cocaine dealer sentenced

By Tom Bannister

Imran Laltaprasad, 31, of Quincy, has been found guilty on charges of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession with intent to distribute heroin, it was announced Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Somerville Police Chief David Fallon.

Middlesex Superior Court Judge Shannon Frison sentenced Laltaprasad on Monday to two and a half years in the House of Correction.

"This case is an example of how drug dealers will go to extreme lengths to hide their illegal substances," said District Attorney Ryan. "The defendant felt that concealing heroin and cocaine in a prosthetic leg would be enough to fool law enforcement. As we deal with an increase in overdose deaths in Middlesex County, we continue to aggressively prosecute drug dealers and increase

our efforts to collaborate on education, prevention and treatment programs to help those who are addicted and encourage people to steer clear of illegal drugs."

Somerville Police Chief David Fallon added, "Enforcement will remain an important part of the solution to the opioid crisis as we continue to improve our prevention and treatment options here in Somerville for residents suffering from addiction."

Laltaprasad was arrested on March 1, 2013 after a surveillance operation by the Somerville Police Department Control Unit observed the defendant making a drug deal in the vicinity of Perkins and Brighton Street in Somerville.

Once in custody, the defendant was informed his prosthetic leg would be subject to search. Contained within the leg, officers found ten bags of cocaine and two bags of heroin.

## National Night Out set for August 4 in Somerville

Somerville's 12th annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, hosted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) in partnership with the Somerville Police Department and Somerville Office of Prevention (SOP), is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Foss Park, and will include Fire and Police Department demonstrations, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, live performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, Mission Church of Christ Choir, and Teen Empowerment, as well as youth activities, raffle prizes, and information tables from over 30 neighborhood agencies.

This year's event will have a special focus on prevention of prescription misuse and overdose prevention. Residents may bring unused prescription medications to a drop-off site at the Somerville Police Department information table at the event, which will be located near the fire engines. Also, Police and Fire Department personnel will be available to answer questions about the Good Samaritan Law and Narcan administration in the City of Somerville.



Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and Target Inc., National Night Out is an opportunity for communities to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, improve community-police relationships, generate support for anti-crime programs, and build community spirit. Almost 38 million people in more than 16,000 communities across the United States are using National Night Out to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are united and fighting back.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalnightout.org/>.

SCAP is a community-based coalition supported by the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department. SCAP's mission is to reduce substance abuse among the residents of Somerville, as well as the harms associated with such use. For more information or to become involved with strategies to reduce substance abuse, please contact Cory Mashburn, SOP Director, at (617) 625-6600 x2570 or [cmashburn@somervillema.gov](mailto:cmashburn@somervillema.gov).



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# OPENAIR Circus underway this weekend

By Rebecca Danvers

The OPENAIR Circus presents its annual performances this weekend, July 31 to August 2. OPENAIR is celebrating its 30th year of teaching circus arts to the youth of Somerville and surrounding communities. This is an excellent opportunity to see cute kids and accomplished teens performing a great variety of different skills as well as to see what your kids might want to take next summer. Performances will be at Nunziato Field at the corner of Vinal

Ave. and Summer St. near Union Square in Somerville. People are encouraged to come on foot, by bicycle, unicycle or tricycle, or using public transportation. If you are coming by car, it has been requested that you avoid parking on Vinal Ave. out of respect for neighbors as the parking congestion can be intense during events at Nunziato. Performance times are: Friday, July 31 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, August 2 at 2 p.m. The suggested donation is \$3.



The OPENAIR Circus' 30th Annual performances will be taking place this weekend at Nunziato Field in Somerville.



## Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Grilled Peaches, Ricotta & Blueberry Compote

Peach season is finally here. This versatile fruit can be used in salads, compotes, salsas, preserves and pies or whatever clever idea you can think of. One way I like to prepare them is using a grill or grill pan to bring out the natural sweetness of the fruit. The desserts listed below are not overly sweet, but if preferred, sugar may be substituted for the honey.

Serves 2

- 2 peaches, halved and pitted
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons of honey
- 1/2 teaspoon of aged balsamic vinegar, divided or a balsamic glaze
- 4 mint leaves for garnish (julienned)
- 1/4 cup toasted and chopped hazelnuts for garnish (optional)

Grill the peaches for 10 minutes or until heated through and show prominent grill marks (for presentation purposes). In a small bowl, add the ricotta, zest and 1 tablespoon of honey and mix well. Place 1/2 of the ricotta mixture onto the center of a small plate, then repeat for the second plate. Place



2 halves of the grilled peaches onto each plate. Drizzle 1 teaspoon of honey and a few drops of the balsamic vinegar/glaze over the peaches on each plate. Add the mint leaves and nuts (optional) onto the plates.

Here's a recipe for a blueberry compote that can be added to the dessert above. Vanilla ice cream or gelato can also be substituted for the ricotta cheese.

- 1 pint of blueberries
- 1/8 cup water
- 3 tablespoons of honey
- Juice of 1/2 a lemon
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme

In a small saucepan, add all the above ingredients and cook down until thickened, about 15 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes and spoon over the peaches.

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## Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program graduation ceremony

By Tom Bannister

The CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program held its graduation ceremony on July 23 at The Arthur D. Healey School.

The graduating class consisted of students between the ages of 13-15, who dedicated four-weeks out of their summer to participate in a program that taught them about job readiness and leadership skills.

Throughout the four weeks these students learned how to lead children, the significance of leadership and communication, the meaning of diversity, how to solve conflicts, and employment training.

The program not only taught the students skills that they need to work with children but also gave them the opportunity to work with kids at camp settings at The Somerville YMCA's Summer Day Camp and the

Somerville Recreation's Somertime Day Program.

This session's graduating class included the following 22 students: Joshua Bernardo, Emma Butler, Debbie Casimir, Abhijay Chawla, Manny Dias, Kenny Doherty, Andres Garro-Duplisea, Brian Gay, Harmanpreet Kaur, Nicolle Lacerda, John Leyva, Jhier Littles, Bobby McCarthy, Salina Naima, Jasmine Navas, Teig O'Shea, Samuel Peixeto, Chet Patton-Hock, Victoria Ortiz, Jalycia Saul-Martinez, Robert Todd and Hailey Ann Willard.

The collaborative efforts of the Somerville YMCA, the Somerville Community Youth Program, the Somerville Recreation Department, the Somertime Day Program, and the Healey School have been the dynamic forces behind this program's success.



The 2015 CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program graduates: First Row (left to right): Salina Naima, Debbie Casimir, Abhijay Chawla, Kenny Doherty, Victoria Ortiz, Hailey Ann Willard. Second Row (left to right): Facilitator: Samantha Bolt, Joshua Bernardo, Emma Butler, Harmanpreet Kaur, Bobby McCarthy, Jasmine Navas, Jalycia Saul-Martinez, Facilitator: Jamey Thompson. Third Row (left to right): Manny Dias, Andres Garro-Duplisea, John Leyva, Teig O'Shea, Sam Peixeto, Nicolle Lacerda, Brian Gay, Robert Todd.

## New member sought for Somerville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville Housing Authority's (SHA) Board of Commissioners has a vacancy, and residents are invited to apply to serve.

