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# Powder House Community School development ideas crowd sourced



Somerville residents met last week to gather information and share their own ideas regarding the future development of the Powder House School site.

By Douglas Yu

A few blocks away from Davis Square Station on Holland St., one finds the back of Powder House Community School. One can hardly tell it's an abandoned school until they see the schoolyard, which is now still being used as a practice field for a local bicycle riding school.

On July 21, the City of Somerville called upon its residents, mainly those who live in Ward 7 of Somerville, to come up with plans to redevelop this abandoned facility after the city ended negotiations with Tufts University on its redevelopment March this year, due to not committing to a timetable.

Most of the residents suggested the Powder House Community School should be used as affordable housing, since they felt that the neighborhood is being gentrified.

"Gentrification is not always inevitable; it's a choice made by people," one of the Somerville residents said. She said that the price of housing was rocketing in the last a couple of years, and providing more affordable housing was necessary to the renters.

Another Somerville resident, who lives on Claremont St., wanted to

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# Somerville's own Mark DellaGrotte training UFC elites

By Jacob Aguiar

Mark DellaGrotte became engrossed in martial arts at a young age, and has been training fighters in Somerville out of the same building that his father and uncle had practiced law in since 1996.

He has coached UFC greats like Kenny Florian, Frank Mir and Stephan Bonnar and works for the UFC as a fight analyst. His school attracts fighters of all skill levels from all over the world. DellaGrotte is particularly proud of Rob Font, who won his debut fight in the UFC on July 5.

"What is great about Font is that he is 100 percent home grown from me and my camp," said DellaGrotte.

A Somerville native, DellaGrotte owns and operates Sityodtong Martial Arts Academy located on 100 Broadway in Somerville. He appreciated the discipline and culture associated with classic martial arts

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Tonight, Wednesday, July 30, Somerville Community Access Television Studios in Union Square, beginning at 6 p.m. the Somerville Labor Coalition Candidate Forum will be held and candidates for the 34th Representative District will present their cases regarding why they want the endorsement of the Labor Council. Candidates Christine Barber, Erin DiBenidetto, Sharon Guzik, Craig Rourke and Nick Lanzilli will be there to answer questions. Hosted and moderated by Joe Lynch. Seats are limited.

Well, this week we have a lot birthday greetings going out to some very important people here in the Ville and from the Ville. Big time this week to Ricky Hart, of the famous Hart family. We've known him since he was brought home from the hospital. He now is married to Jamie and has three great kids. We wish Ricky the very best. To our own Patti Norton, who has been in and out of Mass General these past few weeks. She is celebrating her birthday and so is her grandson Corey on the same day, and although he's moving shortly to Chicago we wish him and Grandma a Happy Birthday. Our very own Jimmy DelPonte, who stirs memories here about the old days, is celebrating this week. We hope he has a great day. Happy Birthday to Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, who is celebrating this week as well. We wish him the very best. Everyone knows Janice Delory, now retired from City Hall and the Mayor's Office. We hope she's enjoying retirement and wish her a great day as well. Also, our old friend Diane Mahoney, formerly of Ward 5, Highland Road, and now of Florida. She's working hard but always has her heart here in the city. Let's not forget about our School Committee lady from Ward 5, Laura Pitone, who had a bike accident recently and has both arms in a sling. We hope she gets better soon and has a great day. What a nice person she is. Also, celebrating this week is our old pal Joe DaSilva from Walnut street area. What a nice guy, a great family guy and hard worker. We hope he enjoys his day as well. It's a pretty busy week here in the Ville with birthdays. To all the ones mentioned and to all the others we were remiss in mentioning, we wish you all a great day for yourselves.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to Letter to Market Basket from Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Matt C says:  
I support the workers for standing up for what they believe in. It is a great example of how when a company treats their employees and customers right, the employees and customers support the people that made it possible.

A. Moore says:  
And Deval and Liz have declined to be part of this. So much helping the working person.

rags says:  
Politicians have no place in this. I'm also certain that righty pols and wannabes like Brown are also keeping their mouths shut.  
This is real people standing up for what they believe in – on both sides.

ward3resident says:  
Our Mayor is on the right side of this one just like everything else, where's the board of alderman? Bring back Arthur T!

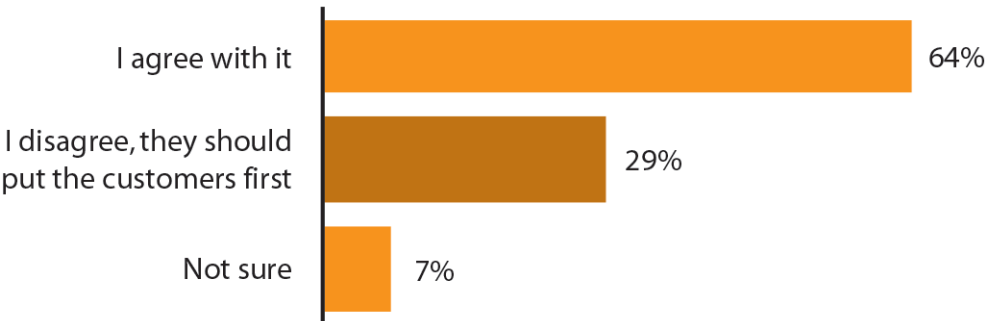
Elaine says:  
Before we weep too many tears for poor Arthur "T" – he is worth more than 1.4 BILLION (the company is worth > 4B) according to Forbes. Anyone read about Arthur's T's dad? Not a such a great guy, so maybe a whole lot more to be said. Google it before you go out and hang signs. Anyway, funny how progressives are fighting for a "1%'er". Ya think the media has played some people?

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you agree with Market Basket employees' protest and call to boycott shopping there until Arthur T. Demoulas is CEO. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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# Our interview with District Attorney Marian T. Ryan – Part 2

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

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

In the first part of our interview with Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan, we discussed the path she took to reach her current position, as well as some of the challenges that are facing Somerville.

Now, we will go into the complexities that Middlesex County – the 23rd most populous county in the nation and first most populous in New England – faces as a whole, as well as the state of the prison system.

**The Somerville Times:** Which areas – whether parts of the judicial system and law enforcement or specific cities and town – of Middlesex County do you feel need the most help to get to where they need to be?

**D.A. Ryan:** I think that it depends on what you're talking about with where we want to get to. You know, one of the things I love about Middlesex County, I always say, is it really is like a social laboratory. At 54 cities and towns, they are incredibly different, and many of them need different things.

You look at one place that is an inner city like a Malden or Everett and say 'the kids here need this, this or that to go forward.' I can look at the western part of the county like Groton and Dunstable ... and kids have real needs there and, they're

very different needs, but no less impactful to kids ... I don't know if there is a uniform piece to that, you know there are problems that we see across the board, things like addiction and domestic violence that you see everywhere. Various faces, but they are everywhere.

I don't think we have a perfect city or town. There are different challenges in different places.

*"I don't think we have a perfect city or town. There are different challenges in different places."*

The conversation then moved toward the prison system, which has been a central topic in discussions ranging from human rights advocacy groups to Congress and beyond. Earlier in July, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia Timothy Heaphy, speaking at a House Judiciary committee, announced that the United States has five to 10 times the prison population rate per capita of most democracies.

*The Somerville Times* asked D.A. Ryan to provide her insights on this prison system.

**TST:** Do you believe that the prison system, let's say in Middlesex County, is broken, or the state, or the nation?

**D.A.R:** I know that there's a lot of talk about that, particularly comparing us to other states, and I don't know what people are comparing and how that all fits.

Obviously prisons are not a part of society that has a big constituency. An effective prison system should, for instance, prepare those people who are going back into society to get back, it should provide programs, and that means money.

And you know, there are a lot more people at the state house looking for money for school than there are looking for money for the prisons. It's no secret that



The standing District of Attorney of Middlesex County, Marian T. Ryan.

the entire law enforcement and judicial piece of our budget is lagging far behind, it's one of the reasons why I've taken a real leadership role in terms of salaries for my D.A.'s and things like that.

Unless you are unfortunate enough to be a victim or to have somebody or yourself who is a defendant, who is really interested in that issue?

"My kid wants an art program in their school" versus "we should put a graduate program in our prisons," you know where people are going to be voting on that.

Is it something – like the rest of the judicial system – that suffers from lack of resources? Yes, it is.

**STS:** Have you seen any repercussions from the state's closure of mental health institutions in the courts?

**D.A.R:** Good mental health is something that we do not have enough of – good mental health services. I was the chief of the Elderly and Disabled Unit and there are lot of people ranging from kids to senior citizens who have mental health issues that we don't have the money to address, or we don't spend the money to address.

The whole idea that began 15 years ago or so of deinstitutionalizing people with mental health issues ... the whole idea was that these people would be in the community and good mental health services would be available, and that has not really worked out that well.

So we have a lot of people out of institutions and in the communities, finding themselves in trouble as a defendant or being victimized, I've seen both side of that and it really goes to their mental health.

We have a lot of kids that are not getting the mental health services they need, we have a lot of seniors – particularly – who aren't getting the mental health services they need and, again, it's money.

The interview continued on to the war on drugs, especially how it ties into the state of the prison system, which is where the third part of this series will begin.

In the final part of this series, to be published next week, we will also discuss D.A. Ryan's thoughts for the future and what separates her from the competition in the forthcoming election.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Errant cyclist refuses to cooperate

A police officer assigned to a bicycle patrol and stationed alongside the Charter School on Webster Ave. last week reportedly observed a man on a bicycle run through a red light at the intersection of Washington St. and Webster.

Police reports indicate that many children cross at this intersection.

The officer then stepped into the roadway and signaled the cyclist to stop, but he did not, according to reports.

The officer reportedly had to place his body into the path of the oncoming cyclist in order to get him to stop.

When the officer asked the cyclist for his identification he was told by the man that he didn't have any, police said.

As the officer wrote out a citation he reportedly asked the man, later identified as Matthew Szklarz, 28, for his name and was told that he did not have to give it to him.

When the officer advised Szklarz that he would be placed under arrest if he did not furnish his name, he reportedly responded by saying, "You can't do that."

The officer informed Szklarz that he could and would place him under arrest if he did not cooperate, at which time Szklarz reportedly crossed his arms and refused to respond.

