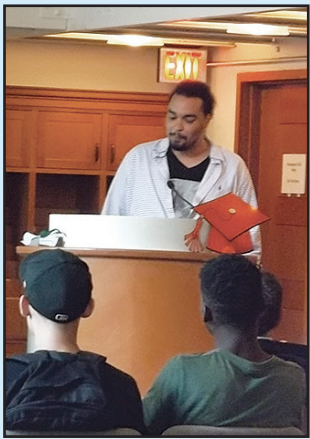




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## Somerville celebrates the 4th of July



The city celebrated the 4th in its on inimitable style, with music, fun, family, friends and – yes – some great fireworks. Turn to pages 12–13 for more sights from the event.

## Somerville equipped with Narcan

By Douglas Yu

In a recent press release from the city, all Somerville Police cruisers are now fully equipped with nasal Naloxone, also known as Narcan, a prescription medication to counteract heroin overdose.

According to the reports from local media, "Heroin overdoses are on the rise in Massachusetts, fueled by its relatively cheap price and high potency." State police announced that 185 people died from suspected heroin overdoses in Massachusetts from November last year through February this year.

In March, Gov. Deval Patrick declared a public health emergency in Massachusetts due to the growing epidemic of opioid addiction and increasing rates of fatal overdoses. According to the press release, opiate overdose is one of the leading causes of accidental deaths in Massachusetts.

"Our policy in the use of Narcan is to provide the best possible pre-hospital care available to our residents," Somerville Fire Chief, Kevin Kelleher wrote in

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## A long way from Kansas

### American roots master Chuck Mead at Johnny D's

By Jim Clark

Chuck Mead's journey from his hometown of Lawrence, Kansas – where he lead several popular cult bands in the 80s – through his tenure in the wildly popular 90s Alternative Country quintet BR549, to his present thriving solo career, reads like a rough and rowdy tale of old, replete with tales of joy, triumph, and occasional woe.

Along the way he has made many friends and fans of his music. One noteworthy stop on the road for those in and around Somerville will be his performance at Johnny D's this coming Saturday night.

Mead's current national tour, promoting his latest album *Free State Serenade*, has brought him across the land, sharing the musical brilliance that shines from this polished and thoughtful country rocker.

Fans of BR549 are well acquainted with Mead's dynamic style of

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Chuck Mead entertains at Johnny D's this coming Saturday night.

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It's finally here, and to everyone that grew up in East Somerville – especially in the 60's, 70's & 80's – The First East Somerville Reunion will be this Saturday evening at the Somerville City Club. The event is free to all including the food, which was taken care of by sponsors of the event. The time is 7–11 p.m. What a great way to celebrate a special community like East Somerville, and if you grew up there or lived there you'd know exactly what we are talking about. From Foss Park to Sullivan Square, Lower Broadway, both the Avenues and “the other side” – what a great way to celebrate your youth with others who grew up in this small community. Again, the event is free and no reservations are required. Come enjoy yourself and meet and greet old friends and make new ones, over 100 coming. By the way, City Club is directly across the street from the Holiday Inn, Lower Washington Street and Inner belt Road.

Happy Birthday this week to several fans and Villens here and around Somerville. A Happy Birthday this week to Paul Gaspar who grew up here and has his own real estate appraisal business. Mary Walker, too, who is well known to many here in Somerville. She grew up and worked here and is still here in the Ville. We wish her the very best. Another lifelong resident, Michael Terrio, is celebrating his birthday this week as well. Somerville police officer and good guy Mike Wyatt, who also plays a mean bagpipe for the Greater Boston Firefighters Pipes and Drums, also celebrates. We salute Mike and his service to our community. And finally, to one of Somerville's finest men, who has given so much to our community we salute and say Happy Birthday to former Mayor Eugene C. Brune, who is celebrating this week. We off course wish him the very best and many more years.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of John Ercolini. John is originally from Somerville and later to Stoneham. He will be waked at Doherty's Funeral Home today, Wednesday, 4-8 p.m.

We here at *The Somerville Times* will be placing an additional 10 boxes on top of the existing 20 something boxes throughout the city. And we will be redoing our

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *The guilty point fingers while the innocent repeat the past*

not surprising says:

not surprising at all. blame Dick Cheney/Bush. Who voted for the invasion? yeah, think about it. No mention of all the Democrats, no mention at all. If Bush/Cheney were wrong, they had lots of (D) company!

JAR says:

My God Bill, you're starting to sound like someone who's read Ron Paul's "A Foreign Policy of Freedom".  
Oliver Wendell Holmes said that "The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of a broader concept, will never return to its original size."

ritepride says:

To paraphrase.. "Dwizzle Dwazzle Dwizzle Drome" time for America's Prioritizes to be at home. You have people like Bill Gates who will take an American to court if he uses the Microsoft product in multiple computers instead of purchasing multiple copies, yet at the same time allow companies in foreign countries to place one program into several hundred computers and not say a word. Then he contributes via his charities to these same countries that have ripped off his product and put millions of Americans out of work.  
Where is the American Civil Liberties Union? Oh ya their in Cuba protecting foreign terrorists rights while fellow Americans who need their help don't get any.  
What's our lame duck President & Congress doing other than collecting a salary & great benefits?  
Then we have our Massachusetts political gems, Deval – useless, Mawtha – useless & clueless, and a legislature that functions for their own beneficial gain instead of the taxpayers. A mayor, with the aid of the rubber stamping BOA, made the list of 53 worst politicians in the USA.

Brian T says:

Excellent analysis Bill. Keep it coming.

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 enjoyed the 4th of July festivities the city put on Thursday night. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

### Did you enjoy the 4th of July festivities the city put on Thursday night?



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# Local homeless, unaccompanied students honored

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Last Tuesday, July 1, 2014, Rediscovery, an offshoot of the Justice Resource Institute, honored 22 local students at the Boston Public Library ceremony for their resilience in the face of adversity. All of these students hail from Boston, Somerville, Malden and Everett High Schools, while each of them faced a range of challenges that would seemingly lead to dropouts and failure to graduate.

Homeless and unaccompanied minors often fall into the at-risk category in the public school system, as they are less likely to complete their coursework and move on to higher education facilities given the immense, everyday tribulation involved. However, these 22 homeless and unaccompanied students overcame the challenges to complete their high school careers successfully and give hope to others in their position.

For context, when Somerville's Board of Aldermen held the budget hearing for the public school system, the most shocking aspect of Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi's presentation

appeared to be the rate of homelessness and poverty among students in the district. In fact, the figure was set at roughly 66 percent of the more than 4,900 students living beneath the poverty line in low-income households, and thus being considered as at-risk.

Despite the adversities that tend to appear in these types of living situations, Somerville achieved one of the highest graduation rates, lowest drop-out rates and exceptional performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test this past year. As such, most of students living below the poverty line graduated and have plans for higher education.

Taking this a step further, the 22 students honored by Rediscovery this past week faced even more challenging obstacles on the path toward graduation, but overcame their situations to excel at their respective schools.

Somerville High School participates in the YouthHarbors program that is operated by Rediscovery and serves unaccompanied and homeless high school students. Rediscovery explained



Anthony Rodrigues, a Boston Day and Evening Academy graduate, spoke to the gathered crowd.

that the statistics are stacked up against these students, with only a little more than one-quarter of them graduating each year.

The group also pointed out that there are roughly 6,000 homeless, unaccompanied high school students in the state, but that the YouthHarbors program

has been highly successful since its inception a few years ago. This performance is marked by a 97 percent graduation rate among participating students, as well as a 94 percent rate of housing by the end of the year for these individuals.

Rediscovery will partner with

high schools to provide more targeted and tailored services that are meant to help these students achieve their goals, fine safe living environments and move beyond the high school curriculum. Somerville High School is joined by Malden, Everett and

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## THANK YOU SOMERVILLE

On behalf of the Union Square Station Associates (US2) development team, we would like to thank the City of Somerville for choosing US2 to be your Master Development Partner for Union Square. Since the beginning of this process, US2 has been actively engaging with the Union Square community. From garden center owners to clean-tech incubators, to community groups and beyond, we have met and listened to people passionate about the future of this neighborhood.

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Thank you Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, and all the members of the Citizen Advisory Committee for giving us the opportunity to be your partner.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Alleged assault victim knew his rights

Police were dispatched to a Dartmouth St. location in the early morning hours of July 6 on reports of a disturbance in the street.

Upon arrival, officers found two men in the street arguing with one another. A woman was additionally present.

The officers moved in to try to calm the situation, but one of the men, Mateus Sathler, 19, was highly agitated, according to reports, and complained to officers that he had been struck in the face by the other man.

The officers reportedly noted that there appeared to me no signs of injury on Sathler's face.