The SHA is a quasi-independent agency that provides access to subsidized housing for eligible low- and moderate-income families and seniors. The SHA oversees more than 1,400 units of affordable public housing in

Somerville, and federal and state voucher subsidy programs.

The SHA's Board of Commissioners is charged with overseeing the SHA's operations, directing policy, planning to meet the mission and goals of the SHA, and approving budgets, contracts and other related financial documents. The Board of Commissioners typically meets once per month and reviews a monthly report

by the SHA Executive Director detailing financials, data on the SHA's housing units and programs, and policy revisions.

SHA Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the Somerville Board of Aldermen, and serve five-year terms with a stipend. This current vacancy will fill a partially completed term and expire in 2018. Commissioners must live in Somerville.

Candidates for the SHA Board of Commissioners must submit a written statement of interest and resume to BlancaB@sha-web.org or the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Statements and resumes are due by Friday, Aug. 21.

Any questions can be directed to the SHA by calling 617-625-1152 or emailing BlancaB@sha-web.org.

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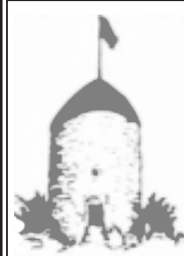
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**Rep. Denise Provost**  
**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



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

**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of July 20-24. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (S 1973)**  
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state, led by the secretaries of energy and environmental affairs and public safety, to study, create and implement a comprehensive plan to protect and ensure the preservation, protection and restoration of the state's "built and natural environment" from the risks of climate change. The plan, updated every ten years, also authorizes the state to buy back at-risk coastal land from current owners for preservation.

Supporters pointed to the flooding and massive damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and other disasters. They argued the state must prepare in advance and be proactive and not just reactive to similar threats and disasters.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**CONSIDER COST EFFECTIVENESS (S 1973)**  
Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment to a section of the climate change bill requiring that the climate study and plan include unilateral actions that can be taken by the governor and the executive branch to increase climate adaption, resilience and mitigation. The amendment would require the actions to be cost effective.

Amendment supporters said it is important to ensure that cost effectiveness is a consideration in these executive actions in order to guard against the bill becoming too costly.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is well intentioned but unnecessary and duplicative because the whole idea of the legislation is to develop a cost-effective plan.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      No

**WARNING SYSTEM AT BEACHES - CALEIGH'S LAW (S 1956)**  
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill creating a program that uses different colored flags to advise beachgoers of the safety conditions at their beach. This uniform warning system would be required at all public beaches maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Cities and towns would have the option of using the flags for their local beaches.

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

The Senate approved the bill in the 2013-2014 session but it died in the House Ways and Means Committee and never reached the House floor.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**TAX "JUNK FOOD" (H 2575)** - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a controversial bill that would

impose the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on the currently exempt sale of candy and soft drinks.

Supporters said this will reduce the amount of junk food eaten and will help conquer child and adult obesity. They noted junk food causes many health problems which cost the health system millions of dollars every year.

Opponents argued the tax is another example of "big brother" meddling in people's personal lives. They noted this will open the door to new taxes on other unhealthy food and behavior.

**MORE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES TAX** - The Revenue Committee's hearing also included several proposals to make certain items exempt from the sales tax including any retail sale made within 10 miles of the New Hampshire border (H 2619); blood test strips, lancet and vitamin and mineral supplements that are prescribed by a physician (S 1586); used books and other items sold as fundraisers by libraries (H 2536); gun safes and trigger locks (H 2626); original and creative work, written, composed, created and sold by a writer, composer or artist (H 2697); and medical alert services like Lifeline's "I've fallen and can't get up" pendant (H 2624).

**BAN EMPLOYERS FROM ASKING FOR CREDIT REPORTS (S 123)** - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would prohibit employers from obtaining the credit reports of potential employees.

Supporters say there is no correlation between job performance and a credit score. They argue many people have bad credit because of a medical bankruptcy or an unexpected layoff.

Opponents say credit reports provide unbiased information about a person's past behavior. They argue that poor credit often means a lack of responsibility.

**BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (H 1764)** - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee held a hearing on legislation that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's height or weight.

Supporters say that overweight people are often not hired or not promoted because of their weight. They note this type of discrimination is on the rise and is more acceptable and pervasive than race, gender or sexual orientation discrimination.

Opponents say that obesity-related issues such as absenteeism and increased health insurance premiums are estimated to cost American employers billions of dollars annually.

**RESTRICT IDLING CARS (S 1853)** - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on a measure reducing from five minutes to three minutes the length of time a driver is allowed to idle his or her vehicle.

Supporters say that idling an engine for only fifteen seconds uses more fuel than turning the engine off and restarting it. They argue that idling also increases maintenance costs because it leaves fuel residue that clogs fuel injectors. They note that the proposal would save millions of dollars in fuel costs for individuals and would help the environment.



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Opponents say the current five-minute allowance is sufficient and argue the government should not be micro-managing this.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Over the last decade it has become evident that these so-called ‘gun free zones’ have actually become ‘no defense zones.’ Tragically, they have also become targets for terrorists and murderers. The recent cowardly terrorist attack in Tennessee only makes it further clear that we must address the failed ‘no defense’ zone policy.” — *Jim Wallace, executive director of Gun Owner’s Action League (GOAL), on legislation creating a commission to review policies regarding the dangers of “gun free zones” in the state.*

“It has been 95 years since 1920, when women won the right to vote. 2015 seems like a good year for women to finally be paid an equal amount of money as their male peers.” — *Rep. Ellen Story (D -Amherst) on the “Equal Pay” bill that would require employers to pay women the same wage that they pay men for the same work.*

“... ensures that 735,000 persons with disabilities in Massachusetts may live full and participatory lives.” — *Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito at the event celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act on its 25-year anniversary.*

“The memory of Caleigh’s disappearance will live with all of us for a very long time. Her family’s loss is a great tragedy and an inspiration for us to act.” — *GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on his bill to use different colored flags to advise beachgoers of the safety conditions at their beach. The measure is named after two-year-old Caleigh Harrison, who disappeared and is believed to have been swept out to sea while on Rockport’s Long Beach in April 2012.*

“We’re trying to get the word out to users to say, you know what, when you go on and you click on this button, behind that click is somebody’s mother, daughter, sister [or] brother. And think about what you’re doing. — *Attorney General Maura Healey calling for the website Backpage.com to remove its adult services section on which she says pimps and traffickers post listings of women and children who are forced to perform sex acts.*

**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 20-24, the House met for a total of 30 minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 56 minutes.

Mon. July 20	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
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Tues. July 21	No House session Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
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Wed. July 22	No House session No Senate session
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Thurs. July 23	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 1:03 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.
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Fri. July 24	No House session No Senate session
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Loss of a local gem: Johnny D’s to close

CONT. FROM PG 1

residential and a good fit for the square,” she said. “I have not ruled out a small place to be run by my amazing staff.” This excludes the notion of housing another music venue, with respect to future tenants of the apartments.

Johnny D’s has seen some amazing performers; many remember when Neil Young joined Pegi Young and the Survivors’ set as guitarist in 2012, and few will forget Grammy winner Shelby Lynne or Sleepy Labeef earlier this year. Before the final goodnight, the staff

plans to set the venue up with some more great performances, continuing until mid-February. There is no exact close date figured at this point.