Szklarz was placed under arrest and charged with a bicycle violation and refusal to identify himself. Szklarz's bicycle was also taken to jail.

## Unhappy resident attacks tree

Police were summoned to a Perkins St. location last Thursday on reports that a man was pulling branches off of a newly planted tree.

Upon arrival, officers were met by the reporting party who immediately directed them to the man who was allegedly trying to destroy the tree.

When questioned by the officers, the man, Siu Fai Ip, 61, reportedly told them that he did not want the tree in front of his house because it would cause water to get into his basement, police said.

When the officers advised Ip that he could not destroy the tree because he does not want it he reportedly responded by pointing to the remains of the damaged tree and said, "No tree."

The officers advised Ip that they would be summoning him to court to answer for his actions in harming the tree and that he could cause no more injury to it he reportedly said to the, "I cut it down."

The officers determined that they had no choice but to place Ip under arrest for destruction of property over \$250.

The tree, which had recently been planted by the Department of Public Works, had a value of \$800.

The reporting party supplied the officers with a photo showing Ip in the act of tearing down the branches. He described how he observed Ip as he jumped up to grab branches of the tree, according to police reports.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Matthew Szklarz**, 28, of 59 Munroe St., July 22, 9:08 a.m., arrested at 20 Webster Ave. on charges of bicycle violation and refusal to identify self.

**Michelle Harris**, 45, of 3 Quincy St., July 22, 9:10 a.m., arrested at 3 Bow St. on warrant charges of larceny from a building, felony nighttime breaking and entering, and trespassing.

**Samantha Dolimpio**, 36, July 22, 1:40 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

**Jason Crocket**, 30, of 1 Elwood St., Everett, July 22, 1:40 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

**John Carpinito**, 40, of 18 Grove St., Chelsea, July 22, 1:40 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and shoplifting by asportation.

**Edward Locket**, 41, of 216 Revere Beach Pkwy., Chelsea, July 22, 1:40 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and false liquor ID card.

**Ayoub Mastouri**, 20, of 742 Broadway, Everett, July 22, 4:10 p.m., arrested at 16 Fellsway West on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Andrew Agyei**, 36, of 99 School St., July 22, 11:28 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of harassment prevention order violation.

**Siu Fai Ip**, 61, of 7 Alston St., July 24, 4:52 p.m., arrested at 153 Perkins St. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.

**Deanna Sharpe**, 29, of 4 Lock Rd., Medford, July 25, 2:34 a.m., arrested at Edgar Ave. on a warrant charge of selling liquor to a person under 21.

**Randy Gilchrist**, 26, of 24 Robinson St., July 25, 12:17 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of distribution of a class A drug, drug possession to distribute, distribution of a class D drug, and possession of a class B drug.

**Ibrahim Muhammed**, 23, of 28 Temple St., July 25, 1:39 p.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of larceny from a building, destruction of property over \$250, misdemeanor breaking and entering, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, and resisting arrest.

**A juvenile**, July 25, 9:02 p.m., arrested at 14 Jaques St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

**Ronald Freeman**, of 42 Lafayette St., Everett, July 26, 3:09 a.m., arrested at Summer St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

**Brian O'Neill**, of 1770 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, July 27, 11:40 p.m., arrested at 20 Conwell St. on warrant charges of credit card fraud over \$250 and larceny over \$250.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

July 22, 7:48 a.m., police reported a theft at 1 Fitchburg St.

July 22, 9:31 a.m., police reported a theft at Main St.

July 22, 10:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Hanson St.

July 22, 1:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

July 22, 8:02 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Canal St.

July 23, 8:23 a.m., police reported a theft at Assembly Row.

July 24, 5:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Radcliffe Rd.

July 25, 7:39 p.m., police reported a theft at 267 Elm St.

July 25, 9:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

July 26, 2:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St.

July 26, 9:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

July 26, 9:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

July 27, 8:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

July 27, 11:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

**Robbery:**

July 22, 11:46 p.m., police reported a robbery at College Ave.

July 27, 2:03 a.m., police reported a robbery at 219 Broadway.

July 27, 3:22 a.m., police reported a robbery at 147 Broadway.

**Breaking & Entering:**

July 22, 4:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bow St.

July 22, 8:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bow St.

July 25, 9:02 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

**Vehicle Theft:**

July 22, 11:06 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Willow Ave.

July 22, 11:39 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Garfield Ave.

July 26, 11:01 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Madison St.

July 27, 12:01 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Brighton St.

July 27, 3:02 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

**Assault:**

July 22, 4:10 p.m., police reported an assault at Fellsway West.

July 24, 5:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

July 27, 9:53 p.m., police reported an assault at Everett Ave.

**Destruction of Property:**

July 22, 7:05 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 1 Main St.

July 22, 5:26 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Albion St.

July 23, 4:48 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Puritan Rd.

July 24, 4:52 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Perkins St.

July 24, 9:07 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Pearl St.

July 24, 11:00 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Albion St.

**Drug Violation:**

July 25, 12:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Medford St.

July 26, 12:31 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Charles E. Ryan Rd.

**DUI:**

July 26, 3:09 a.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Summer St.

July 27, 9:07 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Medford St.

**Liquor Law Violation:**

July 22, 1:40 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at 75 Mystic Ave.



# Market Basket CEO protest continues

By Donald Norton

Around 25-35 employees and customers of Somerville Avenue Market Basket demonstrated in front of store this past weekend. Cars passing by honked their horns in support of the crowd.

Activity in the parking lot has changed, with no need to travel in circles looking for a vacant space, when there are spaces everywhere.

Shelves in the store were quickly being emptied and there were no crowded aisles.

The demonstrators are all out in support of their fired CEO, Arthur T. Demoulas, who was let go recently by the company's board of directors.



Demonstrators held their ground at the Somerville Avenue Market Basket store in support of ousted CEO Arthur T. Demoulas. — Photo by Donald Norton

Meanwhile, Demoulas has submitted a buyout plan and on Monday night the board met to consider whether to accept that offer or not. Nothing was decided.

It is hoped that a settlement can be arrived at soon and the store's employees can get back to work, and customers can get back to the business of running to the store.

# The Great Urban Cookout sizzles

By Melissa Pike

As the work week came to a close on Friday, Somerville residents joined friends and family at Lincoln Park for the 5th Annual Great Urban Campout.

A fire pit located in the center of the soccer field was a focal point of the event, drawing in crowds of children eager to roast marshmallows and visit with their fellow peers while on summer vacation.

As some prepared their s'mores, others grilled up more hearty meals including hamburgers, hotdogs, and other savory suppers for the family.

The true essence of camping was not only found through the smell of a smoldering fire and grilled dinners but through the echoing of laughter carried with a cool breeze across the populated soccer field.

Five years ago the Campout



Everybody seemed to want s'more of the Great Urban Cookout.

tradition began in hopes of bringing Somerville residents together in a family friendly atmosphere. Today, the event still holds its purpose and has been proven successful through soccer games played, friends made, and memories created.

Friday night wound down and soon all flashlights were turned off. When Saturday morning's sun rose, campers were treated to coffee and donuts as a thank you for making The 5th Annual Great Urban Campout as enjoyable this year as it has been in the past.

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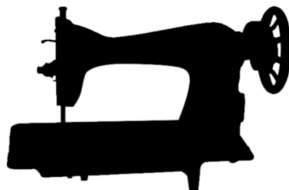
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# Powder House Community School development ideas crowd sourced

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see the best opportunity for working class families, moderate-income families, and the elderly. She learned from various community meetings that Somerville is losing a lot of working class families because of the high rental rates. “At least we can save some people from being displaced,” she said.

“In December of 2012, we issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a developer partner to work on this. At the end of the day, we got six responses,” Director of Planning for the City of Somerville, George Proakis said. The majority of the School Committee chose Tufts University as a developer, which did not work out in the end.

The evaluation criteria form was handed out at the meeting to clarify what the qualifications of the final developer should be. The top evaluation criteria included the developer’s prior urban infill project experience, the development team member’s expertise with delivering the program and the design team’s prior experience with community engagement in design.

Proakis also highlighted some

of the important ideas from the previous Powder House Community School meeting, and alluded to “...the 40 percent open space; maintaining access across the site to the TAB building for access to Holland Street; the general total allowed development size and the allowed use program. Also, there is an idea of a range of solutions to address the building type and commitment to collect tax on the full value of the project, regardless of the user.”

Proakis mentioned that when the city allowed Tufts to develop the facility, they had to agree to pay the property tax. So do the future developers.

Steven Santosuosso, who lives on the border of Medford, said he loves the idea of arts and maker community in Somerville. “We also like the idea of diversification of units, two to three bedroom units, as well as affordable housing,” Santosuosso said.

Somerville residents spent the most of time at the meeting grouping up with people who live in the same part of Somerville, discussing feasible solutions for

the Powder House Community School development.

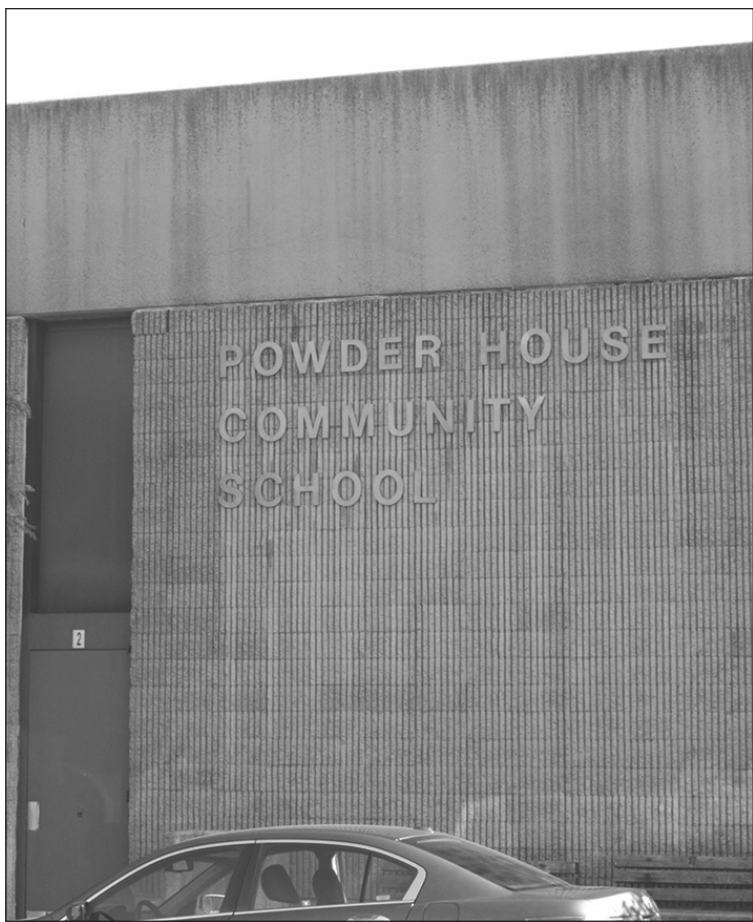
Somerville native Brenda McDonagh, who was in the same group with Santosuosso, suggested that the ground floor of the building could be used for multiple functions, such as community center and maker space.