The woman present was the mother of the other man involved in the incident. She reportedly told police that the two men were friends, but that an argument had broken out between them, which had escalated to the point that they began shouting at each other in the street.

According to reports, the disturbance had awakened a number of area residents, some of whom came outside to learn what was happening.

The officers requested that the involved parties part company and go home, at which time the mother and son did so. Sathler, however, reportedly continued to shout at his friend as well as police and would not leave.

The officers advised Sathler that he could go to court and file a complaint for assault, but Sathler reportedly kept talking over the officers, unwilling to listen to what they had to say, police said.

Sathler was again asked to lower his voice and leave the area. He reportedly refused to leave, telling the officers, "I'm not leaving until you give me my space."

He was asked one final time to quiet down and leave but only responded by saying, "I'll leave when you leave, I know my rights."

Sathler was then placed under arrest and charged with disturbing the peace.

## He could not believe no one was being arrested

At approximately 2:19 a.m. on Friday, July 4, police officers arrived at the corner of Pearl St. and Bradley in response to a complaint of unwanted individuals there.

This was reportedly the third time within a one-hour period that the same officers had responded to the same area for the very same circumstances.

Three men were allegedly being loud and disturbing area residents, and officers asked them to disperse and leave the area, according to reports.

One of the men, Antonio Perez, 21, reportedly became boisterous while officers waiting for the other two men to gather their belongings.

Perez reportedly kept asking the officers why his friend was being arrested, even though he had been told repeatedly that no one was being arrested, they were merely being asked to leave.

According to reports, Perez continued to behave in a confrontational manner and demanded to know why his friend was being arrested.

Police said that at one point Perez had approached one of the officers in a very aggressive manner, stopping just inches from him, continuing to demand answers to his questions.

Perez was told once again that no one was being arrested and that they were only being asked to leave the area.

The group finally began walking away, but Perez reportedly turned back and approached the officers once more, shaking his fist in the air and shouting obscenities at them.

Perez was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

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### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<p><b>Arrests:</b></p> <p><b>Edwin Padilla</b>, 29, June 30, 8:19 p.m., arrested at 460 Mystic Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.</p> <p><b>Richard Dalessandro</b>, 65, of 400 West Cummings Park, Woburn, July 1, 3:42 p.m., arrested at 104 Powder House Blvd. on multiple warrant charges of leaving the scene of property damage.</p> <p><b>Marsha Cargill</b>, 45, of 338 Somerville Ave., July 1, 7:19 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of disorderly conduct.</p> <p><b>Alexandra Romanos</b>, 41, of 14 Lincoln St., Stoneham, July 2, 8:19 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of aggravated rape of a child and indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14.</p> <p><b>Andrew Carneiro</b>, 22, of 40 Memorial Rd., July 2, 5:11 p.m., arrested at 10 Canal La. on a charge of trespassing.</p> <p><b>Hubert Goss</b>, 34, of 129 Perkins St., July 3, 8:07 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing abuse prevention order violation.</p> <p><b>Donnell Sheffield</b>, 24, of 944 Broadway, Chelsea, July 3, 2:18</p>	<p>p.m., arrested at 151 Linwood St. on a charge of assault and battery.</p> <p><b>Sean Coiley</b>, 34, July 4, 12:20 a.m., arrested at 32 Kent St. on charges of assault to maim and assault with a dangerous weapon.</p> <p><b>Antonio Perez</b>, 21, of 7 Sewall St., July 4, 2:19 a.m., arrested at 237 Pearl St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.</p> <p><b>Christopher Macinnes</b>, 32, of 64 Gibbon St., Medford, July 4, 2:21 a.m., arrested at 121 Highland Ave. on charges of possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.</p> <p><b>John Raymond</b>, 22, of 34B North St., July 5, 10:37 a.m., arrested at home on charges of destruction of property over \$250, felony daytime breaking and entering, and larceny over \$250.</p> <p><b>Kesner Lubin</b>, 22, of 125 Alewife Brook Pkwy., July 5, 10:16 p.m., arrested at 315 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.</p> <p><b>Mateus Sathler</b>, 19, of 27 Flint St., July 6, 4:27 a.m., arrested at 37 Dartmouth St. on a charge of disturbing the</p>	<p>peace.</p> <p><b>Incidents:</b></p> <p><b>Theft:</b></p> <p>June 30, 11:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.</p> <p>June 30, 12:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.</p> <p>June 30, 1:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Newbury St.</p> <p>June 30, 2:59 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.</p> <p>July 1, 6:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.</p> <p>July 2, 10:18 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.</p> <p>July 2, 7:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.</p> <p>July 3, 6:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Bromfield Rd.</p> <p>July 6, 12:16 a.m., police reported a theft at 395 Artisan Way.</p> <p>July 6, 12:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Greenville St.</p> <p><b>Robbery:</b></p> <p>July 4, 4:45 p.m., police reported a robbery at 14 McGrath Hwy.</p> <p><b>Breaking &amp; Entering:</b></p> <p>June 30, 8:25 p.m., police reported a breaking &amp; entering at Somerville Ave.</p>	<p>June 30, 9:31 p.m., police reported a breaking &amp; entering at McGrath Hwy.</p> <p>July 4, 5:55 a.m., police reported a breaking &amp; entering at Tower St.</p> <p><b>Vehicle Theft:</b></p> <p>July 2, 6:57 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Nashua St.</p> <p><b>Assault:</b></p> <p>June 30, 8:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.</p> <p>July 1, 3:49 p.m., police reported an assault at Myrtle St.</p> <p>July 3, 12:08 a.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.</p> <p>July 4, 1:42 a.m., police reported an assault at Cambridge St.</p> <p>July 4, 4:30 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.</p> <p>July 4, 12:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Gilman St.</p> <p>July 4, 5:21 a.m., police reported an assault at Kent St.</p> <p>July 6, 6:17 p.m., police reported an assault at Cherry St.</p> <p>July 6, 8:29 p.m., police reported an assault at 775 McGrath Hwy.</p> <p><b>Destruction of Property:</b></p>	<p>June 30, 11:32 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Wisconsin Ave.</p> <p>July 2, 3:06 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Morrison Ave.</p> <p>July 3, 12:29 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Bartlett St.</p> <p>July 4, 7:34 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 71 Springfield St.</p> <p>July 5, 10:37 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at North St.</p> <p>July 5, 1:21 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Porter St.</p> <p><b>Disorderly Conduct:</b></p> <p>June 30, 6:22 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Fellsway W.</p> <p>July 4, 9:13 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Corinthian Rd.</p> <p>July 4, 2:19 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Pearl St.</p> <p>July 6, 4:27 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Dartmouth St.</p> <p><b>Drug Violation:</b></p> <p>July 4, 12:21 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 124 Highland Ave.</p>
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# Teacher arrested on charges of sexually assaulting student

By Jim Clark

A teacher at East Somerville Community School has been placed under arrest for allegedly sexually abusing a 13-year-old student.

Alexandra Romanos, 41, of Stoneham, was arraigned last week on charges of aggravated rape of a child (two counts), and indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 (three counts).

Romanos was held on \$50,000 bond with conditions that if she posts bail she is to have no contact with the victim or victim's family; no unsupervised contact with children under 16; to stay away from Somerville School system; wear a GPS monitor and remain under house arrest. Her next court date is scheduled for July 29 for a probable cause hearing.

In a joint statement issued by Somerville Public Schools and the City of Somerville, Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi and Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone expressed their shock and concern over the incident: "Nothing we can say will soften the impact that such news has on a community, particularly one as dedicated to nurturing and supporting our youth as Somerville. We are repulsed and angry that someone who made an oath to uphold the highest moral standards in the execution of her responsibilities as a teacher and a role model has allegedly blatantly violated that trust."

The statement went on to state: "We recognize that there are many questions and concerns. We share those concerns and have many of the same questions.

However, as this is an ongoing criminal investigation that involves confidential student information, there is little information that we are able to disclose."

Additionally, the statement included the following: "What we can do is assure you that the safety and well-being of our students is always our highest priority, and upon learning of these shocking and very serious allegations, we took swift and immediate action. The Somerville Police was alerted within minutes and the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families was notified by both the Somerville Police and Somerville Public Schools, an investigation was launched at once, and Ms. Romanos was also immediately placed on administrative leave and barred from all school properties and functions. The district is fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation by law enforcement, and we will continue to keep parents and the community informed as more information becomes available."

Middlesex County District Attorney Ryan said, "We entrust teachers with our children to educate, supervise and mentor them especially during these very important early years of their lives. Teachers and parents traditionally form a critical partnership. We clearly expect that they won't take advantage of these children entrusted to them. These are very distressing allegations. The idea that a teacher would use their position of authority to manipulate an impressionable young teenager is unsettling and alarming."