DeLellis has proclaimed that January and February of 2016 will be a time to celebrate. At that time, the staff will reach out to those that have been part of their journey to celebrate with them – and that includes you, Somerville. Of the pending juxtaposition of celebration and loss, DeLellis says, “Right now I am thinking of how many great artists, staff, and customers I will

get to see again in the next few months. And then it will be very, very mixed. This is the extension of my living room. It is where I see friends, make friends, make an impact on my community, and have an identity.”

Those who read the announcement letter posted on the venue’s website may have been left wondering about the relevance of the final words, “YELP responsibly.” DeLellis confirmed to us that this was not a way of revealing that review sites had hurt their business, or been responsible for their closing. However, as a ser-

vice industry professional who plans to house other small businesses in the future, she wanted to remind patrons of the importance of the sites. “I thought it was a good opportunity to tell people to give positive reviews when called for (the new word of mouth), and if something is wrong, or you think it’s wrong (the customer is not always right) give constructive criticism and appreciate the hard work in this industry (Weekends, snowstorms, holidays, late nights),” said DeLellis. “If we all were more human, the world would

be a lot better and it starts with us. And people are less human behind a screen. So, I figured I would say something to help the other establishments fighting the good fight. And if one really values the indie shops, then put your money and your words where you mouth is.”

Everyone is curious as to what becomes of the darling Johnny D’s home. Until then, they will continue serving up good food, tunes, and events. And reminding you to support local vendors. For upcoming shows, hours, and news, visit [johnnyds.com](http://johnnyds.com).

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## COMMENTARY

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## State delegation fights for the Mystic River



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Mystic River deserves to have its true brilliance shine. It is an asset second to none—all we have to do is unlock its potential. Most communities have long protected their waterfronts, but in the urban core, our industrial past meant that our waterfronts were embraced as tools of industries and dumping grounds, instead of as environmental jewels that should be treasured and cared for. We've begun to undo the mistakes of the past by fighting for the Mystic, as we can see at Baxter Park in Assembly Square, where six-acres of waterfront park have become an inviting oasis within a new urban village. Earlier this month, we took another step in that fight,

thanks to our state delegation of Sen. Pat Jehlen and Reps. Denise Provost, Christine Barber and Tim Toomey, who helped us secure \$350,000 in the fiscal 2016 state budget for the river.

Of that \$350,000, a quarter-million is for implementation of the Mystic River Master Plan, specifically funding the complete design development plans and construction specifications for planned park improvements along the river banks. Like SomerVision does for Somerville, this master plan asks us what we want the Mystic River to be in the future. It envisions a river that is not only a recreational and environmental resource, but as a transportation way—and I don't mean kayaking and canoeing, although we definitely want to see that on the river, too. One of the goals of the master plan is to develop a continuous multi-use pathway system along the banks of the Mystic, from the Harvard Avenue Bridge that connects West Medford to southeast Arlington, to the

Route 99 bridge just south of Assembly Square that connects Charlestown to Everett.

From there, it's not hard to imagine such a pathway connecting with the Northern Strand Community Trail in Everett, stretching into the 3.1 paved trail that opened in Malden at the end of 2013, and to the newly covered Revere portion of the trail that connects Everett and Malden 2.5 miles of trail in Saugus to the Lynn border. Combine that with the Community Path Extension that MassDOT will build alongside the Green Line Extension, and with the Wellington Greenway in Medford and Alewife Brook Greenway. The pathway would connect people to recreational facilities, parks and boathouses. It will also connect them to MBTA stations and downtown Boston. We will be creating a way for Somerville residents and people throughout the region to travel between cities and towns by biking, walking and running, and almost never having to encounter a car.

The remaining \$100,000 secured in the fiscal 2016 budget would finance invasive species control in the river—namely, the continued work of DCR and the Mystic River Watershed Association to remove water chestnut plants for the river. This non-native plan chokes the river, impacting both recreational opportunities on the water and the river's ecology by reduce the amount of light, water, nutrients and space available to native species. It becomes harder for those native species to survive, and the invasive species spreads quickly. Water chestnut plants blanketed 30 acres of the river and the plant's population has increased 3,000 percent over the past decade. I am grateful that this funding is secure again, and for our partners at the Watershed Association, DCR and Tufts for their tireless efforts on this front.

The health of the Mystic River and its potential is also aligned with Chelsea Creek and the Malden River, which both empty into the Mystic shortly before it ends at Boston Harbor and also

need our care and attention. We need to enhance these important environmental resources. We have active, engaged communities who want to be out and connected to their natural resources, their parks, open spaces and the river. It's also worth noting that there are several environmental justice zones along these rivers, where residents shoulder a disproportionate level of impact caused by traffic and industry. Caring for these rivers is also taking addressing the environmental injustice that affects the health of those residents.

The Mystic River needs champions. We're fortunate to have people willing to take on that challenge, and the state delegation to speak for us on Beacon Hill. The investments we're receiving are important and the interventions we're undertaking are critical. The Mystic River has to be swimmable and fishable for everyone. There's no exception to that. If we can do this, we'll leverage an incredible opportunity to improve our quality of life.

## Burney to produce tribute to Union Square

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville mural artist Crystal Rene' Burney has been selected to design a mural celebrating Union Square in the new headquarters of Union Square Station Associates (US2), the City of Somerville's master developer partner for Union Square's revitalization, that it will share with co-working space network Workbar.

Burney is a prominent local artist and art teacher for the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts in Jamaica Plain. She has been a Somerville resident for the last 11 years and lives in Ball Square with her five-year-old son, Hatcher. Burney is responsible for the mural on the fountain bed at Trum Field, and the television network A&E previously commissioned her work for their television program Flipping Boston.

In May, US2 asked local artists to submit proposals for a wall feature in their new headquarters that reflects the vibrancy, diversity and potential of Union Square. In response, Burney submitted a sketch for a

mural called Friday which is, in her words, "not only a symbolic tribute to all that Union Square offers municipally and commercially, but a piece that more importantly represents the closely knit, diverse community that makes Union Square such a vibrant part of Somerville's cultural and historical heritage."

"We received a number of outstanding proposals, but Crystal's vision for a mural depicting the values, vitality, history and future of Union Square stood out," said Greg Karczewski, president of US2.

Burney's personal story is one inspired by the same sort of passion found in the many local artists who make Union Square a center for creativity. She says she started painting murals "out of necessity." "While completing my degree in poetry, I designed residential murals to pay tuition. Eventually, my passion for painting and designing became greater than my love of writing and gave me a more energized focus," said Burney. "My artwork spoke to people the way my words never could."

"Workbar prides itself on the



Crystal Rene' Burney has been beautifying various spaces in Somerville, such as the Trum Park Playground, pictured here, and will now be creating a mural for the new US2/Workbar headquarters in Union Square.

creativity and innovation of our members, the vibrancy of our work environment, and the sense of community and collaboration our network provides," said Bill Jacobson, Founder & CEO of Workbar. "That's why we're excited to be part of Union

Square and that's why Crystal's mural will be a perfect fit for the US2-Workbar space."