“We don’t want to see the developer put in a one big residential tower,” McDonagh said. “Also, Somerville is a neighborhood of high renters. So everybody who knows someone is renting, and therefore knows someone who is being priced out.”

There were also voices from the art community at the meeting. Somerville artist Brad Johnson expressed his interest in transforming the school into an art studio.

“I don’t want it to be a large institution,” said Johnson, who lives on Paulina St. “If there is an institution, we’ll get loading trucks that will make a lot of noise. Otherwise, it’ll be quiet for the residents on Paulina Street.”

During the testimony, one of the resident’s representatives brought up that in addition to



art uses, combining arts space and residential space to benefit the community was another strong idea. Applause hailed across the meeting when the other representative highlighted the need for transparency of the committee to “make sure people who have ulterior motive are not

voting on this project.” Proakis said he was going to sort through all the feedback from the residents and present a summarized version of all the ideas at the next meeting. “I want everyone to be on an even playing field, so they are all bidding on the scene,” Proakis said.

## COMMENTARY

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# Considering effective charter schools strategies

By Senator Patricia Jehlen (D- Somerville) and Senator Ken Donnelly (D- Arlington)

Last week, the senate voted to defeat a bill that proposed to raise the current cap on charter schools in 29 districts. Beginning in 2017 the cap would rise from 18% to 23% of those school districts’ spending.

Before the vote, we heard from parents, advocates, students, and organizations on both sides of the argument. We sat down with whoever

was willing to talk about the bill and what it would mean for students in the Commonwealth and the future of our public education system.

We went into all of these conversations with the goal of answering one essential question: what is our end game in expanding charter schools?

In 1993 when the Massachusetts Legislature voted to create charter schools, the intent was that charters would experiment with new practices for educating our children. Originally, it was intended to take the successful practices developed by charter schools and use them in the district public schools.

Today, charter schools are promoted not as collaborators with public schools, but as competitors in a marketplace where test scores take the place of profits. In this market, there are rewards for schools that can avoid students who are likely to score low. That was never the intent.

If we keep raising the cap on charter schools, more district schools will go out of business,

concentrating students who face the biggest challenges in a shrinking number of district schools while extra resources go to the charters.

We will be driving a wedge deep into our communities, pitting students against each other, and effectively declaring that it is acceptable to invest in some kids while divesting from others.

That is not the answer. And that is why we believe this bill, and this issue, cannot move forward without addressing the serious implications that a dual system of public education will have on our children for generations to come.

The bill that we debated undoubtedly has merit, not least because it has sparked the important conversation about innovative ways to make charter schools more inclusive while providing funding for district public schools. But the proposed cap lift would not begin to take effect for 3 more years. Let us not make hasty choices.



Let us instead step back and consider how we can incorporate

the best ideas from all schools to educate all of our children, not only to score high on standardized tests, but to develop into responsible and capable adults,

ready to take their places in a complex world.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on four roll calls from the week of July 21-25.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

**CLINIC ACCESS (S 2283)**  
House 116-35, approved a bill filed in response to the recent U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling that struck down a 2007 Massachusetts law that established a 35-foot protest-free buffer zone at reproductive health care centers. The measure authorizes law enforcement officials to issue a written order mandating immediate withdrawal of anyone who substantially “impedes” access to a facility entrance or driveway. The individuals must then remain at least 25 feet from the facility’s entrances and driveways for a maximum of eight hours. The measure defines “impede” as “to obstruct, block, detain or render passage impossible, unsafe or unreasonably difficult.”

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

it regulates the conduct of individuals who are outside clinics, not their speech.

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

Only final House and Senate approval are needed prior to the measure going to the Gov. Deval Patrick.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**PROTECT PROTESTERS (S 2283)**  
House 39-110, rejected an amendment that would provide the same protections to protesters as the measure provides to patients by applying the same rules and punishment to anyone who interferes with the rights of anyone to “peaceably assemble, peaceably protest, peaceably counsel, or peaceably pray at the location.”

Amendment supporters said this would treat both sides equally and argued one constitutional right should not supersede another.

Amendment opponents said the bill is a balanced one that already protects the rights of protestors to peaceably assemble and exercise free speech.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

**APPLY LAW TO ALL FACILITIES (S 2283)**  
House 31-119, rejected an amendment that would make the proposed access bill applicable to all business or public buildings.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure that people outside of all buildings, not just reproductive health care centers, will be protected from fear and intimidation.

Amendment opponents said this amendment is a solution in search of a problem. They argued that opponents have proposed this amendment and many others in an attempt to sidetrack the bill.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

**PRIVACY PROTECTION (S 2299)**  
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would require law enforcement officials to obtain a warrant to access personal information held by Internet and cell phone companies. Under current law, the government can get these records simply by requesting them directly from the phone and Internet companies. The bill also establishes procedures for notifying a person when the government obtains his or her personal information via a warrant and provides for exceptions to the new law in emergency situations.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure current statutes governing privacy keep up with modern technology. They argued the measure will continue to protect the fundamental right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS (S 2264)**  
Senate 38-0, approved a bill raising from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum individuals can contribute to any one candidate in a calendar year, beginning in January 2015. The measure also requires super Political Action Committees (PACs) to release to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance the names of their contributors within seven days of running an ad and within 24 hours starting 10 days before a primary or general election. Under current law, these PACs don’t have to reveal their donors until just a few days before the primary election and later shortly before the general election. Another provision requires the names of the PACs’ top five contributors who donate over \$5,000 to be revealed in any ad aired by the PAC.

These PACs are created to help candidates and are often run by the candidate’s former staffers or associates who use the PAC to fund positive ads about the candidate and/or run negative ads against the candidate’s opponents. A candidate’s own committee’s contributions are limited by federal law but super PACs can legally accept unlimited donations.

The bill was filed in response to a Supreme Court decision ruling that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to PACs that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties. Critics say the decision has led to corporations, unions and wealthy individuals contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to PACs and having an undue influence on elections that is drowning out the voices of everyday Americans. Supporters of the ruling hail it as a victory for freedom of speech.

Supporters of the bill said that while the state cannot overrule the Supreme Court, it can ensure that voters are regularly informed who is funding these influential PACs.

The House has approved a different version of the bill. A House-Senate conference committee will try to craft a compromise measure.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**PROHIBIT UNIONS FROM DONATING AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 (S 2264)**  
Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment that would eliminate a current law that allows trade associations, unions and other organizations that do not raise money for political purposes to contribute an annual aggregate total of \$15,000 to candidates. For example, a union can give \$15,000 to one candidate, \$7,500 to two, \$5,000 to three, etc. Once the union or other organization has spent \$15,000 for political purposes, it is subject to the



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same campaign finance limits applicable to individuals. That limit is currently \$500 per candidate and would jump to \$1,000 if the bill is approved.

Amendment supporters said it is unfair for unions and these other groups to be allowed to contribute \$15,000 more than individuals.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is aimed at unions that typically donate to Democrats and is designed to hurt Democratic candidates.

(A “Yes” vote is for prohibiting the \$15,000 contribution. A “No” vote is for allowing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (S 2292)

Senate 38-0, approved a bill making changes in the regulation of local housing authorities. Provisions include requiring one of the five members of the housing authority in a town to be a public housing tenant; requiring training for board members and executive directors; requiring all housing authorities to participate in a performance-based monitoring program; requiring the state to provide uniform standards for evaluating housing authority operations; and requiring annual surveys asking public housing residents about the maintenance and repair of units and the services provided.

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

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

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

### CAP OUT-OF-POCKET RX COSTS (S 2096)

- The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would cap annual out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses for patients at \$1,250 for an individual and \$2,500 for families.

Supporters said the high cost of prescriptions makes it difficult if not impossible for some patients, especially ones with diseases like cancer or multiple sclerosis that require expensive specialty medication, to continue their treatment.

**THREE FOUND GUILTY** - A jury convicted Former Probation Commissioner John J. O’Brien and two of his deputies, William H. Burke III and Elizabeth V. Tavares, of racketeering conspiracy. O’Brien and Tavares were also found guilty of four counts of committing mail fraud.

Prosecutors from U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz’s office argued that the trio was involved in a fixed hiring process that resulted in the hiring of politically connected unqualified candidates for Probation Department jobs in exchange for getting the department’s budget increased by the Legislature.

Sentencing is set for November 18 but the trio’s attorneys plan to appeal the verdict.

### RECYCLING IN STATE BUILDINGS (S 2308) -

The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill requiring recycling in public buildings. The measure would require all state buildings and facilities to implement a uniform recycling program for many items including lead batteries, glass and metal containers, recyclable paper, tires, fluorescent lamps and construction material.

Supporters said the bill will help the environment and also set an example for businesses and individuals to follow.

### ALLOW LIQUOR STORES TO OPEN EARLIER ON SUNDAYS (H 228) -

Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill allowing liquor stores to open at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Current law prohibits stores from opening until noon. A total ban on Sunday sales of alcohol was state law until 2003 when the ban was repealed.

Supporters say the measure will allow Bay State stores to compete with stores in border states that open earlier on Sundays.

Opponents say studies have shown the earlier hours do not increase liquor sales but rather spread existing sales out over a longer period of time.