In further comments, Mayor Curtatone said, "The safety and well-being of our students is always our highest priority, so it is all the more disturbing that a teacher—the very individual most entrusted to ensure that safety on a daily basis—has allegedly blatantly violated



Alexandra Romanos, a teacher at ESCS, has been arraigned on charges of aggravated rape of a child and indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14. Photo from Twitter account.

that trust. I commend the parent who took the right step in reporting this to school officials, and I commend and thank the District Attorney's Office and the Somerville Police for their swift and thorough investigation. We will continue to cooperate with the D.A.'s investigation in any way needed."

Towards the end of June, authorities became aware of allegations concerning an inappropriate relationship between

the defendant and the minor. Somerville Police and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office began an investigation immediately. It was then allegedly discovered that in late March the defendant had initiated a sexual relationship with the minor that occurred both on and off-school grounds.

Romanos has been placed on administrative leave by ESCS pending trial and final adjudication of the case.

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## He got the prescription from 'a guy'

By Jim Clark

Police were called to a Highland Ave. location last Friday after receiving reports that a man was seen selling pills there.

As they arrived, officers noticed that the man, identified as Christopher Macinnes, 32, of Medford, was having trouble standing as he rose from the bench that he had been sitting on.

As soon as Macinnes saw the officers approaching him he reportedly threw his arms in the air and began shouting expletives, according to police.

The officers told Macinnes that they were there to check on his condition and that they were told he had been selling pills at this location.

Macinnes again became excited, according to reports, and told officers that he had a prescription and that the pills he had were not illegal.

When asked if he could be more specific

about his prescription, Macinnes reportedly said, "Colonadine."

Police asked if, for the officers' safety, they could pat frisk him, he reportedly consented.

At this time, a pill bottle was located on Macinnes' person, as well as a small knotted plastic bag containing what officers believed was heroin.

Macinnes reportedly became very defensive and at that point was placed into handcuffs for safety reasons.

The contents of the medicine bottle consisted of 51 pills marked "Aylan 152." As the pills were discovered Macinnes reportedly began shouting, "Those are mine, I need them." When asked if he had a prescription for the pills Macinnes told the officers that he got them from "a guy."

Macinnes was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

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# City to plant 575 trees by August 1

Over the next month, the City of Somerville will plant 575 new public trees – roughly the same amount planted over two years from 2010 to 2012 – as it stays on schedule for its goal to plant 2,000 new trees by the end of 2015.

After July's planting blitz, more than 1,000 new trees will have been planted since 2011, when the city launched its aggressive tree planting effort following a complete tree inventory completed by the Somerville Urban Forest Initiative in 2009. That inventory found roughly 850 sick or dead trees among the 11,062 in Somerville. The tree planting effort relies on \$75,000 in annual federal funds with additional support from city funding.

Since setting its 2,000 new trees goal, the city has completed a connected canopy in multiple areas, an action set forth in SomerVision that reduces 'heat islands' that retain more heat due to lack of vegetation, and can cause residents to pay more in electricity costs to cool their homes, as well as pose health hazards. Studies have shown that trees also have a traffic calming effect, causing drivers to slow their speed. Main corridors in particular have been heavily planted.

The city has received positive feedback from residents about



The greening of Somerville is well underway, with 575 new trees expected to grace our parks and sidewalks by August 1.

the trees coming to their streets. The tree planting efforts pays particular attention to maintaining diversity of the tree canopy in the city, with roughly a dozen species distributed evenly throughout the city, while tackling the challenge of finding eligible planting spaces. The city is also prioritizing all old and new 311 tree planting requests and encourages residents who would like a tree near their home to call 311 to request one be planted.

Residents will see stakes planted in jackhammered sidewalks where new trees will be planted in the coming month. First crews make sure the proposed tree pit will work and meets certain criteria before cutting around the full pit, and then jackhammering

a small strip marked with stakes to avoid the tripping hazard created if the whole sidewalk slab is dug up and left sitting before the tree is planted. Workers will return in July with a backhoe and tree, lifting up the entire slab and planting the tree. Twelve species of trees will be planted over the course of the month, including red maple, silver linden and sweetgum.

Central Nurseries works with the city on its tree planting efforts, accommodating last-minute changes while submitting weekly progress reports of plantings and planned work. All trees will be watered over the next three summer seasons and remain under warranty for three full years.

## Youth poster contest winners announced

Following a citywide competition, five Somerville youth were honored for their submission to the Fair Housing Commission's annual Fair Housing Poster Contest last month. The contest challenges students to illustrate their interpretations of fair housing policies as part of an inclusive, equal opportunity community.

The 2014 contest winners



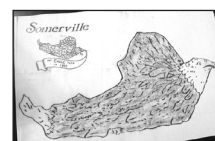
are: 3rd grade – Riley Williams (West Somerville Neighborhood School), Ashpreet Kaur (West Somerville), and Catherine Santos (Winter Hill Community School). 5th grade – Kimberly Perez (Winter Hill), Cole Lafée (Winter Hill), and Era Haxhimali (Winter Hill).

Special thanks were offered by the commission to the 2014

sponsors of Somerville Fair Housing Month and activities: Winter Hill Bank; Eastern Bank; Mama Lisa's; and The Winthrop Marketplace.

To learn more about fair housing in Somerville, visit the Fair Housing Commission's website [www.somervillema.gov/departments/fair-housing-commission](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/fair-housing-commission).

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



### Eagle feathers #56

#### Hometown

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

For more than a century, Somerville has been known throughout the Boston area as "The City of Homes" because of her building density and limited area. Her oldest home will turn three hundred years old this year.

The "home" in the title that we are referring to is the most ancient house in Somerville. It is the 300-year-old Oliver Tufts Homestead located on Sycamore, one block from Lee Street, and built in 1714. Happy 300th birthday to Tufts House.



It was already seventy-one years old when the Revolutionary War began. The legend on the house today reads, "Headquarters of Major General Charles Lee, commanding left wing of the American Army during the siege of Boston 1775-1776."

Lee was a well-seasoned officer, a soldier of fortune, who was seriously wounded at the battle of Ticonderoga and barely survived. Before the revolution, he had a colorful military career serving with the British Army in the French and Indian War, and later Portugal, and still later with the Polish Army, fighting against the Turks. He was considered an extremely valuable prize for our new army. When the revolution began, he pledged his services to the American side and in the early years of the war, he shined in battle. But later, after many serious blunders, Congress relieved Lee of his command.

The "town" in this title refers to Lee, Massachusetts. It's a quaint New England town of about 6,000 people, located 125 miles west of Boston. Taking exit #2 off of the Massachusetts Turnpike will bring you to its main street. The town's rivers and streams were her early core, providing power for textile, woven and paper mills. At one time, it was the largest paper producer in the country. Lee's marble, a superior grade, was used in the construction of the Washington Capitol, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and other famous buildings.

In this town, beautiful country homes and landscapes abound. Some of them have been used as locations for movies, such as *The Cider House Rules* and *Before and After*. Lee has been home to Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, Nat King Cole's family, and other notables. Fifty years ago, Arlo Guthrie's Alice's Restaurant legend began in the Lee District Court house. This humorous incident was talked about, sang about, and filmed about for the last half century. Later this year, plans for a 50th anniversary tour will revive the memories of one of America's best known hippies, Arlo Guthrie.

In 1777, the town of Lee attempted to name itself Washington, after George Washington, but a neighboring town won that privilege. At that time, General Lee shared in riding the crest of popularity, so the area's residents honored him by naming their new town, Lee. Despite the negative controversy over the General, Lee is still proud and is known as the "Gateway to the Berkshires."

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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 seven roll calls from the week of June 30-July 4.

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.

**APPROVE \$36.5 BILLION FISCAL 2015 STATE BUDGET (H 4001)**  
House 144-7, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a \$36.5 billion fiscal 2015 budget that increases spending by 5.5 percent.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility. They noted it makes important investments in local aid, education and human services including substance abuse treatment and prevention and mental health care.

Opponents said the budget is excessive and does not include sufficient reforms. They noted that since Gov. Patrick took office in 2007, state spending has risen 25

percent and the state payroll has expanded by 10,000 employees.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES (H 4235)**  
House 151-0, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the governor a bill that would increase the state’s oversight and regulation of compounding pharmacies that create a specific product to fit the unique needs of a patient.

The bill comes more than a year after the State Board of Pharmacy voted to permanently revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, the pharmacy at the center of the 2012 spread of fungal meningitis that infected hundreds of people across the nation and killed 64.

A key section creates four new specialty licenses including a retail sterile compounding specialty license; a retail non-sterile compounding specialty license; an institutional pharmacy license for hospitals; and an out-of-state pharmacy license for non-Massachusetts pharmacies conducting business in the Bay State.