In June, US2 and Workbar announced a partnership to operate a 2,500 square foot ground floor co-working space at 31 Union Square, the former home of Ele-

gant Furniture which closed last fall and has been vacant since. For its local headquarters, US2 will locate its offices within the co-working space.

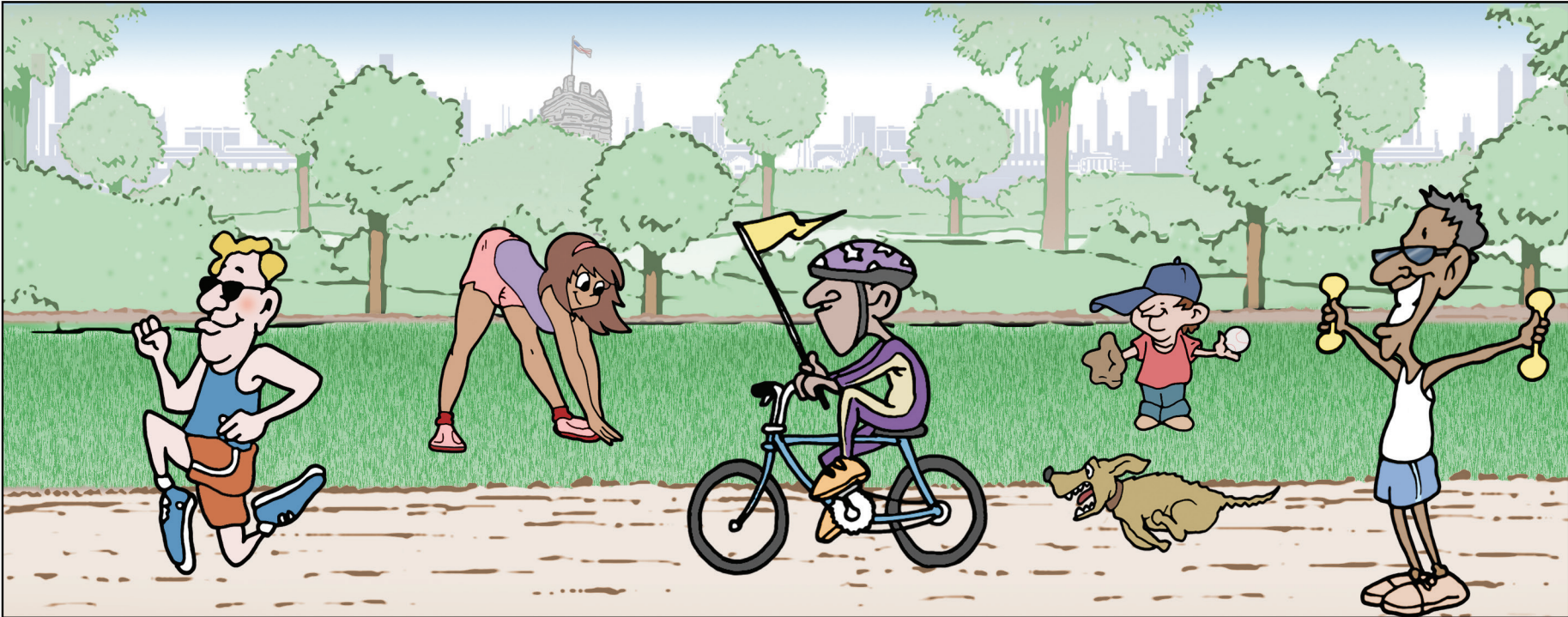
The US2-Workbar co-working space is expected to open this fall.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



No Olympics in Boston? Plenty of athletics going on in Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



And so it goes. Boston’s arguably controversial bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympic games is no more, as proponents of the plan failed to meet the required expectations of the United States Olympic Committee in the allotted time.  
Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh reportedly felt pressured to formally submit the city’s bid without performing due diligence in terms of cost and infrastructure demands, and had asked the U.S.O.C. for more time. Ultimately, the Committee dropped Boston as a contender for the 2024 games.  
For some, the move may seem to be all for the best. Recent polling in the city indicated that a firm majority of citizens were against hosting the games due to the high costs to taxpayers.  
Others argued that the investment would be worth it in consideration of visitor dollars that would be spent in the city and surrounding municipalities, including our own.  
The debates are moot at this point. The whole thing is history now, as we watch a few other U.S. cities consider making their bids for the games.  
We will never know how well or how badly the region’s economies would have fared if the city had won their bid.  
But there’s no use crying over spilt milk, especially since we’re not even sure that the milk wasn’t spoiled.  
We still have our Red Sox and Pats, and locally our Alibrandis, school athletics, and so on. We are a sports-loving people, and we show it practically every day.  
Our sporting life will go on, no harm, no foul, win-win.

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have a great day. What can we say about Jimmy DelPonte that hasn’t already been said? Mr. Somerville himself, a great guy whom we watched over the years develop into one great person, just like his father Freddie. We wish Jimmy the very best. Happy Birthday to Ms. Janice Delory, who is also celebrating this week. She used to work in the mayor’s office and some might remember her on the School Board back in the 80’s. We wish her the very best. A good friend of ours who hails from Somerville, Joe DaSilva. What a nice guy, always smiling and always a good word to say about everyone. We wish him the very best this week of birthdays. Former Villen and a great person, Diane Mahoney, is also celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. To all the others we might have missed – and it appears there are a lot of July birthdays – we salute you and say happy birthday to you as well.  
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There’s a new web site in town. Check it out at [www.somervillema.com](http://www.somervillema.com). The *Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out [www.medfordma.com](http://www.medfordma.com).  
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The 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information and to sign up go online at [www.johns-team.org](http://www.johns-team.org). A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape.  
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The famous coffee shop Modelo’s at the corner of Lowell and Medford Streets has moved across the street to a newly renovated shop that has all sorts of delicious bakery items and great coffee as well. If you haven’t been there, we suggest you stop in and look over the wonderful Brazilian bakery items available. What a nice addition to Magoun Square. Remember, stop in and wish them the very best in their new location and mention you saw it here in *Newstalk*.  
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Speaking of stopping in, remember to stop in at Victors Deli in Ball Square, and say “Hi” to the newest member of the family, Jason and Nancy’s new baby Gianni, who is training for the next generation.  
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And stop by the City Hall concourse tomorrow, July 30, for the next installment of the SomerMovie Freeze movie series, *The Day After Tomorrow*. The film starts just after sundown.  
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If your new smartphone has you stumped or you’re not sure how to sign up for an email address, the Somerville Public Library (MA) is here to help. Sign up for one-on-one technology lessons with Technology Librarian Heidi Downing by calling 617-623-5000 x2920 or emailing her at [hdowning@minlib.net](mailto:hdowning@minlib.net).  
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Somerstreets Seize the Summer returns with a 6th year of shaking up Highland Ave. on August 9 from 12–4 p.m. (rain or shine). This is the second of four SomerStreets happening throughout the city in 2015. Join in the fun and Seize the Summer with programming along Highland Avenue from School Street to Lowell Street.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security reminds bicyclists to keep themselves and others safe by obeying traffic rules. You can find an informative video on the Somerville Police Department’s website: <https://www.facebook.com/SomervillePolice>.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
The City of Somerville’s Police Department and the Center for Teen Empowerment brings together police, youth, and community members in a series of Walking Dialogues over the summer. This initiative aims to make communication between Somerville community members and the police department easily accessible, and strengthen relationships among police, youth, community residents and business owners. With your feedback, they hope to identify actionable steps to address issues and concerns in the Somerville community. The last two Walking Dialogues of the season take place on Wednesday, July 29, Meeting Point: Morse-Kelley Park-Spring Hill and Wednesday, August 19, Meeting Point: Grimmons Park, 6 p.m.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Don’t forget to check out a performance of the Sunsetters this summer, to see where they will be performing next visit the city’s website. This week’s schedule: July 29: Lincoln Park behind 290 Washington St., July 30: Jeanne Jugan Residence, 186 Highland Ave., August 3: 130 Ten Hills Rd. and August 4: National Night Out, Foss Park, 7:30pm. All performances take place at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