### FLOOD INSURANCE (H 3783) -

Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would prohibit creditors from requiring homeowners to purchase flood insurance in amounts that exceed the outstanding balance of their mortgage. Other provisions prohibit lenders from requiring coverage for the contents of a home or including a deductible of less than \$5,000.

Supporters say this would help reduce premiums for homeowners affected by new federal regulations that threaten to drive up the cost of flood insurance.

Opponents expressed concern that the bill would leave some homeowners with insufficient insurance and said the bill protects banks at the risk of homeowners.

### THEFT FROM RETAIL STORES (H 1474) -

The House gave initial approval to a bill creating new crimes relating to theft from retail stores. The new crimes include using duct tape or other devices that block sensors designed to set off an alarm if not removed by the cashier; using an emergency exit to escape following the theft; and creating a bogus sales receipt or UPC code. The measure also creates a new crime of working in an organized retail theft ring.

Supporters said that these theft rings are estimated to cost Massachusetts retailers more than \$160 million annually. They noted the rings are selling the stolen items at flea markets and on websites like eBay.

### LICENSE NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS (H 4304) -

The House gave initial approval to a bill creating a state board to license and regulate naturopathic doctors. The measure also requires that these doctors have extensive training in a naturopathic program at an approved naturopathic medical college. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians defines naturopathic doctors as “primary care and specialty doctors who address the underlying cause of disease through effective, individualized natural therapies that integrate the healing powers of body, mind and spirit.”

Supporters said this increasingly popular practice should be regulated and licensed by the state in order to ensure that these professionals are qualified and to protect against fraud.

A similar bill, approved by both branches in 2012, was vetoed by Gov. Patrick.

### SHARK FINS (H 4089)

Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill banning the possession and sale of shark fins in the Bay State. Shark finning is the practice of cutting off the fins of sharks and then throwing them back into the ocean to die a slow and painful death.

Supporters say it is outrageous that this is done merely to make shark fin soup, an Asian delicacy. The bill was spearheaded by Sean Lesniak, a nine-year-old boy from Lowell.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I’d probably vote against it” — Gov. Patrick on a possible 2016 ballot question legalizing marijuana.

“I’m flattered to think that people would say that ... I’ve got enough to keep me occupied right now than to think about 2016.” — House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) on rumors that he might want to change the House rules and remain speaker beyond 2016 when under the current House rule limiting speakers to eight years, he is no longer eligible.

“Hi, this is Don calling you from the crime investigation unit of the IRS, Internal Revenue Service. The reason of this call is to inform you that the IRS has issued a warrant against you, and your physical property is being monitored right now. So it is very important that we get a call back from you today.” — The attorney general’s office releasing a transcript of how a new scam works. Victims are told they must settle their tax debt over the phone by providing their debit or credit card numbers or immediately wiring funds to avoid being arrested.

## 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 21-15, the House met for a total of 8 hours and 16 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 10 hours and 7 minutes.

Mon. July 21	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.
Tues. July 22	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.
Wed. July 23	House 1:07 p.m. to 6:44 p.m. Senate 2:03 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
Thurs. July 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.

Fri. July 25	No House session No Senate session
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# COMMENTARY

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## Into the Mystic: Reclaiming Somerville's waterfront



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The environmental wellbeing of the Mystic River is essential to Somerville, but the river has been cut off from the rest of the city by highways and heavy industry for too long. Today, we are undoing those mistakes of the past, with the gorgeous

revitalization of Baxter Park at Assembly Square the first step in reconnecting Somerville with its riverfront, an achievement for which we owe thanks to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and our partners at Federal Realty. Assembly Square is Somerville's newest neighborhood, but the opening of Baxter Park was really a rebirth—a recapturing of our waterfront and our history. It's the riverfront park our community has always deserved. Six acres of waterfront green space, a new dock, and accessible walk and bike pathways along the Mystic, crowned by an amphitheater—

perfect for a community as devoted to the arts as Somerville.

Restoring parkland along the Mystic's shores can only be the first step. This water system needs cleaning and care so it can continue to be a vital resource for our community and so we can reclaim it as a recreational and environmental jewel. Our state Rep. Denise Provost has submitted a bill currently before the House of Representatives that would establish a Mystic River Water quality commission, which would undertake the important work of studying this significant natural resource for Somerville and 21 other cit-

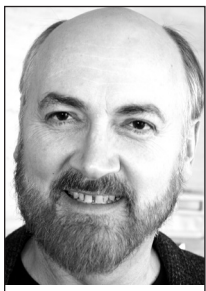
ies and towns. For decades the Mystic—one of the three major rivers flowing into Boston Harbor—has suffered from industrial uses and contamination. Now we are reclaiming it and this bill is a critical part of continuing that reclamation.

Envisioning the inherent potential in the waters of the Mystic requires only looking to the other iconic waterway flowing into Boston Inner Harbor. Every day, the Charles River is scattered with kayaks and sailboats, with people relaxing on the shore and wildlife in abundance. Swimming is now allowed by permit.

This could be the Mystic, too. A reclaimed Mystic River with wildlife, boating and yes, even swimming, is not only an environmental achievement but a catalyst for a different kind of economic potential, one that eschews the industrial economy of the past that used the river as a dumping ground and instead embraces the river as a resource onto itself that can spur the vibrancy that makes our other neighborhoods so successful. In dense cities, green and open space is social space. It's where we meet our neighbors and new friends, where we play and relax, join in

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## To Demoulas Supermarkets Inc.'s directors: Smarten up



By William C. Shelton

Since your actions demonstrate that greed is your primary motivator, let's realistically assess your chances of fulfilling those dreams of avarice. Considering the breathtaking rate at which you are destroying shareholder value, chances are slim.

Under the wise leadership of Arthur T. Demoulas, your chain grew to 71 stores. Last year's profits were \$217 million on sales of \$4 billion.\* Revenue growth was 6%. That's enviable in a mature and hypercompetitive industry with notoriously thin profit margins.

Over ten years, that financial performance earned the nine of you a half-billion in dividends. But for your family's greedier half, that wasn't enough. They wanted to suck out another \$1.5 billion, and last year they succeeded in extracting \$250 million that could have been invest-

ed in growing the business.

With few exceptions, there are essentially only two strategies whereby a competitor in a mature industry can achieve exceptional profitability. Market Basket owns New England's cost-leadership space, while Whole Foods dominates its differentiation space.

Now you want to abandon Arthur T's conservative financial management in favor of extracting more cash. But if you sell off your extensive real estate inventory, you will initiate a cascade of consequences.

You will burden your cash

flow to make rent payments to the properties' new owners. You will be obligated to raise prices, which will lower your sales volume. Declining sales volume will reduce your bargaining power with vendors, increasing the prices that you pay for the goods that you sell, advertising that you buy, and supplies that you need.

A truly effective strategy, whether cost-leadership or differentiation, requires alignment of all a business's elements—from market positioning, to operations management, to company culture. As

you implement your new business model (assuming that you have one), these elements will become misaligned. You will be stuck in the middle with Stop-and-Shop, Shaws, and Hannaford, struggling to achieve ordinary profitability.

And that's if everything in your new plan goes well. But it can't, because you are destroying brand equity.

The essence of a brand is trust. Not trust in a company's leadership. You have already eroded that. Rather, trust that the customers know exactly what they will be

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

### 61 or 16?



Oh Boy, another birthday! As my mother used to say, "What's the alternative?" I say, keep them coming! I am happy to report that I have never felt happier or healthier. And as the title of this column states, I have spent my life in the Ville!

60 of my 61 years have been in Somerville, except for one year living in California, and one year in Florida and probably around three years at other Somerville addresses. I have grown up with most of my fellow classmates from Somerville High School's class of 1971.

One of the many things I love about living here is the fact that I still see lots of

those classmates. I just borrowed a 1971 yearbook and had fun looking through it. As I said, I still bump into many of those kids at Home Depot, in traffic, and even in other states. I say kids because that's how I feel. It's like my body aged but my mind didn't. I still feel like a 16-year-old kid at heart. Maybe it's because my youngest son is just shy of 17? Maybe it's because I am lucky to have a job that allows me to work with kids? Maybe it's because I am still just that immature child in a grown up body. I don't know. I do know that I am in a very good place. I also know that it could all change in a nanosecond so I am going to enjoy it while I can.

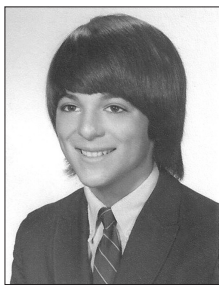
I picked my son up the other day from his job at the Somerville Theatre.

I looked around the lobby amidst the wonderful smell of fresh popcorn and reflected for a second. How blessed am I to be able to merely walk into a building and be bombarded with so many memories. My dad worked at the theater and so did I. Dad was an usher there around 1935 and me around 1969. The movies of dad's tenure were Mutiny on The Bounty and The Bride of Frankenstein. Easy Rider and Midnight Cowboy were being shown when I was shining the flashlight up in the balcony. A plethora of remembrances in one location. I really appreciate that gift. My daily routine also brings me by other former job locations, such as Lyndell's Bakery, and places that used to house businesses like Woolworths and

my old newspaper delivery office.

I have been walking up the stairs of the same house in Somerville since 1961. The number of families that were there when we moved in are dwindling and every couple of years another one of their houses are sold. Happily, two of my childhood friends who were already on the street when we came are still there. All are Somerville High grads and musicians like me.

I have seen many mayors, aldermen, school committee people, teachers, cops, firemen, and city



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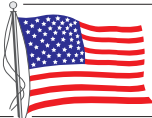
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Loyalty, a lost art.

The View Of The Times



What happened at Market Basket stores these past few weeks, and in particular this past week, was astounding to say the least.

Imagine employees of a large corporation picketing to get back the boss? What is this world coming to? When you come right down to it, it's not about corporate greed, not about unions and demands (there isn't any union at MB), it's all about loyalty.

Yes, the word sounds strange today to some, but just when you think it's him against me, them against us, Market Basket employees by the thousands send the message that they absolutely love their former CEO Arthur T. Medoulas, and nothing less than him running the company will do for them.

They appreciated his leadership over the years, his constantly having the backs of all the employees. This was a spontaneous eruption of unabashed loyalty.