Other provisions include mandating unannounced, detailed inspections of all sterile compounding pharmacies and requiring board inspectors to be trained in both sterile and non-sterile compounding practices.

Supporters said the bill will save lives by setting many new standards and requiring more transparency from compounding pharmacies. They argued it will hold pharmacies to high standards in quality control and sterilization.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**WELFARE CHANGES (S 2211)**  
House 151-0, approved a bill making changes in the state’s welfare system including increasing penalties for store owners who knowingly allow the purchase of prohibited products or services with an EBT card. The measure also mandates that applicants search for a job prior to receiving cash assistance. Current law gives recipients a 60-day window after they start receiving benefits before they are required to look for employment.

Other provisions change the exemption from the work requirement for women in the last four months of pregnancy to the last month of pregnancy unless there is a documented medical issue; reduce the period for an extension of benefits beyond the 24-month period from six months to three months; create a job diversion program to connect able-bodied individuals with full-time jobs before they start receiving benefits; and change the school attendance requirement from age 14 to age 16 and allows participation in an alternative education program or education development program to also meet the school attendance requirement.

Supporters say this long overdue reform of the welfare system is tough but fair and will crack down on welfare abuse while offering many poor people a road to economic independence.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**SUPER TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (S 2231)**  
Senate 4-35, rejected an amendment that would provide an additional tax credit to companies for increased research and development done within the state.

Amendment supporters said the credit will spur economic growth and create jobs. They argued that some of the lost revenue would be made up by other revenues that are generated as a result of the credit.

Amendment opponents said this would result in a revenue loss of more than \$50 million that the state cannot afford. They argued an increased credit may be a good idea but now is not the time to do it.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

**SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY (S 2231)**  
Senate 31-8, approved an amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10, without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax. The Senate had defeated the same holiday on May 21 by a 7-32 vote.

Supporters of the bill said that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past several years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argued that the state’s sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill said the state cannot afford the up to \$25 million revenue loss and argued every study shows the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers shift their spending rather than increase it. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years.

(Both roll calls are listed. The first is from May and the second is from last week. A “Yes” vote is for the tax-free holiday. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No/Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No/No

**WAIVE CORPORATE EXCISE TAX (S 2231)**  
Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment waiving the state’s minimum \$456 annual corporate excise tax for the first three years that a corporation is in business but does not make a profit. Under current law, the tax must be paid annually even if the corporation does not make a profit.



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Amendment supporters said this temporary tax reduction does not apply to large corporations that are making huge profits but rather is designed to provide relief to many small, struggling start-up businesses that often have only one employee. They argued the waiver would pay off down the road when these small businesses thrive, create jobs and pay more taxes.

Amendment opponents said that the waiver would cost the state millions in lost revenue that it cannot afford to absorb. They argued that the \$456 per year is not going to make or break a business and noted that waiving the tax would not affect a person’s decision on whether or not to start a business. Some said that the waiver should be considered in the context of a broader tax bill that would be the subject of a public hearing.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment waiving the \$456 tax. A “No” vote is against the waiver.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS (S 2231)

Senate 32-7, approved an amendment that would restrict and regulate the use of non-compete employment agreements. These are agreements that prevent workers from competing with their ex-employer for a certain period of time after leaving the company.

Two key provisions include prohibiting non-competes for hourly employees and from lasting longer than six months without a good justification. Other provisions allow non-competes to apply only to a geographic area in which the employee provided services in the prior two years unless there is a good justification and require the proposed papers be presented to the employee at least five days before he or she begins work.

Supporters said this compromise version does not ban these contracts but more strictly regulates them so that it is fair to both sides. They noted cases in which employers signed very broad agreements and ended up not being able to take a job in their field again for years.

Some opponents defended the contract clauses as important tools to protect a company’s trade secrets and sensitive information. Others said they prefer banning non-compete contracts outright.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

POOLING OF TIPS (S 2231)

Senate 19-20, rejected an amendment that would allow managers and shift supervisors at fast food restaurants to share in the tips received by the other employees. Current law does not allow them to share the tips. The measure also removes restaurant workers from a current

state law that allows workers to receive triple damages if they are successful in wage lawsuits.

Amendment supporters said managers and shift supervisors spend a lot of time serving customers directly and should be allowed to share in the tips. They argued that several managers have brought lawsuits against restaurants that led to many restaurant owners prohibiting use of a tip jar out of fear they will be sued. They noted this hurts the workers who depend on tips.

Amendment opponents said the amendment would reduce the share of tips received by current tipped employees. They argued that the sharing would also remove the incentive for restaurants to pay their shift supervisors and managers more.

(A “Yes” vote is for allowing managers to share in the tips. A “No” vote is against allowing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FOUR QUESTIONS ON NOVEMBER 4 BALLOT - Secretary of State William Galvin announced the numbers that were assigned to the four questions that will be on the November 4 ballot for voters to decide.

Question 1: Repealing the 2013 law that creates automatic gas tax hikes by linking the tax to the U.S. Consumer Price Index.

Question 2: Expanding the state’s existing beer and soda bottle deposit law to require a deposit on bottles of most other carbonated and non-carbonated beverages.

Question 3: Repealing the 2011 law that legalizes casino gambling.

Question 4: Requiring employers to give sick days to employees.

How is the order of the questions determined? Although many people think that there is a random drawing held, Brain McNiff, communications director for Galvin told *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, “The secretary determined the numbering of the questions with a major consideration being the layout of the ballot, given that the summaries of the questions widely vary in length.”

FEE HIKES FOR RMV - Three Registry of Motor Vehicle fees increased on July 1. Passenger vehicle registration fees increased from \$25 to \$30 for one year and from \$50 to \$60 for two years. The annual state car inspection fee jumped from \$29 to \$35 and road test fees jumped from \$20 to \$35.

PROTECT DOMESTIC WORKERS (S 2132) -

Gov. Patrick signed into law a measure establishing a bill of rights for domestic workers in households. These include employees who perform housekeeping, house cleaning, nanny services, caretaking of sick or elderly individuals, laundering and cooking.

Provisions include requiring that a worker who puts in more than 40 hours per week be given a period of rest of at least 24 consecutive hours each week; mandating that all meal periods, rest periods and sleeping periods count as working time; ensuring that workers have a right to privacy; and requiring that female full-time workers receive at least eight weeks’ maternity leave.

NURSE STAFFING RATIO (H 4228)

Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would establish nurse staffing ratios in intensive care units of hospitals. The measure would limit the ratio to one nurse for one patient or one nurse to two patients in special circumstances as assessed by the nurses on that unit. Supporters say this will protect and even save the lives of critically ill patients. Some noted this is the first step toward the goal of having staffing ratios in every unit in every hospital.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

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

During the week of June 30-July 4, the House met for a total of six hours and 49 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 11 hours and 38 minutes.

Mon. June 30	House 11:00 a.m. to 5:23 p.m. Senate 1:03 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.
Tues. July 1	No House session Senate 1:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
Wed. July 2	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. July 3	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Fri. July 4	No House session No Senate session

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## COMMENTARY

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## Zoning workshops collaboratively build community and better customer service



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Our greatest successes as a city are born from working together, on a foundation of shared values and principles, to build the frameworks that will shape the future of our city. From our 20-year comprehensive SomerVision plan, to the rezoning of Union Square, to our ongoing Somerville By Design workshops, we rely on you to guide what kind of community we are going to be. That's what all of these community-based discussions are about—building community. At a base level, building community starts with our zoning code. It's where we identify neighborhoods and what should be allowed to be built in each neighborhood. This is the framework that shapes how our city will evolve, but we have realized that what we have on the books today is neither predictable nor easy to navigate.

That's why every Thursday this summer, we are holding a series of zoning workshops to hear your ideas and answer your questions as we craft a new zoning ordinance. Right now, the zoning code is difficult to understand for anyone. So we're aiming for a new code that's easy to understand and predictable for mixed-use project developers and regular homeowners alike by focusing on building types. Instead of relying on complicated formulas, our new zoning code will ask—is this kind of building common for this particular neighborhood? If so, it should be allowed under the code. If a homeowner wants to finish a basement or add a porch, it shouldn't be more complicated than building a brand new building, but our zoning code today can make common home improvement projects just that—complicated and wrapped in red tape.

All this means that we want to base our new zoning code on our community values and norms, which leads us to the zoning workshops held each Thursday this summer. These open house-style meetings started with SomerVision's goals for the new zoning ordinance. Our comprehensive

plan, created by the community, makes clear the areas we want to transform, the places we want to enhance, and the neighborhoods we want to preserve. These zoning workshops will allow the community to delve deeper into what that means for the zoning code, unlocking the opportunities in some areas while codifying the community norms in other areas.