# A sand sculpting fest to behold

The Ferro family of Somerville took a trip north last weekend to have a look at the 2015 Revere Beach National Sand Sculpting Festival, which took place on Revere Beach.

More than 20 master sculptors created their amazing works of art, competing for prizes and bragging rights for who among would be deemed the best.

Approximately 750,000 visitors joined also came by to view the sculptures over the course of the weekend.

Melineige Beauregard, of Montreal, won first place in the solo competition, as well as the People's Choice award.

Enguerrand David of Belgium took second place in the solo competition, while Guy Olivier/Deveau, of Montreal, claimed third place.

Ilya Filmonstev, of Russia, and David Ducharme, of Canada, were awarded first place honors in the duo competition as well as receiving the Sculptor's Choice award.

Second place duo competition honors went to Susanne Rusesler and Hanneke Supply, of the Netherlands.







Photos by Claudia Ferro





SPORTS

Somerville SomerSlam 2015

When city and youth sports organizations come together

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville Youth Softball Organization (SYSO) hosted the 1st Annual Somerville SomerSlam Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament this past weekend.

If you were out and about in the city and passed by any field in Somerville this weekend you must have seen softball games being played by some of the top 14U, 12U and 10U teams in New England.

Trum Field, Foss Park, Lincoln Park, Dilboy Field and Columbus Park in Medford played host

to 65 games over a three-day period days.

27 teams, nearly 350 girls ages 14-9, and more than 900 family members visiting from CT, RI, NH, ME and MA took part in the event.

SYSO expressed its gratitude to the City of Somerville for supporting the efforts to prepare their fields.

Special thanks were also extended to the Building & Grounds for the outstanding efforts to prepare fields for tournament level playing conditions.

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The 1st Annual Somerville SomerSlam Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament took place this past weekend in Somerville.



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1. In which year was Live Aid?

2. What movie was the quote "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers" from?

3. What triggered the legendary feud between the hillbilly Hatfields and McCoys in 1873?

4. Which country singer recorded an album at Folsom Prison in 1968?

5. Which years of the 1980s were leap years?

6. In World War II American army slang, what was a GI Moe?

7. The White House is the most visited Ameri-

can home – what is the second most visited home in the United States?

8. On the Connecticut state flag, there are three what?

9. Which planet is composed of an inner core, a mantle, and an outer crust?

10. Which American composer wrote the march *Stars and Stripes Forever*?

11. What does the phone number on your mobile phone under the name ICE stand for?

12. Which summer month is the title of an album by Eric Clapton?

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# Somerville SomerSlam 2015

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Youth Softball Organization also wants to specifically acknowledge the following people as the true “Players of the Game” – Somerville SomerSlam 2015: Mark Ardolino, Steve Quinn, Sean Walshworry, Jacques Preval, Dave Keating, John Walsh, Tom Keenan, Rob Mercier, Ed Pelligrini, Tim McDonough, and Frank Fulco.

Special thanks are also offered to the many volunteers of Somerville Youth Softball Organization. They spent countless hours at the field welcoming visiting teams to Somerville.

Special thanks were extended to Tim Hawkins, Garrett Laws, Sean Faith, Nicole Viele, Eileen Schofield, Kevin Wilson, Stephanie Duquette, Mark Benevento, Paul French, and Chris Grover.

Organizers said that it was vital that everyone worked together to make this the best experience possible. Hospitality and field conditions were their primary focus.

Nearly all 24 visiting team coaches verbally committed to Somerville SomerSlam 2016. Parents and family members

shared their uncertainties about attending a tournament in a city.

Next year they are planning their vacations around Somerville SomerSlam 2016 and will stay in the city and take advantage of the conveniences of easy access to Boston and the many dining and entertainment options here in Somerville; Assembly Row, Union Square, Davis Square and more.

Somerville Youth Softball Organization plans to use earnings from future Somerville SomerSlam Tournaments to fund renovations and upkeep of Somerville fields. Earnings will also be used to keep registration fees affordable for families. Earnings will also meet the expense of engaging in relationships with professional instructors and trainers; pitchers, catchers, hitting, fielding, softball IQ and strength and conditioning.

Future tournament plans include SomerSlam 12U & 10U and SomerSlam Showcase 14U. The Showcase tournament will include invitations to college recruiter with collegiate hosted clinics, and lectures.



## What’s on Somerville Neighborhood News

In the latest *Somerville Neighborhood Newscast*, the news team brings you some of the latest headlines and happenings in Somerville. Here are the headlines:

The Dominican Republic and Haiti share an island and a long, complicated history. Today, half a million Dominicans of Haitian descent face deportation if they can’t prove their citizenship; As part of the new economy, small business bank loans and venture capital are being replaced by online crowd funding. Giuliann Frendak looks at two Somerville start ups taking advantage of the new funding options.



The long, lazy days of summer are the perfect time for kids to curl up with a book and let their imagination take them far away. And the local library is a cool oasis that invites kids to come in and do just that.

The Freedom School program in Somerville allows children to explore social justice, diversity and empowerment while keeping their academic skills sharp over summer vacation. Erica Jones profiles the school.

*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.

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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 5, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**70 Lowden: (Case #ZBA 2014-45)** Applicant, John Tucci, and Owner, Rudy Caruso, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to change rear porches to egress stairs. RA Zone. Ward 6.

**620 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-69)** Applicant, 620 Broadway LLC and Owner, Somerville Citgo Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish an 11 unit building, a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure per SZO 4.4.1, a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for relief from parking dimensional standards, shared parking, and reduction of required parking for a specific use. NB Zone. Ward 5.

**49 Davis Square: (Case #ZBA 2015-31)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corp, and Owner BF Somerville Properties LLC, seek a Special Permit per SZO §7.11.15.3 and §14 to add wireless and ancillary equipment at an existing facility. CBD zone. Ward 6.

**198 Central St: (Case #ZBA 2015-34)** Applicant and Owner, Dean Casassa, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §8.5 to expand a nonconforming story height to go from 3 to 3 ½ stories and a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4 to expand a nonconforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

**56 Line St: (Case #ZBA 2015-36)** Applicant & Owner, Eamon Fee, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a nonconforming single-family house to construct a 3-family structure and an approximately 2,000 sf addition and parking relief for 2 spaces under §9.13. RB zone. Ward 2.