We suspect only those who work at Market Basket understand how well they were treated, and by all accounts they are showing that by supporting him and trying to get him back as the head of the company.

We admire this kind of loyalty. Without question, we all should. A lot of these employees have worked at MB their entire life and are risking everything for a one man who was their boss.

Where else have you heard this? As far as we can tell, this is so unique that hopefully it closes with a happy ending, having Arthur T. back in his old position.

We support Market Basket and its employees, every single one of them. And if they support Arthur T. then we do to.

It's all about loyalty, and lots of politicians would love to be able to enjoy this level of it, wouldn't they?

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Again, to our two favorite ladies here at *The Times*: Cam Toner is coming along just fine, being home and surrounded by her big family. She's a trooper and a great person. We miss her smile in the office. To Patti Norton in and out of Mass Eye & Ear emergency at MGH. She's doing OK now that she's home. She had a tough time last week and this week just the same. We hope she gets better. What remarkable women these two ladies are. No matter what they bounce back.

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The annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund is once again kicking off its annual one day golf tournament to be held on Saturday, September 6 at the Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth MA. This marks the 14th year for the fundraiser which was started by Peter and his wife Janice Forcellese to raise money for scholarships in memory of their son John, who passed away in 2000 from an eight year battle with cancer. Over the years they have given many scholarships to deserving students both here in Somerville and down in Falmouth. This past year they gave out 16 scholarships thanks in large part to the many people who give their support both in spon-

soring and in playing. They are now on Facebook as well as their website where you can learn more and maybe help out: [www.johns-team.org](http://www.johns-team.org). The deadline for sponsoring and registration is August 8.

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Get down to Mt. Vernon Restaurant and present your coupon (on the ad on the back page of *The Times*) and get two lobsters for \$16.99, and use the \$3.00 off coupon as well.

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Congratulations to Alderman Dennis Sullivan and Melissa Hurley-Sullivan on the arrival this week of their baby girl, Jaclyn Rose Sullivan, weighing in at 9 lbs. Blessings to the Sullivan family on the arrival.

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Just dropping in to see us at the newspaper office was Diana Cassaro-Downie, who grew up here in Central hill behind City Hall. Diana is up north from Florida, visiting family members as well as making a stop at her old house on Madison Street. Diana looks good, and she introduced her daughter Krista. The years do fly by fast, but Diana hasn't changed at all.

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For all you loyal Victor's Deli patrons in Ball Square, its vacation time starting Monday August 4 to Monday August 11, so stock up on your pizza slices and specialty items that everyone loves. Victor, Rose and Nancy are out of there for a whole week and heading to parts unknown, or maybe just home relaxing and sipping some nice cool drinks. Maybe – just maybe – thinking about some new items on the menu. Don't worry, those awesome breakfasts and lunches will still be offered at Ball Square Café, which will be open. No vacation there, or at least not for now.

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The community is invited to Somerville's 11th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, hosted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) in partnership with the Somerville Police Department, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Somerville Office of Prevention (SOP) Director Cory Mashburn. National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5-8 p.m. at Foss Park. The event will include Fire and Police Department demonstrations; a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit; live performances by the Sunsets, Teen Empowerment, and the Red Tiger Academy of Martial Arts; youth activities and games; raffle prizes; and information tables from over 30 neighborhood agencies.

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*But It Doesn't Have Me*, an independent short documentary film chronicling one woman's quest to heal herself, will make its New England festival debut at the annual Massachusetts Independent Film Festival at the Somerville Theatre on Tuesday, August 5. The film follows a Massachusetts woman's struggle to cure the incurable disease that binds her to a wheelchair. Her hopes are set high as she tries a new untraditional method to cure herself from Multiple Sclerosis. A healer herself, Deb Waldron tries one possible treatment after another. The struggle to heal becomes an obsession. "It was immediately clear to me when we met that Deb wanted her healing process documented so she could share it with others," said Rosie Walunas, the film's director. "I was a sophomore in college and in over my head. Nonetheless, I filmed Deb's progress over the next four years, and realized the story wasn't about healing but Deb's relationship with the healing process." Visit the film's website: <http://rosiewalunas.com/doesnthaveme>.



# SomerStreets 'Seize the Summer'

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

Pony rides, fire and ambulance demonstrations, games, food, and live entertainment highlighted the festivities.

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









# A peace quilt for East Somerville

The Somerville Council on Aging Teen empowerment and Artist Emily Bhargava teamed up during workshops held over the past few months for the East Somerville peace quilt project. The quilt will serve to welcome guests to the COA Cross Street Center.



Photos by Claudia Ferro



**SPORTS**

**Somerville’s own Mark DellaGrotte training UFC elites**

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like Karate, Taekwondo, Ka-lie, Pencak, Silat, Jeet Kune Do and Savate and was encouraged by his uncle Dr. Joseph DellaGrotte. He studied under some of the most knowlegable in-structors in the world including former student of Bruce Lee, Dan Inosanto but competition in those arts lacked the intensity of actual combat.

“I could not find a tournament that would allow me to actual-ly punch a guy in the face, take him down and choke him out. It seemed like we were only playing with half the rules and so I start-ed exploring more battle tested arts like kickboxing and submis-sion wrestling,” said DellaGrotte.

It was during this period of ex-ploration that a new student ar-rived at what was then Cultural Martial Arts Academy. “I asked him what his background was and he said he had been to Thai-

land to fight twice and was going back again, so I asked if I could come with him, he laughed be-cause this was the first time we met but the next thing you know I was on a plane to Thailand,” said DellaGrotte.

Once there, DellaGrotte im-mersed himself in Thai fight-ing culture and built a strong relationship with his trainers at the Sityodtong facility in Thailand, which became a sec-ond home to DellaGrotte.

It was important to Della-Grotte to have actual fight ex-perience to legitimize himself as an instructor. “If I was going to be taken seriously and train fighters I knew I should have ex-perience myself as a fighter. My team knew my goal was not to become a world champion. My goal was to learn how to fight in order to develop myself and my teaching,” said DellaGrotte.

When DellaGrotte returned from Thailand the reputation he built there followed him home. The UFC was growing in popularity and trained fighters began looking to DellaGrotte for help improving their strik-ing game. “It was great to teach them and watch them grow and they trusted me in their corner,” said DellaGrotte.

DellaGrotte’s years of work with semi-established and pro-fessional fighters improved his reputation as a coach, trainer and cornerman. Those efforts have paid off in new fighters eager to learn from one of the world’s best. Font’s UFC victo-ry is the first win for a strictly Sityodtong fighter at that level of competition.

“Font represents a new gener-ation. He started with me from scratch, couldn’t throw a punch and had no ground game what-soever, so it was truly rewarding to see how he did in his UFC de-but. He listened to every word I said and trusted me to lead him to victory, and it takes two to do that,” DellaGrotte said.

One of the things that separate DellaGrotte’s instruction from other trainers is the inclusion of elements from classic martial arts. “I call it alternative arts for MMA. A lot of trainers to this day do not incorporate the Phil-



Sityodtong Martial Arts Academy at 100 Broadway in Somerville.

lipino and Indonesian martial arts when training MMA fight-ers. I incorporate these arts for the hand trapping techniques, which are overlooked and can be very effective in close quarter combat,” said DellaGrotte.

Sityodtong welcomes students of all skill levels. Many of the Krus (Thai for teachers) are pro-fessional fighters. From watch-ing a beginners class, it is evident that they focus on the fine de-tails that make Muay Thai such an effective fighting style. Thai music plays behind the Kru’s instructions and the sound of shins slamming into kickpads. Every available square inch is utilized for combat training.

“The most rewarding thing is seeing students become passion-

ate and fall in love with the art,” said DellaGrotte. “I never set out to be a UFC world champ. My goal was to honor and respect and teach the martial arts. I get the same pleasure out of training soccer moms, watching them get in shape and become empow-ered, as I do when an UFC fight-er I train does well.”

Despite his extensive travel, his love for Thailand and the opportunities afforded to him through his work with the UFC, DellaGrotte has chosen to keep his gym in Somerville because, “Home is where the heart is and my heart is in Boston. My fami-ly grew up here, my parents met each other across the street and my wife has a big family here. It is home,” said DellaGrotte.

Ms. Cam’s

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**Olío** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. Who was the first NBC’s <i>The Tonight Show</i> host?                       | 7. How many US Presidents were Masonic members?  |
| 2. How many official <i>Tonight Show</i> hosts have there been?                | 8. What TV show in the 60’s starred Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor?                              |
| 3. What is the capital of North Dakota?  | 9. What was the name of the pet pig in the above referenced TV show?                         |
| 4. What is the form of government in the USA called?                           | 10. What State boasts the most US Presidents elected?  |
| 5. What is the largest man made lake in the US called and where is it located? | 11. What 70’s TV show featured a private detec-tive who lived on a beach and drove a Camaro? |
| 6. Who was Melvin Dummar and what was he famous for?                           | 12. Who starred as the nephew in the movie <i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> ?                     |

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**Alibrandis Anniversary Celebration**



The Somerville Alibrandis base-ball club will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary season on Fri-day, August 1 vs. McKay Club Beacons at Trum field at 8 p.m.

**World champion selfie**



This selfie with the World Series Trophy was taken by Winter Hill resident and great guy Bobby Potaris who just happened to be visiting his cousin’s pizza shop in Arlington when the trophy was visiting there as well. Thanks to the security person who handles the trophy, Bobby got the shot. We think the pic-ture is funny and, yes, Bobby is a fun person and a hard worker who owns his own construction company.


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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P6199EA

Estate of : ANNA MARIE TRAVAGLIONE  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

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

Date of Death: NOVEMBER 2, 2013

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

Petitioner JOHN A TRAVAGLIONE of SOMERVILLE MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)


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

[ X ] JOHN A TRAVAGLIONE of SOMERVILLE MA  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant, Ronald and Linde Dynneson, to demolish the c. 1881 shed/garage, and proposals by the Applicant, City of Somerville, to demolish the c. 1870 single-family dwelling at 4 Milk Place; the c. 1858-1870 Italianate double house at 26-28 Prospect Street; and the 1890 Queen Anne dwelling at 30 Prospect Street.