There's much more to cover. We want to talk about zoning for the arts and the creative economy, for businesses, and community benefits. We want to make the code match our vision for neighborhoods and squares, and our whole local economy. Each workshop will be dedicated to one of these topics, and after the last workshop on August 28, we'll have a clearer, fuller picture of what we want to collectively accomplish through this zoning overhaul. There are no formal presentations at these workshops—simply drop in whenever it's convenient for you and stay as long as you like.

This is about building community, and it's also about customer service. Somerville has come a long way in terms of city government providing good customer service, making how we operate transparent to every taxpayer

and your interactions with city government as easy as possible. You are a paying customer through your local taxes, whether paid directly or through your rent, and municipal government should act like the best private companies do in making good customer service and integral part of what you pay for. Our current convoluted zoning code isn't good customer service. It's not easy to navigate or get approval for simple home improvement projects.

So beyond crafting a code that will help shape how our community evolves, we want to provide basic customer service in the form of a transparent zoning code that's easy for anyone to understand. You shouldn't have to hold a degree in planning to understand how you can improve your home and add value to your property. This zoning overhaul will not only bring our code in line with our community vision but bring that transparency, predictability and high-quality customer service to the process by providing more guidance to special permits, limiting certain types of applications, and letting some small projects and home additions go forward without review by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Somerville is in the midst of change brought on by market forces and the greatest demographic shift since the 1950s, when people fled cities for the suburbs. As people return to the urban core seeking walkable, transit-oriented urban neighborhoods, we're working to meet that demand by preserving what we already love about Somerville. Planning to manage the change that's already happening in our city means balancing transformation and preservation, which are both about where and how people want to live. It's about building community. So I invite you to come out to these zoning workshops and lend your perspective and help us build a more transparent, customer-friendly community.

The Zoning Workshops are held each Thursday through Aug. 28 from 4-7:30 p.m. in the community meeting room at 50 Middlesex Ave. Shuttles are available to pick up residents who want to attend, with the shuttle schedules available on [somervillebydesign.com](http://somervillebydesign.com). For more information on the Zoning Workshops and a schedule of topics, visit the Somerville by Design blog or contact the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development at 617-625-6600 ext 2500.

Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Next stop... 'Meffa'



Originally published May 10, 2008.

Having the Red Line extend to Davis Square was a great achievement. The stop has become a huge asset to commuters as well as businesses. It turned Davis Square into "The Paris of the Nineties," whatever that means. Too bad it wasn't there when I was going to Emerson College. Taking a bus to Harvard Square and then changing to the train at Charles Street was a pain. My son can now hop the red line at Park St. and come directly to Davis Square from Suffolk University to ask me for money!

Anyway, Somerville has approval and funding to build that new Orange Line stop at Assembly Square, but what I am really excited about is that Somerville has recently secured the addition of six new

Green Line passenger train stops through the city, all the way into Medford. Some are currently under construction.

Even though the locations of the stations are already planned, here is how I think some of the stops should be named and located. From Lechmere, I believe it will stop first at Union Square. Too bad they couldn't turn the glorious old St. Joseph's Church into a mini-South Station, complete with restaurants, vendors and shops. Midnight Variety is going to be swamped when the Green Line arrives.

The next stop should definitely be City Hall. This way, commuters could get to the Central Library, the high school and Joe's office. You could hop off to pay your tax bill, then hop back on to head to your part time job. I think the City Hall stop should be decorated with pictures of former Somerville politicians. How about the Lenny Scott escalator, the Paul Du-

hamel waiting area or the Andy Capuano information booth? One stop would definitely have to be named after our beloved Eugene C. Brune.

I think it should be all Somerville. This is a great chance to toot our own Somerville horns while expanding public transportation and inviting growth of transient orientated development (pretty impressive language, huh?). Perhaps we could add a nice mural dedicated to Somerville Sports greats like Bill Endicott, Joe Lutoff, Johnny Nunziato, and of course Walter, Al and Ronnie Perry. The only Somerville sports I was ever a part of was burning my hands and legs on that stupid rope that hung from the ceiling in the gym.

Was it the Red Line expansion to Davis that changed our beloved square into restaurant and bar-Ville? Did the extension have anything to do with the hipster invasion? Who cares? I'm glad



the hipsters are here. Me and my hippie friends were in their shoes back in the late 60's. Welcome! Did public transportation replace an Italian bakery with a sushi restaurant? We now have a restaurant, yogurt place or bar every three feet and no place to park. So ... expand the T, I say! We'll take the train everywhere! Bring it on!

The real winners will be our Meffa friends. They will be able to get on the Green Line and without changing trains go right to The Museum of Science ... oooh!



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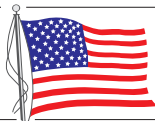
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Let’s face it, a little dose of nature goes a long way towards rejuvenating the spirit and reconnecting us to our intrinsic qualities of being products of the natural world itself.

How easy it is to meld into the fabricated configuration of stone, steel, and glass that dominates our everyday lives. And yet, there is something that is soothing and uplifting about taking a quiet walk through a forest or along the seashore, drinking in the grandest designs of all, those not made by human hands.

Our villages, towns and larger cities all sprang forth out of humble - and natural - environs. The grasses, trees and shrubbery gave way to the maker’s hands, gradually subsiding to an increasingly diminished measure of prominence, almost to the point of negligible existence in many cases.

How many of us remember the tree-lined boulevards of our youth? One could nearly jump from branch to branch, traversing whole neighborhoods if one cared to do so.

Some communities have retained a good balance between the natural and the artificial, while others have fared less well in recent years. The City of Somerville is now taking steps to correct a perceived shortage in the number trees that would be optimal for its quality of life.

We trust that sound decision-making will prevail when it comes to placement and selection of species to be planted. Issues have arisen in the past because of poor planning and implementation, causing problems of root invasion into resi-

dential spaces, as well as displacement of sidewalk structures and street asphalt.

All in all, the undertaking should be a boon to the community. While providing relief from excessive heat in the summer, adding to the beauty of our neighborhoods, and providing sanctuary to our indigenous populations of birds and squirrels, we should welcome the opportunity to add a lot more green to our urban landscape.

Whether climbing them, hugging them, or just admiring them, we need them.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

distribution list so that we are more widely and evenly distributed throughout the city. With over 12K print readers, nearly 6K on Facebook and hundreds on Twitter, not to mention an average of 1200 to 1500 a day on our web site, we clearly are the true community newspaper of choice.

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We just had to say something about one of our advertisers: The Mount Vernon Restaurant has a fantastic 2-lobster dinner sale going on for only \$16.99 for two, with the coupon inside our paper these next few weeks. Our publisher Ross Blouin and his wife Diane recently had a fantastic lobster dinner and highly recommend it. A great meal and an awesome place. If you haven’t been in a while we suggest you try it out again, and don’t forget to clip the coupon here in *The Times* and mention you saw it here.

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Somerville police are using undercover cross walkers to set up questionable traps at crosswalks throughout the city. The undercover just walks back and forth in the crosswalk all day long, while

the unit pulls over the unsuspecting “criminals” to issue a citation. You can go online and watch a video of our Police Department entrapping people, courtesy of [www.thefreethoughtproject.com](http://www.thefreethoughtproject.com). This is going on under the present head of the Police Department. We thought it was interesting, what do you think? Is this really protecting and serving? Let us know by posting your comments on our website. Wonder how much revenue the city takes in from this? So many questions, not enough space! What will they think of next?

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Congratulations to one of our oldest homes here in Somerville. This year is the 300th anniversary of the Oliver Tufts home at 78 Sycamore Street. The house is now a four unit condominium, which is a far cry from when George Washington slept there back when General Lee own the property. You can read more regarding General Lee and the Somerville connection and his property here in this week’s *The Somerville Times* under our own Bob Doherty’s column *Eagle Feathers*.

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Talk about time and how it stands still. Well, this past week one of our staffers here, and an old timer, ran into someone at Market Basket, and when they saw each other instantly recognized and remembered one another. They stood and talked a long time about themselves and what has happened to Somerville over the years. January 1963, Central Hospital, a car accident and a nurse who was so unbelievably great at her job, Ms. Ann Moran of Washington Street hasn’t changed a bit. We just want to give a shout out to Ms. Moran. She was and still is a nurse, and what a wonderful personality and memory she has. Best of all, you can tell by her voice she’s a very caring person. We’re sure Ann has touched the lives of many here in Somerville over the years. We just thought you’d like to know that she still lives here in Somerville, in the same house her family owned for many years. And guess what? She loves reading *The Somerville Times* so we just had to say something.