**7 Sewall St: (Case #ZBA 2015-40)** Applicant and Owner, Timothy Norton, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding rear decks. RB Zone. Ward 4.

**79 Thurston St: (Case #ZBA2015-42)** Applicant, Jonathan Ryan, and Owner, Chikuo Chen and Lin Li Lin, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add dormers on a 3-family. RA Zone. Ward 4.

**40 Evergreen Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-45)** Applicant & Owner, Burgundy Realty, Vincent Lee, Manager, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two-family structure by adding a second story to the front porch, a window well, and new windows and doors, and increasing the FAR. RA zone. Ward 4.

**415 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-46)** Applicant, Anna Gaul, and Owner, Double Disco Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Review to establish a fast food use per SZO 7.11.10.2 for an ice cream shop and parking relief per SZO §9.4.

**9-11 Dresden Crl: (Case #ZBA 2015-47)** Owner/Applicant, Newr, LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 2-family structure to increase the FAR and add a rear addition, rear deck, dormer, windows and doors. RB zone. Ward 6.

**86 Glenwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2015-48)** Applicants, Adam and Lesly Fulford, and Owner Adam Fulford, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

**42 Princeton Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-50)** Applicant and Owners, Kenneth and Alexandra Greene, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer. RB Zone. Ward 5.


**74 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-51)** Applicant & Owner, Buster Bronze LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure to add a third floor to the rear porch and add a door to access the porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

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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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, August 6, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.


**92 Union Square: (Case #PB 2015-08)** Applicant, Craig Murphy, and Owner, City of Somerville, seek a Special Permit under SZO 6.1.22.D.5.a. install signage. CCD55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 17, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by: 1) 12 Warwick Street Trust to demolish a c.1876 workers cottage at 12 Warwick Street; 2) Arnold & David Liebovitz to demolish a c.1926 Industrial building at 13 Warwick Street; and 3) Randall Conrad & Christine Dall to demolish a c.1900 house at 53 Josephine Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP #16-05

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

**Fire Department Evaluation & Strategic Planning**

The City of Somerville is seeking a consultant to evaluate the Fire Department and development strategic recommendations and an implementation plan based on the evaluation's finding.

Proposal packages for may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Monday July 27th, 2015**.

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than **11:00 A.M. Thursday August 13th, 2015**.

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

**Angela M. Allen**  
Purchasing Director  
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Docket No. PL15D0100DR

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Eliamar De Paula  
vs.  
Milton Soares

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

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

It is **Ordered** that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint therein on or before **August 24, 2015**.

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

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

the publication to be **7 days** at least before said return day. It is further **Ordered** that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE SAID RETURN DATE OF AUGUST 24, 2015.

Date 6/19/15 Lisa A. Roberts  
JUSTICE OF PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 16-10

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

**Design, Engineering, Architectural, and Related Services for the ArtFarm Project**

An Request for Proposals (RFP), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

<http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids>

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **July 22, 2015**.

Sealed bids will be received **until Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact **Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email [anosnik@somervillema.gov](mailto:anosnik@somervillema.gov), for information, and bid packages.**

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

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 08P2228WF1

Estate of:  
Edward G. Rubinski

Also known as: Edward Rubinski

Date of Death: 05/01/2008

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Brian Kelly of Boston MA

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

The Petitioner requests that:

Brian Kelly of Boston MA

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

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 the return day of 08/13/2015. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the 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 16, 2015

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The Somerville Housing Authority (the “Authority”) is soliciting sealed bids for the lease and use of rooftop and penthouse space on various buildings operated by the Authority throughout the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. These spaces are available for the installation and operation of radio communications facilities. These facilities can include, but are not limited to cellular telephone, personal communications systems, paging and land mobile radio. The lease and use of these spaces will be on a non-exclusive basis.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids may also be submitted until 2:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month beginning October 31, 2014 through August 26, 2015.

Invitation for Bids(IFB) copies are available free of charge for pickup on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Authority’s Modernization Office, 30R #1 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The Authority will e-mail an Invitation for Bids free of charge upon request.

Please direct questions, or requests for IFB documents, to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145, Attn: Frank Smith. Tel. 617-625-1152, Fax: 617-623-0137, or e-mail to [franks@sha-web.org](mailto:franks@sha-web.org).

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All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street  
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway  
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street,  
Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
(617) 666-5223.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Please note our Cross Street Center is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and the events are listed in the “UPCOMING SCHEDULE.”

The Fun Friday trip to the JFK Museum for August 14 is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled on August 26 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Hart’s Turkey Farm, “Turkey Train”, scheduled for October 8th is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, August 10 – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Please note the July meeting has been cancelled.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, August 10 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. To date, the August menu has not been released. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly “Movies To Come Out To” – Monday, August 17 – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Yet to be determined dinner & movie. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at [CKowaleski@somervillema.gov](mailto:CKowaleski@somervillema.gov) This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)  
8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)  
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)  
1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)  
10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street\* (C)  
1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H)  
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)  
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)  
10:30 Fit 4 Life (C)  
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life\*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A  
9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B  
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|July 29

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Cards (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ)  
6:00 Bingo (H)

Thursday|July 30

10:00 Cards (RJ)  
10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)  
10:00 Current Events (H)  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)  
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)  
12:00 Let’s Get Healthy with Mimi  
12:30 Lunch (C)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Friday|July 31

11:00 Farmer’s Market (H)  
11:00 Individual Nutrition with Mimi (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)  
12:45 Bingo (H)  
Fun Friday at ICA

Monday|August 3

All Centers Closed

Tuesday|August 4

Holland Center Closed  
Ralph & Jenny Center Closed  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:15 Fit 4 Life (C)  
12:30 Lunch (C)

Wednesday|August 5

Holland Center Closed  
Ralph & Jenny Center Closed  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:15 Fit 4 Life (C)  
12:30 Lunch (C)

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Wednesday|July 29

**Central Library**  
Interviews for paid Teen Library  
Leader Positions  
Marco Jean-Bap-  
tiste-857-237-4206  
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

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

**East Branch Library**  
Historic New England presents  
Henry and the Cannons Story &  
Craft  
Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000  
x2970  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Lego Club  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000  
x2950  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

**Saturday|August 1**  
**Central Library**  
Family Yoga  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000  
x2950  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

**Monday|August 3**  
**Central Library**  
Middle School Writers’ Den  
Alan Ball-617-636-9033  
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

**Tuesday|August 4**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year  
olds

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

**Wednesday|August 5**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year  
olds  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.| 79 Highland  
Avenue  
**East Branch Library**  
Preschool: Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 115 Broad-  
way

**West Branch Library**  
Sing Along with Matt Heaton  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.| 40 College  
Avenue

**Central Library**  
Middle School Writers’ Den  
Alan Ball-617-636-9033  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|July 29

**Johnny D’s**  
Yani Batteau and the Styles w/  
Special Guests: Brook Batteau  
and the famous Robin Batteau  
(Vintage Country and Originals)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Frances Black with Aoife Scott &  
Eoghan Scott|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy @ 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Rejiem|8 p.m.  
Green Bastard  
Ramlord