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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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
The Trial Court  
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Docket No. MI 14P2716GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Adeline Faustima RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: Somerville, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Julia Innocent of Somerville, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Adeline Faustima is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Julia Innocent of Somerville, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day 09/18/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: July 24, 2014 Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P3113EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Jay Carr  
Also know as: Jay P Carr  
Date of Death: 05/15/2014

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by:  
**Rebecca FitzSimons of Kensington MD**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
And also requesting that:  
**Rebecca FitzSimons of Kensington MD**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:  
**10:00a.m. on 09/11/2014**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
Date: July 17, 2014  
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P2819EA

Estate of :  
**Lawrence Paul O'Brien**  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
Also Known As: Lawrence P. O'Brien  
Date of Death: 4/14/2014  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner **David F. O'Brien of Somerville MA**  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)  
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Into the Mystic

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community events and take part in the social fabric of our community. That in turn supports local businesses. It’s that outside life that makes a great city. Our home doesn’t stop at our front doors—it’s extended throughout our neighborhoods because of inviting open spaces like Baxter Park and, in the future, along the shores of the Mystic River.  
While efforts to restore the Charles began decades ago, it accelerated in the mid-90s when the EPA officially made a swimmable Charles one of its goals, and the Legislature passed and Gov. William Weld signed the Rivers Protection Act. Since then, the Charles’ water quality grade from the EPA has risen from a D to a B+. The Mystic River still has a D grade. If we can commit to cleaning and restoring the Mystic the same way we

committed to the Charles, starting with the passage of Rep. Provost’s bill, we can make the same dramatic turnaround a reality on Somerville’s shores.  
Fortunately, we have partners already committed to the cause. The Mystic River Watershed Association and Tufts University collaborate to undertake the challenges of cleaning the river. Earlier this month, we celebrated the second year of a state grant that helps restore the Mystic by removing invasive water chestnut plants that choke the river, impacting both recreational opportunities on the water and the river’s ecology. The Mystic River Water Watershed Association has been a huge contributor to this effort, inviting volunteers on four days this summer to remove water chestnuts, with the final event

scheduled for the second weekend in August.  
Somerville is also doing its part to restore the Mystic through active stormwater management—from the way we clean our streets, to continually improving our below ground infrastructure, to building innovative sustainability features into our parks and open spaces that reuses stormwater, so that instead of running off into the Mystic and overcharging our water and sewer lines, it’s helping us sustain our green spaces.  
Envision a Mystic that is swimmable. That is the goal and we can achieve it together, if we can commit to a course of action. The Charles River is a undeniable example of what we can accomplish when we set a goal and put in the work. Let’s do it for the Mystic, too.

Smarten up

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getting. Think McDonald’s or Coca-Cola. The changes that you contemplate will confuse the market regarding what constitutes Market Basket’s brand.  
In fact, your foolish actions are already destroying value at a deeper, less abstract, and more human level. They are betraying the loyalty of workers, customers, and vendors alike.

These are groups whose relationships have ripened over generations. I feel personally connected to all the deli workers at the Somerville Market Basket, and I look forward to my conversations with them. Your actions make manifest where our true loyalties lie, and they aren’t with you.

Can you offer any other example where  
• Employees at every level took action to support their company’s fired CEO?  
• A non-unionized workforce effectively organized and mobilized itself in just a few days?  
• A company’s customer base, with little prompting, imposed a crippling boycott, buying from competitors and pasting competitors’ receipts to the boycotted store’s windows?  
• Elected officials across the political spectrum spoke out against a company’s management and in favor of its workers?

So even if you were able to beat your employees into submission, what would you have? A workforce that gleefully practices what organizational behaviorists call “malicious compliance,” and hundreds of thousands of customers who conduct the most effective form of advertising—word of mouth—*against* you.  
If you and your CEOs’ management of current events is any indication, you understand little about how the company works and could not effectively manage whatever

plan you devise.  
Rather than showing the public a human face and making your case, Arthur S, Felicia Thornton and Jim Gooch have lurked in the shadows. They have abjectly lost the market communications war. They have no coherent or credible message.  
They tell us that they “saw no alternative” to taking the “difficult step” of firing eight senior employees. No alternative to firing people simply for speaking their minds at a rally? This transparent rationalization proclaims that you have no mind, or no heart, or both.  
There are, however, a few good things that you have accomplished. You’ve given courage to workers and consumers across New England to act against greed-inspired, short-term, bottom-line management. You’ve shown them that what they have in common is more important than their differences.  
And you have given pause to financial industry analysts who exhort

corporate leadership to milk their companies. Those analysts may be too myopic to compare Costco’s and Walmart’s price-earnings ratios, but they can’t ignore the populist reaction that you have inspired.  
Now we learn that Arthur T has made an offer to buy a 50.5% interest. We don’t know what that offer is. But he has a universal reputation for fairness and honesty, and he understands the company’s value much better than you ever will.  
So your wisest response would be to accept the offer and put the proceeds into the kind of exploitative investments that you favor. Otherwise, there is only one direction that your shareholder value is going: down.

*\* Note to ST readers: Profit rates cannot be determined from sales and profit figures alone, particularly in the supermarket industry where mark ups are only a few percent, but average inventory turns can be as many as thirty per year.*

Ms. Cam’s

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Answers

1. Steve Allen, 1954-1957

2. 6

3. Bismark

4. Federal Republic

5. Lake Mead in Nevada

6. He was a gas station owner whom Howard Hughes willed \$156 million dollars to

7. 14

8. Green Acres

9. Arnold

10. Ohio with 7

11. The Rockford Files with James Garner

12. Cary Grant



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Wednesday|July 30**  
**East Branch Library**  
Preschool: Summer Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway  
**Central Library**  
Vento Chiaro presents One Hen  
Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 x2954  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Thursday|July 31**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15A.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**SomerMovie FEAST**  
Chocolat  
Dusk|Nathan Tufts Park, Powderhouse Rotary

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

**Friday|August 1**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Monday|August 4**  
**Central Library**  
Middle School Writers’ Den  
Alan Ball 617 636-9033  
6:15 PM - 8:30 PM| 79 Highland Avenue

**Somerville Sunsetters**  
City Hall Concourse|7 p.m

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

**Tuesday|August 5**  
**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave  
**Somerville Sunsetters**  
National Night Out, Foss Park (7:30 p.m.)|7 p.m

**Wednesday|August 6**  
**East Branch Library**  
Preschool: Summer Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway  
**Central Library**  
Kidstock! The Princess & the Peanut Butter Sandwich  
Ann -x2950  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Somerville Sunsetters**  
Mayor’s Senior Picnic, Nathan Tufts Park (11:30 a.m.)

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**Wednesday|July 30**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Anjimile|7:30 p.m.|Free event  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Volcanic Islands|Swiss Clark & The Eskimo Project|J-train  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910  
**Thursday|July 31**  
**Johnny D’s**  
The Women in Comedy Festival presents: Kelly Loves Johnny hosted by Kelly MacFarland plus The Dirty Dottys|7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Open jam @ BYOBluegrass Party grassy Thursdays  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Eclypse|Bravo Desperado|Slapback|Ja-son Cardinal  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Somerville Theatre**  
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square  
**Art at the Armory**  
Journeys in Sound 1st Year Anniversa-ry Show (Part 1)  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave  
**Friday|August 1**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Mark Eitzel with Thalia Zedek|6:45 p.m.  
Run for the Roses (Grateful Dead Tribute)|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Jeremy Lyons Trio |6 p.m.  
The Beachcombovers, Boston Mon-key, The Cal Cali Band, Tsunami of Sound \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Mugsy  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Underwater Country Club|Elliot & The Ghost|YellowTieGuy  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway |617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
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**  
Center Stage Somerville presents: Charlotte’s Web  
6 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Timmy in the Well & Captain Easy-chord  
8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave  
**Saturday|August 2**  
**Johnny D’s**  
The Mezz Band |7 p.m.  
Querusa |10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m.  
New Million Box, Modern Day Idols, Gene Dante & the Future Starlets \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Back Room  
Scattershots  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St  
**PA’S Lounge**  
“Team For Kids” Charity Event  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On the Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Joshua Tree**  
DJ El Sid!  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live Band & DJ  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Casey’s**  
Entertainment every Saturday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195  
**Sunday|August 3**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Open Blues Jam! featuring featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Stan Martin’s Sunday Summer Shin-dig Charlie Irwin & guests join Stan & Michelle|2 p.m.  
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Come-dy|7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.  
Back Room  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Game Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live Band & DJ  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Monday|August 4**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Pres-ents: One Microphone|7 p.m.  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.

17 Holland St | 617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Americana Night  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Tuesday|August 5**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Revolutionary Snake Ensemble Resi-dency|8 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
TBA  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Ama-ral 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Ghetto People Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**PJ Ryan’s**  
Pub Quiz  
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200  
**Wednesday|August 6**  
**Johnny D’s**  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
WEMF Radio presents:Dino Heart|The Robot Knights|Prodigal Zen|Brother-hood of Grace  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave  
**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|July 30**  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com  
**Thursday| July 31**  
**Central Library**  
Islam in the West: a talk with Dr. Jocelyne Cesari  
Kevin O’Kelly-617-623-5000 x2961  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1)6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.  
40 College Avenue  
**Central Library**  
Drop-In Meditation  
Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969  
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629  
**Third Life Studio**  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com  
**Saturday|August 2**  
**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 3**  
**Unity Church of God**  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-ment.  
**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com  
**Monday|August 4**  
**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
Session 1|6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Session 2|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
115 Broadway  
**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue  
**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadiraja-mal.com  
**Tuesday|August 5**  
**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**Arts at the Armory**  
Prenatal Yoga  
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave  
**Third Life Studio**  
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com  
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq  
**Wednesday|August 6**  
**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

**Holland Street:** 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All aboard the S.S. Lobster Roll** – Tuesday, August 26 – Relax & enjoy this 90 minute cruise offering great views of Sesuit Harbor & Cape Cod Bay from the decks of the "Lobster Roll" dinner cruise ship. Your \$52. Fee includes transportation, cruise and a choice of Lobster Roll, Roast Beef Roll Up, Vegetarian Roll Up or Chicken Caesar Salad. Please bring your own beverages. Check in times are 7:45 AM at our Holland Street Center and 8:15 at our Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 4:00

PM. Please contact Connie or Flo to RSVP and with meal choice at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. Limited seating.