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Our own Cam Toner is on the road to recovery, still back and forth with the hospital for treatments. She has such a

wonderful family. She has so many positive people behind her, we know she will be back in shape and helping out at the office again real soon. Many have asked about Patti Norton and she’s doing fine. She’s till having problems but she has the strong support of her husband and many friends. Both ladies receive cards and letters from many wishing them both well, and hoping they are on the road to recovery.

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We still haven’t found out anything on the name of Sylvester Baxter Park at Assembly Square, other than he worked sometime for the state and had no connection to Somerville whatsoever. We did learn that at one time there was a marker/sign using the name of Sylvester Baxter Park that used to mention “The Blessing of The Bay,” now we can’t find that either. Shouldn’t the city have something to say about the name of the park? There are enough deserving elders here in the city that it could have been named after.

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Best deal in town for “Drivers Ed” — Somerville High

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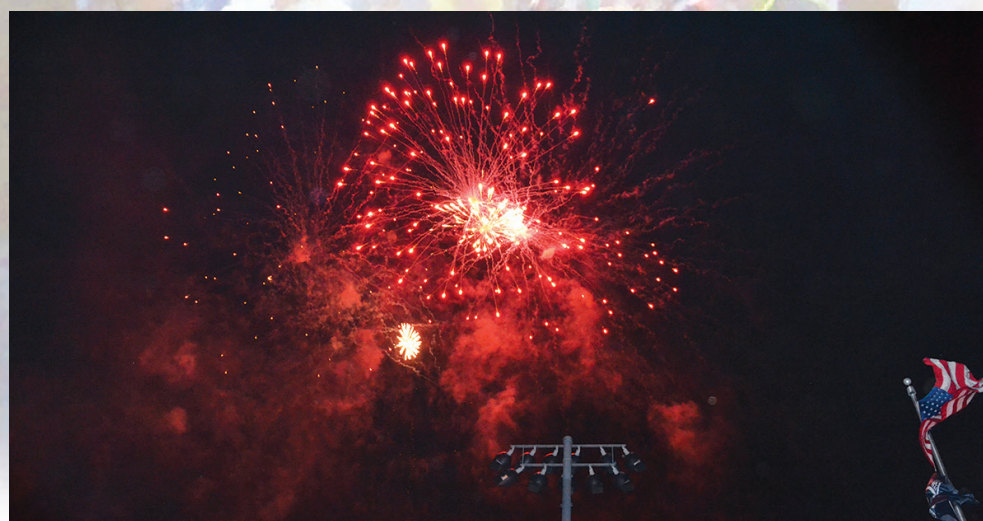


# Somerville's Independence Day Celebration

Somerville celebrated Independence Day Thursday night at Trum Field. Hundreds filled the streets to enjoy a night of live entertainment which included performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, Moonlighters, Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the U.S. Navy Band Northeast Pops Ensemble. The entertainment culminated in a 30-minute fireworks display.









SPORTS

Somerville veteran at Fenway Park tribute event

To honor our nation's heroes and recognize them for their service to our country, CVS Caremark and the Boston Red Sox today teamed up to provide veterans of all abilities from across New England with a once-in-a-lifetime experience – a batting practice and baseball skills camp at America's most beloved ballpark, Fenway Park.

Through the CVS Caremark Baseball Camp, the veterans found themselves in a league of their own – receiving tips from the Boston Red Sox Hitting Staff Tim Hyers and Victor Rodriguez, taking swings at the Green Monster and enjoying lunch in the Red Sox dugout. The veterans were also provided exclusive access to the historic ballpark during a VIP tour, and received tickets to the evening's game against the Chicago Cubs, courtesy of CVS Caremark, in the CVS/pharmacy Family seating section. The camp was

hosted by CVS Caremark as an extension of the company's commitment to our nation's military heroes and individuals of all abilities.

The veterans who participated in the special day at Fenway Park were invited by CVS Caremark through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) New England Adaptive Sports Program. The program operates through the VA Boston Healthcare System.

"It is an honor to bring these proud servicemen and women to Fenway Park for a special baseball camp experience, especially as we get ready to celebrate the 4th of July," said Eileen Howard Boone, senior vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy for CVS Caremark. "This is CVS Caremark's fourth season of partnering with the Red Sox on this initiative and, each year, we find ourselves humbled and inspired



US Army Veteran and Somerville resident Nick Starling celebrates a great swing at the Green Monster with Boston Red Sox Assistant Hitting Coach Victor Rodriguez during a special CVS Caremark Baseball Camp held July 2 at the park. Starling was one of 16 veterans of all abilities from across New England who participated in the camp — put on by CVS Caremark and the Boston Red Sox as a tribute to the veterans for their service to the United States and in honor of Independence Day.

by the veterans who participate."

"We are so grateful to CVS Caremark for making this initiative possible for the fourth year in a row," said Jenny McLaughlin, adaptive sports case manager of the VA Boston Healthcare System. "Our veterans look forward to this event each year and love the opportunity to spend some time together, get expert

baseball advice and spend a day on the field at Fenway Park."

Over the years, CVS Caremark has provided charitable support to a range of veteran-focused initiatives. The company has supported military and veteran-focused organizations, including the National Guard, Fisher House, Operation Military Embrace and the USO.

The company has also worked with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes program to identify and hire veterans, has established a colleague resource group for veterans – called Valor – within CVS Caremark, and has hosted a series of football skills camps and golf clinics for veterans.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Which actor's real name is Walter Matasschansayasky?

2. Which Beatles track spent nine weeks at No 1 in the US?

3. If it is 9 a.m. in Nevada, what time is it in Utah?

4. In *NYPD Blue* who played Bobby Simone?

5. What NFL team won the most games in the 1960s?

6. In the *Dr. Dolittle* stories, what kind of animal was Dab-Dab?

7. Which author wrote *Gentlemen Prefer Blonds*?

8. Which stage show, which became a successful movie, features Frank N Furter and Riff Raff?

9. Pokemon is an abbreviation of what?

10. In Pokemon, what does Charmander become in the third stage?

11. What country invented cheesecake?

12. Pearl Jam's *Ten* was named after the number of which baseball player?

Answers on page 20



Left to right standing: US Army Veteran Mark Dupras of Taunton; US Marine Corps Veteran Dale Bishop of Norton; Rodriguez; US Marine Corps Veteran Marc Audet of Douglas; Boston Red Sox Team Staff member Ray Fagnant; CVS Caremark Community Relations Senior Director Faith Weiner; US Army Veteran Nick Starling of Somerville; Boston Red Sox Mascot Wally the Green Monster; US Army active duty Michael Sullivan of Shirley; US Army Veteran Steve Fullers of Brockton; US Army Veteran Kathy Siminoni of Seekonk; US Army Veteran Xiaolian Tan of Roslindale. Left to right seated: US Air Force Veteran Ragnar Hanson of West Roxbury; US Marine Corps Veteran Brad Carlson of Holden; US Marine Corps Veteran Sheldon Pascor of Lynn; and US Air Force Veteran Michael Guilbault of Attleboro.

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## A long way from Kansas CONT. FROM PG 1



songwriting and performing. The band earned three Grammy nominations and the Country Music Association Award for Best Overseas Touring Act.

Chuck formed The Hillbilly All-Stars featuring members of The Mavericks, co-produced popular tribute albums to Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings, guest-lectured at Vanderbilt University, and became a staff writer at one of Nashville's top song publishers. In 2009, he released his acclaimed solo debut album, *Journeyman's Wager*, and toured clubs, concert halls and international Rock, Country and Rockabilly festivals with his band The Grassy Knoll Boys.

As Music Director for the Broadway smash *Million Dollar Quartet*, Chuck began crafting the music arrangements during the show's original Daytona and Seattle workshop productions, supervised the musical performances for its 2008 Chicago opening, created new music material for the show's Tony Award-winning Broadway run, produced the original cast album, and oversaw the music for its smash 2011 premiere at London's Noël Coward Theatre. In 2013, *MDQ* broke the Chicago record for longest running musical.

Chuck's acclaimed 2012 release, *Back At The Quonset Hut*, was recorded at Nashville's legendary Quonset Hut Studio where Patsy Cline, George Jones, Merle Haggard, Roger Miller, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash and more cut some of country's greatest tracks. Produced by original

BR549 producer Mike Janas and with the participation of students from Belmont University's College of Entertainment and Music Business, the album of classic covers features surviving members of Music Row's original 'A Team' studio musicians as well as guest appearances by Old Crow Medicine Show, Elizabeth Cook, Jamie Johnson and Bobby Bare.

2014 ushers in *Free State Serenade*, the new Chuck Mead & His Grassy Knoll Boys release on Nashville-based Plowboy Records. Produced by long-time ally and friend Joe Pisapia (kd Lang, Ben Folds Five) and featuring BR549's Don Heron, Old Crow Medicine Show's Critter Fuqua, Alan Murphy, Will Rambeaux, and Mark Andrew Miller, *Free State Serenade* is Chuck Mead's strongest effort yet.