**Barghest**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
6045

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

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

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

**Thursday|July 30**  
**Johnny D’s**  
The Quins + Joe Sambo & The  
Goonz + Bruvs  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Jen Trynin & Cujo, Downbeat 5,  
Eric Salt & The Electric City \$5  
cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

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

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
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Champ Chuck  
345 Somerville Ave

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Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dub Down Reggae  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
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**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  
Davis Square Theatre  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Extremely Casuak 9: ah, what the  
hell  
12 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|July 31**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Ted Drozdowski’s Scissormen  
Album Release plus Peter Parcek  
The Party Band PLUS Ben Knight  
/Apel  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tuna Rangers |6 p.m.  
Dr Fidelity & friends \$5 cover|9  
p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

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

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
A Masscann Benefit w/ Daisy’s  
Gone & More  
345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
6045

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Summer Theater Camp Final  
Performance  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191  
Highland Ave

**Saturday|August 1**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
AfterFab (The Beatles Solo Years)  
Jerry Garcia’s Birthday Bash feat  
Run for the Roses + Uncle John-  
ny’s Band  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

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

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Free Radical  
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65 Holland St

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Rick, Dave, & Friends  
10 a.m.|Café  
Summer Theater Camp Final Performance  
10:30 a.m.|Performance Hall  
Penumbra RME: It’s...a Summer Cosplay Celebration!  
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
ComedySportz Boston  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Sunday|August 2**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
Open Blues Jam! featuring Mat-thew Smart Band  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
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

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
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Game Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Sculpt with Clay (Sis) Releigh, or-ganizer of Bohemian Art’s Boston  
2 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|August 3**

**Johnny D’s**  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Com-edy 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.  
Back Room  
Science by the Pint  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Americana Mondays  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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Stump! Team Trivia  
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**Tuesday|August 4**

**Johnny D’s**  
Eric Lindell Boston Record Release plus Amy Fairchild  
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**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Ghetto People Band  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-ing Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
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**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

**Davis Square Theatre**  
The Teaseday Club  
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

**Wednesday|August 5**

**Johnny D’s**  
Stan Ridgway (of Wall of Voodoo) PLUS Greg Klyma  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**

Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Lunasa: Two Shows |7:30 p.m.  
Comedy @ 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Shawn Massak  
Mike DeBenedictis  
Nate Dodge + Andra Taylor  
Charter Court  
345 Somerville Ave

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**Wednesday| July 29**

**Central Library**  
Creative Writing Class  
Amy Shea -617/623-5000 x2942  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday| July 30**

**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
40 College Avenue

**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with prob-lems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

**Saturday|August 1**

**Central Library**  
Family Yoga  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**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

**Sunday|August 2**

**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.

**Monday|August 3**

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**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

**Tuesday|August 4**

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

**Central Library**  
Origami with Arline Young  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Wednesday|August 5**

**Central Library**  
Board Game  
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave



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'Filmage' at the Somerville Theater

By Tom Bannister

Long before punk rock inflicted its puncture wound on the map of mainstream music, the De-scendents were in a van brewing a potent mix of pop, angst, love and coffee and influencing a gen-eration to come.

FILMAGE: The Story of DE-SCENDENTS/ALL follows drummer and square-peg Bill Stevenson as he pushes himself and a rotating door of band-mates to "achieve ALL," his re-lentless philosophy of "going for greatness, the utmost possible" despite any and all setbacks.

Shortly after proving them-selves to the burgeoning Los Angeles hardcore scene, gui-tarist Frank Navetta sets fire to his gear and disappears, bassist Tony Lombardo rejects life on the road in favor of a suburban home, and iconic nerd front man Milo Aukerman goes to college to become a scientist. Stevenson,

however, remains. Unfazed and hell bent on his quest, he charges ahead three decades, dragging along a new crop of tireless co-horts to zigzag the globe and serve up countless caffeinated love songs against impossible—and life threatening—odds.

Interviews with the band and contemporaries such as Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters, Nirvana), Mark Hoppus (Blink-182), Brett Gurewitz (Bad Religion) and many more reveal the un-told tale of one of the most over-achieving and influential bands in punk, serving as a reminder to always "go for greatness," because sometimes you're gonna get it.

This special screening is a fundraiser for the Boston Zine Fest. August 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$10, and can be purchased online in advance at: http://20163.formovietickets.com:2235/Tickets.ASP?W-CI=buyticket&Page=sched-ule&SelectedDate=20150803.



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Answers

1. 1985

2. A Streetcar Named Desire (1951)

3. The alleged theft of a pig

4. Johnny Cash

5. 1980, 1984 and 1988

6. An army mule

7. Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley, in Memphis, TN

8. Grape vines

9. Earth

10. John Philip Sousa

11. In Case of Emergency

12. August

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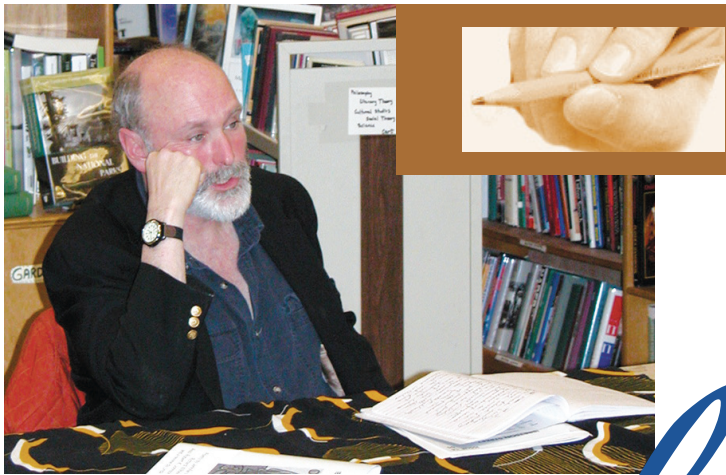
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<b>Wednesday, July 29</b>							
6:30am		6:00pm	TBT	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:00am	The Struggle	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:00pm	Art as Protest	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
8:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Active Aging	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
9:00am	Legacies	9:30pm	The White House Chronicle	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	4:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group
10:30am	Art at SCATV	11:00pm	Art as Protest	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
11:00am	Youth Media	<b>Friday, July 31</b>		6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
1:30pm	Physician Focus	7:30am	Shrink Rap	7:30pm	Creative Somerville	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
2:00pm	SCATV Art bloc	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:30pm	Literati Scene
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Ville Pirates
5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	Youth Programing
6:00pm	Ville Pirates	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Abugida TV
6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	<b>Sunday, August 2</b>		8:00pm	The Somerville Line
7:00pm	Art as Protest	1:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
8:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, August 4</b>	
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	10:00am	Evangelico	7:00am	The Struggle
10:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	The Struggle
<b>Thursday, July 30</b>				11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk	11:00am	Road to Recovery
7:00am	The Struggle	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:30am	Ablevision
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Dance Group	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:00am	Creative Somerville	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	1:00pm	Art as Protest
10:00am	Dead Air Live	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
11:00am	Greater Somerville	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
11:30am	Ablevision	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Tele Galxie
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	11:30pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	<b>Saturday, August 1</b>		5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:00pm	Creative Somerville
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	<b>Monday, August 3</b>		7:30pm	Greater Somerville
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater
		12:00pm	Honk Festival			11:00pm	The David Pakman Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>			
<b>Wednesday, July 29</b>			
9:00am:	Art Beat 2015	4:05pm:	LGBTQ Flag Raising
12:00pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out
12:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	7:00pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards
2:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	Art Beat 2015
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	
2:45pm:	BOA Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	12:00am:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out
6:30pm:	Art Beat 2015	12:30am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville
7:45pm:	Taste of Somerville	2:40am:	SomerViva en Espanol
8:00pm:	BOA Public Hearing on Land Taking – 7.7.15	3:10am:	Taste of Somerville
9:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	9:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
<b>Thursday, July 30</b>		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	12:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues
12:30am:	Art Beat 2015	1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
1:45am:	Taste of Somerville	2:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out
2:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	3:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
3:30am:	Jane's Walk in Union Square	6:30pm:	Congressional Update
9:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
9:30am:	SomerStreets: Carnaval on Broadway	7:30pm:	Art Beat 2015
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out
12:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	9:30pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
1:00pm:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	<b>Monday, August 3</b>	
1:45pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. – 6.24.15	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
3:25pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out
3:55pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol
7:00pm:	Art Beat 2015	3:00pm:	Art Beat 2015
8:30pm:	Connecting Communities – National Night Out	9:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol
9:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	9:30am:	Art Beat 2015
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<b>Friday, July 31</b>		12:30pm:	SomerViva an Kreyol
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9:00am:	Congressional Update	6:30pm:	Jane's Walk in Union Square
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<b>Saturday, August 1</b>		9:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol
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OFF THE SHELF  
by Doug Holder