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

The Ralph & Jenny Center will be closed on Mondays throughout August.

There is no Men's Group in August.

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

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

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

**LGBT EVENTS:**

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

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

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

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

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Mondays:**  
Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)  
Fit 4 Life\* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

**Tuesdays:**  
Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H)  
Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Free, 1:00 P.M., (H)  
LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

**Wednesdays:**

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)  
Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)  
Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)  
Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m., \$10/week for shoes and dues  
Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m., \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (R)  
LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6 p.m.

**Fridays:**

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m.  
Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m.  
Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12 p.m.

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

**Upcoming Schedule**

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

**Wednesday, July 30**

10:00 Cards (R)  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:30 Lunch (H, R, C)  
12:45 Bingo (R)  
Supper & Bingo at Hanscom AFB

**Thursday, July 31**

10:00 Current Events (H)  
10:00 Cards (R)  
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H, R)  
12:45 Bingo (H, R)  
1:00 Mobile Farmers Market (H)

**Friday, August 1**

10:00 Current Events (H)  
10:00 Cards (R)  
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H, R)  
12:45 Bingo (H, R)  
1:00 Mobile Farmers Market (H)

**Monday, August 4**

11:30 Lunch (H)  
Ralph & Jenny Center closed

**Tuesday, August 5**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Cards (R)  
11:30 Lunch (R, C)  
12:45 Bingo (R)  
No Men's Group in August

**Wednesday, August 6**

Mayor's Annual Picnic – Powderhouse Park  
All Centers Closed

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

**You can receive our monthly newsletter** that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

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workers come and go (just this morning I drove by my friend, former Engine 7 firefighter Joe Galvin's house and stopped for 5 seconds just to say hi. That's Somerville to me). Today I am lucky to work with some of the best!

Can you believe that I have walked or driven down my street at least 20,000

times in my lifetime? And the longer I live in Somerville the more I like it. I am also lucky to be working with Somerville's Swinging singing Seniors, also known as The Moonlighters. I get to be the kid of that group and love laughing and singing with them. We have become close friends.

So as I turn 61 in Somerville, I am still loving this city. I will try to maintain the excitement I had when I was 16. I am blessed to be directing Somerville's Project STAR, and The Sunsetters. I'm enjoying helping to get my second kid ready for college in the fall, and watching my granddaughter grow. Son # 2

will be a junior this year. I even still enjoy writing this column and I hope you enjoy reading it. Stay tuned because if anything changes you will be the first ones to hear it! (I'm just dying to go off on a tirade!!) But for now, every time I wake up I say to myself, "Cool ... I get to do it again!!"



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# Collecting your hometown history

By Kenneth Gloss

People who collect books are often ones who have a love of history. It is this appreciation for the past, of countries, events or of themselves, that compels them to begin their collection. Our country's bicentennial celebration in 1976, followed by the mini-series *Roots*, based on Alex Haley's novel of the same name, inspired a many people to discover their own personal history. As people realized their family's story was intertwined with that of the place they called home, historical associations received unprecedented donations, which allowed them to publish updated histories of local towns and regions. This fascination with the history of place continues strong today and for the most part, you can collect a lot of town history without spending a lot of money.

Town histories first began to appear around the turn of the 20th century. Most books from this time period fall within the \$50 - \$100 range, although it may be higher depending on who wrote it and which town it is about. Today, for those interested in getting info, much of what is in town histories is online so that some prices are not rising much or at all.

Most place histories compiled were suburban towns with relatively small populations, so the number of printed books is also smaller. Today's urban sprawl has increased the population calling these towns home, making the number of people interested in these histories much greater than the number of books available. In the 1870s, large town and country atlases were produced, usually for insurance and real estate purposes. These atlases were very detailed, showing every street and the names of every property owner in each town. One can pinpoint where a person lived and get a good idea of what the neighborhood was like. If you collect a series of atlases from consecutive years, it's possible to watch how one tract of land that began as a farm is methodically subdivided into single home plots and streets. These maps make great housewarming presents. You can give a homeowner an idea of what their property looked like 100 years ago or how their own town has progressed through the years.

Town histories are often a compilation of a broad range of data which all work together to fill in a picture of what it was like to live in that place during a particular time. Diaries can be of great value in this area. While some contain little more than notations of what the weather was like on a particular day, others can add vivid details to a local history. Most towns have some famous or prominent resident who kept a diary, but sometimes locating the diary of an ordinary person is really more helpful in getting a picture of daily life in that town. Average people live the common experiences of day-to-day life, while famous people are often caught up in bigger events, which don't represent the reality of the general populace at the time. Financial records can also prove quite illuminating. Account books and tax re-

cords of different merchants, hotels and businesses can hold a lot of insight from what the prices of different items were at that time, to whom credit was extended and to whom not. Account books from professionals like the cobbler, blacksmith or doctor are the most interesting, because they are less common than account books from the general store.

*“Collecting town histories, diaries and photographs is a wonderful way to discover the history of your family, your house, or your town.”*

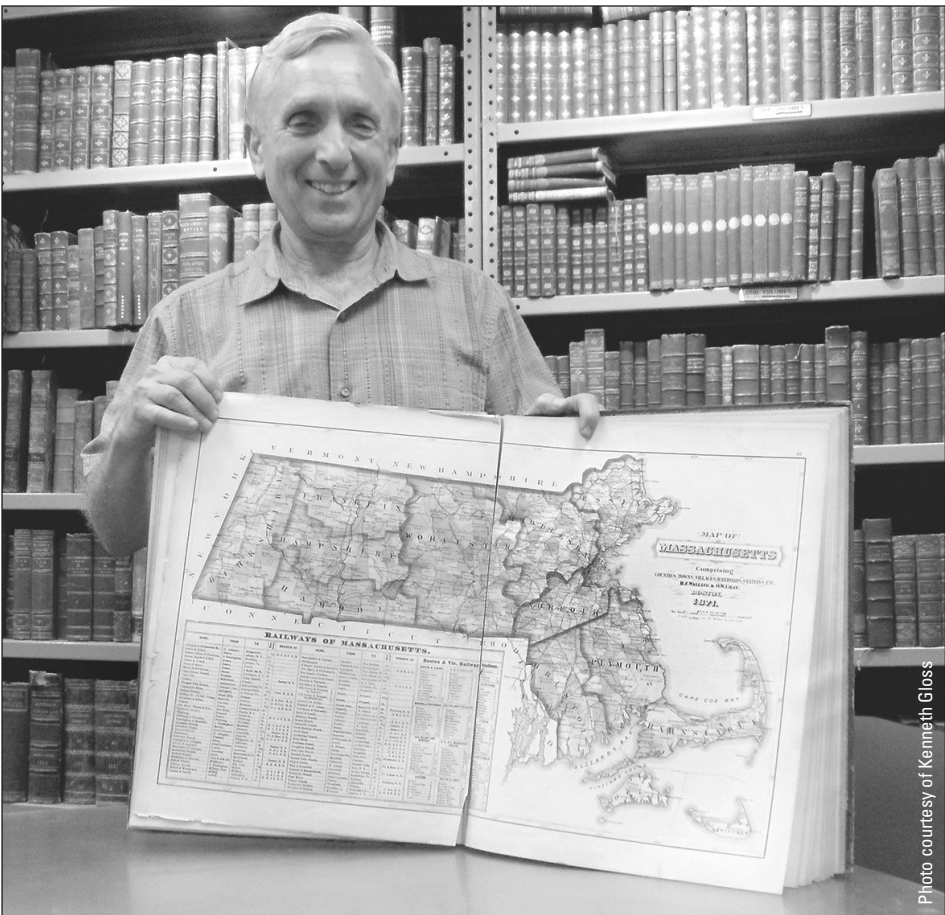
When you start putting written histories and diaries and other records together you are getting a more complete history of a town than if you just rely on a single history book.

What can really set your collection apart and add value to it are photographs of the town. The most valuable photographs show the streets, houses and town gatherings. They show what buildings were there, how people dressed and what model cars were popular. Many times the real subject of a photograph is a person, but the town scene in the background is more interesting than what the photographer originally intended to capture. Family portraits are valuable in a historical sense only if the subjects are identified, for then they can provide a face to go with the names found in diaries or letters. Photographs run anywhere from \$10 or \$20 to a few hundred dollars and postcards sell between \$1 and \$5.

Many collectors discover that collecting the history of one town leads them right into collecting the history of towns that are nearby. Others begin collecting books related to historical figures from their town. Still others will become collectors of documents related to a particular industry that was important to the town, such as coalmines, oil refineries or steel mills. There is so much that contributes to the development of any given place that town histories can really lead into a lot of other fascinating and collectible areas.

The number of books available to a town history collector and the prices they bring will vary greatly depending on the town in question. Collectors focusing on Boston, for example, will find thousands of books to choose from, some of which cost a huge amount of money. Collecting histories of smaller towns will probably not be as expensive, but it may require more persistence to locate the resources you need.

As you search for books and other documents in large or small towns, you'll often develop a relationship with the local historical society and librarians. These friendships are a nice bonus on top of anything you might find to add to your collection.



Collecting books and documents related to a specific location can serve as a great focal point for those who have special interests in certain places.

Collecting town histories, diaries and photographs is a wonderful way to discover the history of your family, your house, or your town. Whether your love of history leads you into book collecting or vice versa, town histories are absorbing, fun, and reasonably priced.

Kenneth Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in the Downtown Crossing sec-

tion of Boston, one of the country's oldest and largest antiquarian book shops in the U.S. 2014 is the 65th year of Gloss family ownership. He has been seen often on PBS' *Antiques Roadshow* as a guest appraiser. Further information is available on the store's website at [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com) where his free and open talks are listed. The shop is located at 9 Street. The toll-free number is 800-447-9595.