"It's been incredibly liberating to do all these things I've never done before. I've already gone from the bars of Lower Broadway in Nashville to the Broadway stage, and the upcoming album is one of the most unique and rewarding projects I've ever been a part of. I'm looking forward to where it all brings me next."

Mead speaks highly of Somerville and, specifically, Johnny D's, which he remembers well from previous performances there with BR549. He invites everyone to come down to the show and be ready to dance.

*Chuck Mead & His Grassy Knoll Boys, Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St, Somerville.*

## Local homeless, unaccompanied students honored CONT. FROM PG 3

Boston Day and Evening Academy in their use of the YouthHarbors program.

According to Rediscovery's numbers, homeless and unaccompanied students who do not experience any form of intervention have a much lower chance of graduating, have a much higher risk of struggling with drug addiction or crime, and cost the state an average of \$455,000 over their lifetime. Suffice it to say that this program's success has been welcomed by a broad range of officials, community members and more.

Although Somerville has only been participating in this program for one full year, the system has long since supported homeless and unaccompanied students through a variety of internal programs, and has a dedicated Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth that serves the entire district.

Somerville will continue to participate in the YouthHarbors program, and many hope that this involvement will yield even more positive outcomes in the coming years.

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

**When is art not art? by Zhihong Li**

Somerville residents walk by public art every day, from murals and painted switchboxes to sculptures and memorials. But, unless they were looking, a passerby might not even notice one particular creator's art, or "not art," as he calls it. That Somerville resident, who asked to remain anonymous, has been an artist since he was born, he says. But for the past eight years, he's been spreading his message on the streets of Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston through a stencil that reads "NOT ART," which he spray-paints onto surfaces and found objects. "What makes it art or not art is up to the viewer," he told Somerville Neighborhood News. "It's almost just asking that question: 'Is this art? Is it not art? Where does it come from? What is it for?'"



In the past, creating 'not art' was something he did for fun. But this year, after he lost two food service jobs in three months, he decided it was a sign that he should pursue art full-time.

Watch the full newscast and the short news segments on Somerville Community Access TV Channel 3 Tuesdays at 7 pm, or on our website at [www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org](http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org). Stay updated on local news and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @SCATVSNN.

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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, July 16, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**8 Curtis St: (Case #ZBA 2013-72)** Applicant and Owner, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, seeks a Variance (SZO \$5.5) for lot size (\$8.5.A) and number of stories (\$8.5.F) to construct a two-family dwelling with six parking spaces. NB zone. Ward 7.

**1119-1133 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2013-73)** Applicant and Owner, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure (SZO \$4.4.1) to add a floor to the structure, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (\$5.2 & 7.11.1) to add 8 new residential units and Variance (\$5.5) for lot area per dwelling unit (\$8.5.B), floor area ratio (\$8.5.E), and number of parking spaces (\$9.5). NB zone. Ward 7.

**73 Concord Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-83)** Applicants and Owners, Ze'ev Mehler & Nathalie Horowicz, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.2.a to construct a second principle structure composed of two dwelling units; a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to rehabilitate the nonconforming accessory structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, and Variances under SZO \$9.5.1.a for two spaces of parking relief and SZO \$9.11.a to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle. RB zone. Ward 2.

**45 Adrian St: (Case #ZBA 2014-01)** Applicant, Nelson Oliveira, and Owner, Jancie Lewicki, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling, which includes a third unit rear addition and changes to the window and door patterns. A Variance is also requested under SZO \$9.5.1.a for three spaces of parking relief. RB zone. Ward 2.

**510 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-14)** Applicant, Douglas Beaudet, and Owners, Carl and Joan Razzaboni, seek Special Permits under SZO \$7.11.1.c for five residential units with a small ground floor retail component, SZO \$9.13.b to create compact spaces, SZO \$9.13.c to share a driveway, SZO \$9.13.d to park on a separate lot, and SZO \$9.13.e to share parking. A Variance is also sought for parking relief. BA zone. Ward 2.

**508 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-15)** Applicant, 508 Somerville Ave LLC, and Owner, Benjamin Rossetti, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.11.1.c for seven residential units with a small ground floor retail component, and Special Permits under SZO \$9.13.b to create compact spaces, SZO \$9.13.c to share a driveway, SZO \$9.13.d to park on a separate lot, and SZO \$9.13.e to share parking. A Variance is also sought for parking relief. BA zone. Ward 2.

**15 Weston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-43)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.11.15.3 and SZO \$14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room, and other related equipment. A Variance is also sought under SZO \$14.3.4. due to the chimney enclosure setbacks. RB zone. Ward 7.

**10 Columbus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-46)** Applicant and Owners, Joanne & John Scott Dwyer, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by expanding the footprint of an existing first floor rear deck. RA zone. Ward 3.

**163 Glen St: (Case #ZBA 2014-49)** Applicant and Owners, 163 Glen Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.11.1.c for 11 residential units and a Special Permit under SZO \$7.3 for maximum dwelling units per lot. The Applicant also seeks Special Permits under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, SZO \$9.13.b to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle and for compact spaces, and SZO \$9.13.f to reduce the parking requirement due to the proposed use. RB and RC zones. Ward 1.

**72 Cedar St: (Case #ZBA 2014-50)** Applicant Derick Snare and Owners Kathryn Craig and Wayne Widdison seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family dwelling by adding a first floor addition and a third floor shed dormer. RB zone. Ward 5.

**44 Hall Ave #1: (Case#ZBA 2014-51)** Applicant & Owner Anthony W. Case seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending the rear porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

**73-75 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-52)** Applicant and Owner, Andrew Coats, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a roof deck and stairwell penthouse for access. RC zone. Ward 2.


**22-24 Hamlet St: (Case #ZBA 2014-55)** Applicant and Owners, Boris & Alexander Kuritnik, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to expand a non-conforming structure and SZO \$4.5.1 to expand a nonconforming use to enlarge an existing 4 unit building from 1 bedroom units to 3 bedroom units. RA Zone. Ward 3.


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, July 24, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P3312EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
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Also known as: Joseph W Cyr, Whales Cyr

Date of Death: 03/16/2014

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Patricia M Cyr of Somerville MA

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

And also requesting that:

Patricia M Cyr of Somerville MA

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00a.m. on 07/23/2014**  
**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.

Date: June 25, 2014 Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

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

MIDDLESEX, SS, DIVISION Docket: MI 14P3150PM

SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
NOTICE

To all persons interested in the estate of a protected person, Gianni A.P. Squillante, of Somerville in the: County of Middlesex, a petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that the Special Conservator, Toni Ann Squillante, of Somerville in the County of Middlesex may be licensed to sell at- private sale - certain real estate situated in Charlestown in the County of Suffolk for his/ her investment.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before **Ten o'clock** in the forenoon on **14th of July, 2014** the return date of this citation.

Witness Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this **2nd day of July, 2014**

Tara E. De Christofaro  
Register of Probate

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

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
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**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

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

**The Holland Street Farmer's Market is back.** Every Thursday until November 1st, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. The Mobile Farmer's Market will be at our Holland Street Center. Fresh Produce at affordable prices for older adults (55+) – WIC, SNAP, EBT and Farmers Market Coupons accepted and if you use one of these methods of payment you receive 50% off.

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

**Sand Sculptures – Revere Beach:** Friday, July 18 – Enjoy a morning on the beach, take your time, lounge around and take in the spectacular sand sculptures. Check in time is 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$10. Fee – Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you need additional information.

**Foxwoods:** Tuesday, July 22 - \$25.00 fee includes your transportation, a \$10.00 Bonus Slot and a \$10.00 Buffet coupon. Check in time is 7:00 A.M. at the Holland Street Center and 7:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. To RSVP or for additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

**Foster's Clambake:** Monday, August 18 – Join us as we go off to the beaches of York, Maine. We transform one of Maine's best-known facilities for lobster into our very own clambake. Meal choices include lobster, BBQ chicken or a vegetarian meal. Meals also include chowder, clams, mussels, corn on the cob, potatoes, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade. \$62.00 per person -Check in time 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 5:00 P.M. For more information & to RSVP please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Extension 2300.

**Lowell Spinners:** Thursday, August 28 – For just \$31.00 you receive your transportation, seating, all you can eat BBQ and a night of America's favorite pastime – Baseball. Check in time is 4:00 P.M. at Holland Street with

an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. Game time is 7:05 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

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

All slots for the Free Hearing Screening are **BOOKED**.

The Tanglewood trip scheduled in July is **SOLD OUT**.

The Cape Ann Explorer trip scheduled for July 9 is **SOLD OUT**.