Kevin Carey: A Poet of  
Revere and the Working Stiff

Kevin Carey has the rugged and weathered appearance of someone who has worked with his hands and knows the mean streets, not a man who teaches poetry under the shade of the academy. And indeed Carey came to writing and teaching late in life. He writes what he knows, and that is himself, and the environs he grew up in – the scruffy seaside city of Revere, Mass.

Kevin Carey teaches in the English Department at Salem State University and Endicott College. He has published two books – a chapbook of fiction, *The Beach People*, from Red Bird Chapbooks (2014) and a book of poetry, *The One Fifteen to Penn Station* (Cavankerry Press, 2012). He has recently completed a documentary film about New Jersey poet Maria Mazziotti Gillan, called *All That Lies Between Us*, and a new collection of poems, *Jesus Was a Homeboy* (CavanKerry Press, 2016). I had the pleasure to interview him on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer.

**Doug Holder:** Would you be comfortable with the label of poet of the working class?

**Kevin Carey:** I think so. I'd like to think that is a world I know. I am comfortable writing about these issues, these people. I would be pleased to be identified with this.

**DH:** Do you ever write about different folks, different sensibilities?

**KC:** I don't know if I have written a lot of other things. I write mainly about my own life. A friend of mine said, "I may not be much, but it is all I think about." I was thinking if I was going to write another book, I would have to look at other things to write about.

**DH:** You got your MFA and MA when you were in your 40s. What took you so long?

**KC:** I had young kids. I dabbled in writing. I liked the idea of being a writer, but I wasn't writing. My idea of a writer was someone sitting in cafes in Paris, living the bohemian life. I never really led that life. When I started to write seriously, I wrote about a lot of different things. Eventually writing became a job, another day at work. Once you feel you are in the writing world it is hard to get out of it. You can't really stop doing it, because you really love it. I sometimes say I am not going to write something for a week but then two days later I am writing something. It is a blessing and curse. And you have to develop a thick skin, there are usually a lot more rejections than acceptance when you start out and beyond.

**DH:** You went to get your MFA in New Jersey, and fell under the spell of the poet Maria Mazziotti Gillan of Patterson, NJ. I know William Carlos Williams and Allen Ginsberg and other poets came from there, a sort of Patterson School of Poets.

**KC:** Well, I had friends who were New Jersey poets and they would go on retreats with Maria. I went, and I found out that we wrote poems from Friday to Sunday. I also found I really liked her as a person. She looked at poetry as a way of preserving history. Her poetry is about people, places, and things that happened to her while she was growing up. She made her life into narrative poetry. There is something about Patterson, NJ, that is really interesting. You see the city come alive in her poetry. It certainly has been the birthplace of some great poets. So there is something about Patterson and



its urban life. There is a certain way poetry is treated there.

**DH:** Your new chapbook of short stories *Beach People* takes place in your hometown of Revere, Mass. It is written in a prose/poetry fashion. Why did you choose to do this?

**KC:** I am not sure how it first came to me. I had the idea that I had to capture these moments—in a brief manner. I never spent much time with one of the character studies without going on to something else. The book consists of these short snippets of these Revere characters that felt really wonderful to me.

**DH:** These Beach People are a rich mother lode of material. And they live and work on a spit of land near the ocean. Do you think the expanse of ocean provides a horizon to their dead end lives?

**KC:** I suppose it could be a horizon, but it also can be a place that these people are never going to get to. I think the ocean always does that. I think it could work either way.

**DH:** Have any of the folks portrayed in the book—recognized themselves?

**KC:** I haven't heard anything. The characters are often combined among two or three different people. There are a lot of fictional aspects to these characters—so people may not recognize themselves. The

**DH:** In your book of poetry *The One Fifteen to Penn Station*, in your title poem, you write about your experience of traveling on a train from Boston to New York City. I always find trains a great place to write, travel and ponder one's existence. You are in sort of limbo between two points, neither here or there.

**KC:** I just love trains. I think they are very cinematic. In this form of traveling there is less rush—you slow down. It has a sit-back quality—everything will take its time. I love to look at the passing neighborhoods—the street scenes.

**DH:** How does teaching help or hinder your work?

**KC:** I think the experience of teaching certainly helps writing. I don't write as much when I teach. I feel privilege to be in a discussion with other people about literature. But so far as teaching being complimentary to writing—I wonder if I would be better off with a day job that had nothing to do with writing. Because I spend a lot of mental energy on both. With teaching you are always thinking about the craft. If I was stocking shelves I wouldn't be thinking of writing. I am usually able to generate work when I am teaching.

**DH:** Why do you feel MFA programs are valuable for writers?

**KC:** In my own case I got a lot of feedback. You need to be proactive. You are surrounded by great writers. Network with them, learn things.

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SOMERVILLE  
edited by Doug Holder

This week we have a poem in Spanish by Sergio Inestrosa, a professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Endicott College, with English translations by Max Sklar. Max Sklar is an actor and a translator based in Salem, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of McGill University, and works as the Foreign Language tour coordinator for Cambridge Historical Tours.



Cuando la tierra...

pierda todos sus colores  
cuando sea tan solo una roca seca  
desprovista de vida  
girando oscura  
ya sin razón alguna  
entonces será demasiado tarde  
para corregir el rumbo destructivo  
de nuestra humana estupidez.

When the earth...

is drained of all of its colors  
when it is nothing more than a barren rock  
deprived of life  
turning in the dark  
without a shred of meaning  
then it will be too late  
to halt the destructive course  
of our own human stupidity.

— Sergio Inestrosa  
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