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<b>Wednesday, July 23</b>		5:30pm	The Folklorist	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Play by Play	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Dead Air Live
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Nancy Wood	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Greater Somerville
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Greater Somerville Special Edition	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:00pm	Play by Play	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:30pm	Greater Somerville: Christine Barber	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	<b>Friday, July 25</b>		8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
2:00pm	Physician Focus	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Hello Neighbor
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	<b>Sunday, July 27</b>		8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	11:00am	The race for Governor	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
6:30pm	Play by Play	2:30pm	Art at SCATV	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Greater Somerville	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Groundwork Somerville	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
10:00pm	Art at SCATV:	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Basic Buddha	10:00am	This is East
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Play by Play	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
<b>Thursday, July 24</b>		7:00pm	Watch This	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	Active Aging
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Visual Radio	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	10:00pm	Dead Air Live: The Somerville Line	5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents: Cabaret	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
11:00am	Greater Somerville: Tom Conroy	<b>Saturday, July 26</b>		7:00pm	African Television Network	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:30pm	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	African Television	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: The Candy Episode	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Music Class Episode	11:00pm	Gubernatorial Race Roundtable: Don Berwick	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	<b>Monday, July 28</b>		9:00pm	Energy Theater
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids		
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	7:30am	Eckankar		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30pm:	2014 Somerville Historic Preservation Awards	12:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>		2:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	3:30pm:	Family Fun Day	1:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
9:00am:	Art Beat 2014	2:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	6:30pm:	Congressional Update	3:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals
12:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony	6:00pm:	Union Square Walking Tour	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:45am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals
12:30pm:	Joe’s Jazz & Blues Fest	6:50pm:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	7:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	9:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
1:30pm:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	8:00pm:	Art Beat 2014	10:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
2:00pm:	Family Fun Day	7:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	9:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	11:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert
2:15pm:	Pride Flag Raising	8:00pm:	Joe’s Jazz & Blues Fest	10:00pm:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	12:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day
2:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	9:00pm:	Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	1:59pm:	2014 SHS Graduation
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	<b>Sunday, August 3</b>		12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	4:00pm:	Improbable Scholars Talk - David L. Kirp
7:00pm:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	1:00am:	Art Beat 2014	6:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
7:10pm:	Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration	12:30am:	Taste of Somerville	2:30am:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	7:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
8:30pm:	Congressional Update	1:00am:	Union Square Walking Tour	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		8:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert
9:00pm:	Art Beat 2014	1:50am:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>		9:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day
10:20pm:	Family Fun Day	2:00am:	Joe’s Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am:	kid stuff - National Night Out	<b>Sunday, August 3</b>	
<b>Thursday, July 31</b>		9:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	10:00am:	SHS Football 2013	12:00am:	WHCIS Fashion Show
12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	9:30am:	Art Beat 2014	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS	1:00am:	Improbable Scholars Talk - David L. Kirp
12:30am:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert	2:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Burke HS
12:40am:	Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	9:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
2:00am:	Congressional Update	1:00pm:	Congressional Update	3:00pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night	10:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
2:30am:	Art Beat 2014	1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	4:00pm:	kid stuff - National Night Out	11:00am:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Art Beat 2014	5:00pm:	SHS Football 2013	11:30am:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS	12:00pm:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	7:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	7:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert	1:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
1:00pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	8:00pm:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet	2:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary
3:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	8:30pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	10:00pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night	4:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00pm:	SomerStreets: Highland Ave.	<b>Thursday, July 31</b>		5:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
7:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	9:30pm:	Art Beat 2014	12:00am:	Highlander Forum - Boys Soccer	6:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
7:30pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	<b>Monday, August 4</b>		1:00am:	Asian Night!	6:30pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
8:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v St Johns Prep	7:00pm:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
8:30pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	9:00am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	8:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
<b>Friday, August 1</b>		1:00am:	Congressional Update	10:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	9:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary
12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	1:30pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony	11:00am:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	11:00pm:	Raising Families - Wicked Sober
12:30am:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	2:00pm:	SomerStreets: Highland Ave.	1:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	<b>Monday, August 4</b>	
1:00am:	Taste of Somerville	9:00am:	Consumer Affair’s w/ Barbara Anthony	3:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	12:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
1:30am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	9:30am:	SomerStreets: Highland Ave.	4:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	1:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club
9:00am:	Congressional Update	12:00pm:	Congressional Update	5:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	2:00am:	Lady Highlander Basketball 2013-14
12:00pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	12:30pm:	SomerStreets: Highland Ave.	6:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	9:00am:	Common Core State Standards for Education
12:30pm:	Magoun Square Walking Tour	1:00pm:	Union Square Walking Tour	8:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	10:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
1:20pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference	2:00pm:	Porchfest 2014	10:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	10:30am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
1:30pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	6:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	<b>Friday, August 1</b>		11:30am:	kid stuff - Boathouse
6:30pm:	Porchfest 2014	7:00pm:	Ward 4 Spring ResiStat Meeting	12:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	12:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
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8:20pm:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	3:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS	3:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals
8:30pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference	9:00pm:	Somerville Redevelopment Public Meeting	9:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	3:45pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals
9:00pm:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	10:00pm:	Talking Business	10:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club	5:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
<b>Saturday, August 2</b>		<b>Tuesday, August 5</b>		11:00am:	2014 Youth Peace Conference	6:30pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
12:00am:	Porchfest 2014	12:00am:	Ward 4 Spring ResiStat Meeting	1:00pm:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14	7:30pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
1:00am:	Magoun Square Walking Tour	1:20am:	Family Fun Day	2:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair	8:30pm:	Somerville School Day Games
1:50am:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	1:30am:	Voices of Somerville	3:00pm:	SHS National Honor Society Induction	9:30pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert
2:00am:	Secure Communities Press Conference	2:00am:	Somerville Redevelopment Public Meeting	5:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	10:15pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals
2:30am:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	3:00am:	Talking Business	6:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club	10:45pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals
9:00am:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	9:00am:	Independence Day Fireworks & Celebration	7:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference	12:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
9:10am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14	1:00am:	SHS Football 2013
12:00pm:	Walter Shute Square Dedication	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	10:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair	1:30am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
12:10pm:	Art Beat 2014	1:00pm:	SomerStreets: Highland Ave.	<b>Saturday, August 2</b>		2:30am:	Somerville Schools’ 4th Annual Choral Festival





# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## A Walk Through The City: My changing landscape



# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Hopefully by the time you read this poem the crisis at Market Basket will be over. I pulled this up from my archives – thought it would be germane.

### Market Basket

I stalk  
the ponderous aisles  
the produce almost  
pressing against my  
supple flesh--  
Vines leap off  
the sides of bins  
tempting me  
bearing their fruit.

Counterman  
in their bloody whites  
preside  
over a glass mausoleum  
of chilled meats.

Carts  
madly jockey  
for position,  
a Brazilian  
skillfully  
navigates  
the twisting terrain  
like a flashy soccer player.

And I forge blindly ahead  
oblivious  
to the din  
the riotous colors of fruits  
and men  
and at the end  
I will most assuredly  
pay a price.

— Doug Holder

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There is something that I used to do frequently but now hardly at all, and that is walking through the streets of Boston. I had a dinner I had to go to recently, so I decided to leave early from my home in Somerville, grab the Red Line to Park Street, and got my dogs on the hot pavement. I have been around Boston since 1973, from the time I entered Boston University as a freshman. One of the things I noticed some 40 years later is the change in Boston and the change in me. I am no longer looking at the city as an adventure; I am looking at it nostalgically. While walking down the street in Downtown Crossing I saw the ghost of the Barnes and Noble store that I used to frequent and picked up, by mere chance, *On the Road*, simply because the book cover looked cool. That started me on a Kerouac reading binge that had me devouring everything he ever wrote, and made me realize how exciting life and literature can truly be.

A mere block or two away I remembered the subterranean Filene's Basement that used to reside on the street. I had a short-lived job there as a security guard in women's wear—of all places. In the bowels of the earth, amidst the roar of the subway, I was also one of the denizens of this store, rushing the doors the first thing in the morning for the slightly irregular Arrow shirts and the discounted suits hawked by wisecracking and world weary salesmen and women.

Still further down I saw that a favorite haunt of mine, Borders Books, has been replaced by a giant Walgreens that even houses a Sushi bar amidst the health and beauty aids. I remember reading there at a poetry series my friend Harris Gardner hosted back in the day. I also can recall the thrill of seeing books I published or wrote myself on those shelves.

After passing through the tourist mecca of Faneuil Hall, I took note of all the street singers, and of course that brought up an idea for a poem, which I composed on a bench looking out to the waterfront in the North End.

The North End also has a special hold for me. I lived on Salem Street in the mid- 80s with a girlfriend of mine (she threw me out protesting that

she couldn't stand all my eating—hey! – we were in the hub of Italian cuisine after all!), and I can vividly remember the large men sitting outside the social club, and yelling, "Hey, twinkle toes!" at me as I jogged by, my skinny legs flailing on my morning run. As I walked down Hanover St. and Salem St., the smells of the Italian bakeries brought back that image of couple across the way from our apartment who played Caruso recordings, and invariably get into loud operatic domestic arguments. They were punctual—the fireworks always seemed to start at 5 p.m.

The late poet Jack Powers (who I was friends with), lived in the North End during his later years, after his long stint on Beacon Hill, known to his crowd in the 50s, 60s, and 70s as Beatnik Hill. I remember interviewing the poet Lyn Lifshin at the long gone eatery DA's Italian Cuisine—Jack was at the table too. He lived behind the restaurant, in a dark, damp, gone to seed apartment. Rotting in his basement were letters, etc... from the likes of Ginsberg, Corso, and Ferlinghetti. I tried to get him to archive the stuff before it decomposed. I asked Mike Basinski, of the University of Buffalo Poetry and Rare Books Collection to come down to take a look at Jack's archives. Basinski came down, but Jack did not want to give it up ... it was like a vital appendage he couldn't bring himself to sever. Jack's backyard was full of found art sculptures – built from tin cans, cigarette butts, rocks he salvaged from construction sites ... you name it. This space was now covered with a wooden structure, and his apartment was gone – it is now used for storage space for a new restaurant on the scene.

Finally, I stopped at the Parker House on Park Street, an old haunt of mine. I had a drink at the Last Hurrah (once in the basement of the hotel, now a diminished version is on the lobby level). I grabbed a table with a window view, my schoolboy notebook at my side, and proceeded to write this essay. With my view of the rush hour crowds careening down Park St., I felt like I was home. And I was. Believe it or not this was one of the best days I had in a longtime.

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