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

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**The Mayor's Annual Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6th.

**Suffolk Downs:** Wednesday, August 20th & Wednesday, September 17th. See above for details.

## LGBT EVENTS:

**LGBT Lunch:** Monday, July 14th – 11:30 A.M. Suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than noontime on Friday, July 11th.

**LGBT Dinner & Movie night:** July 21st – Yet to be determined Dinner & Movie – more information to follow.

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

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

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

**Hear Me Out** results in new friendships and story recordings. Some LGBT Advisory Board members partnered with students from Somerville High School's Gay-Straight-Alliance (GSA) and Tufts University, to participate in an intergenerational oral histories program. "Hear Me Out" brought members together in a group setting at the Central Library for conversations about their experiences as members of the LGBT community living in Somerville. Each older adult was partnered with a younger participant. The new pair then spoke about the differences between their generations, all the while finding connections in the stories they told. The recordings of these oral histories are now part of StoryCorps, the largest oral history project of its kind, and will be available soon. Contact us for more details. Heartfelt thanks to the Somerville High School Gay Straight Alliance, Tufts University LGBT Center, the Somerville Public Library, and Simmons School of Social Work for their support.

## STAY ACTIVE:

### Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

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

### Tuesdays:

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

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

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

## Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

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

## Thursdays:

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

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

## Fridays:

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

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

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

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

## Upcoming Schedule

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

### Wednesday, July 9

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, C, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Cape Ann Trip

### Thursday, July 10

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

1:00 Farmer's Market (H)

### Friday, July 11

10:00 Book Club (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

### Monday, July 14

9:00 Garden Club (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

11:30 LGBT Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

4:30 LGBT Advisory Board (H)

### Tuesday, July 15

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 SHINE by appointment only (H)

10:30 Low Vision Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

Giggles Trip

### Wednesday, July 16

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Downeast Duck Adventures in Portland, Maine trip

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Wednesday|July 9

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

**Central Library**  
Kidstock! Surfing Beauty  
Ann x2950  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

**Central Library**  
Poetry readings  
Harris Gardner|617-306-9484  
6 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

Thursday|July 10

**East Branch Library**  
East Branch Summer Club Read-  
ing Kickoff with Rosalita’s Puppets  
Meghan Forsell - 617-623-5000  
x2970  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Lego Club  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

Friday| July 11

**Central Library**  
Teen Game Day: Portal 2  
Cynthia| 617-623-5000 x 2936  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland  
Avenue

Sunday|July 13

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

Monday|July 14

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

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

Wednesday|July 16

**East Branch Library**

Preschool: Summer Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-  
way

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

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Wednesday|July 9

**Johnny D’s**  
Afropop Night @ Johnny D’s  
featuring M’Bolo, RED RED & DJ  
Afro-Marc|8 p.m.  
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

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Swap”  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-  
1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday|July 10

**Johnny D’s**  
Bill Blumenreich Presents, Dead  
Kevin  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s  
Flatt Rabbit 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**  
Gina Sobel and The Mighty  
Fine|Anastasia Markov|Jessica  
Labus|Zak Smith  
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**  
Esthema  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|July 11

**Johnny D’s**  
Joe Louis Walker plus Bobby  
Paltauf|7 p.m.  
Rock On! Concerts Presents :  
The Stooges Brass Band plus The  
Party Band|10  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Johnny-Come-Latelies|6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live presents \$10  
cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**

Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Jimmys Down  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Bloody Diamonds|Milk|Tokyo  
Tramps|Camper  
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**  
Dylan Sevey & The Gentlemen  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
6045

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

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

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

Saturday|July 12

**Johnny D’s**  
Chuck Mead (of BR549) and His  
Grassy Knoll Boys|7 p.m.  
The Waveriders plus The Derang-  
ers|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.  
Sarah Levecque CD Release w/  
Michael Tarbox \$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**

Ridge Detail|Baltic Sun|Pretty  
Thieves|Yoshiko Ohara (from  
Bloody Panda)  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-  
1557

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
B3 KINGS  
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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Dear Diary: Sountrack of my Life  
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|July 13

**Johnny D’s**  
Open Blues Jam! featuring Mat-  
thew Smart Band |4 p.m.  
The Cordovas featuring Joe First-  
man|8 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Fiendish Thingies |7 p.m  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
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**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Sunday Americana with Sean  
Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan,  
Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7  
p.m.  
Back Room  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
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**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
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**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|July 14**

**Johnny D’s**  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: Musical Comedy with Keytar Bear & Friends|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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Pop Vocals Camp  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall

Mixed Doubles/Las Lanass  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|July 15**

**Johnny D’s**  
Rick Berlin with The Nickel and Dime Band  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
First and Last Word Poetry Series

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|July 16**

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

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

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
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**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|July 9**  
Central Library

Poetry readings  
Harris Gardner- 617-306-9484  
6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Thursday| July 10**

**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

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

**Saturday|July 12**

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

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

**Sunday|July 13**

**Unity Church of God**  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

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

**Monday|July 14**

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

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

**Tuesday|July 15**

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

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

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

**Wednesday|July 16**

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

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



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an email to *The Somerville Times*. "The most important thing for people to remember is they must call 911 as soon as possible for the use of Narcan to be effective."

Kelleher emphasized, "Do not waste time trying to remove or hide the fact that the person used drugs, reach out for the help as quickly as possible. Those few minutes could be the difference between life and death."

Acting Chief of Police, Charles Femino said that Somerville Police Department had received training to administer Narcan and to provide necessary education to members of the neighborhood.

"Our officers have been instrumental in providing necessary support, education

and training to members of the community, working with Somerville's Trauma Response Network, the Cambridge Health Alliance and other important organizations," Femino said in the press release.

Since January 1, 2014, there have been eight fatal and more than 20 non-fatal overdoses in the City of Somerville, according to the city's report. With the new policy by the Somerville Police Department, all first responders in Somerville now carry Narcan kits.

"We are not preventing overdoses," Chief Kelleher said. "We are trying to pull someone back from the edge and give them a chance to fight addiction."

Kelleher also mentioned that nasal Nar-

can could not rescue a drugged person immediately; the person has to receive medical treatment after being injected with Narcan.

"[Drugged people] still have to go to the Emergency Room," Kelleher said. "Nasal Narcan is not something that we give to people and say 'now you go back to take a nap.' We'll give them treatment right away."

On the other hand, according to Drug Policy, researchers found that the primary reason people do not call 911 in the event of a drug overdose is the fear of police involvement, arrest and prosecution.

In response to certain people's fear of reaching out to the police, Chief Kelleher said, "We enforce respondents and



firefighters, and we have no intentions of looking for criminal acts. We are a medical resource. The only thing I want to say is 'do not waste time trying to hide evidence of an overdose.'"

"In some cases, I'm sure that they end up with criminal investigations. But for the Fire Department, we just try to save their lives," Chief Kelleher said.

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Answers

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| 1. Walter Matthau        | 7. Anita Loos        |
| 2. Hey Jude              | 8. Rocky Horror Show |
| 3. 10 a.m.               | 9. Pocket Monster    |
| 4. Jimmy Smits           | 10. Charizard        |
| 5. The Green Bay Packers | 11. Greece           |
| 6. A duck                | 12. Mookie Blaylock  |



# ‘Winter’ at the Nave Gallery Annex in Davis Sq.

The Nave Gallery Annex in Davis Square presents ‘Winter,’ a group exhibition curated by Jenn Harrington and Susan Berstler featuring the work of twenty local and regional artists. The exhibit runs from July 17–August 16, 2014, with an opening reception on Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6-8 p.m.

“Ice on the sill  
and the snow  
they haunt me still”  
—*Brown Bird*

Of all the seasons, winter is the one most left up for interpretation. Some shudder at the blasts that burn, snap, nip, and sting; the howls of flurries in the dead of night; winds whisking air to swirls; the fury of things at rest. Others consider contemplation in a perfect storm, rumination in a calm coat of snow, the composition of hushed aches and quiet sorrows in inert lands. In ‘Winter,’ the Nave Gallery explores the degrees of the frost season—the frenzy of ice, the serenity and glow of colors confined, the luminosity within the floe, the severity of a flash of diamonds, the freeze that lights fire to our cheeks, the sound of every footstep packing in a heavy heart, the rime that makes us shiver and brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr.

Artists: Elizabeth Alexander, Christina Balch, Jeff Bartell, Sarah Bilotta, Sarah

Cecil, Laura Fischman, Sharon Freed, Beth Galston, Blake Hiltunen, Brian Kaplan, Anne Lilly, Chris Maliga, Lindsay Metivier, Laura Miner, Cary Rapaport, Zak Alexander Rose, Sophia Sobers, Sarah Wentworth, Timothy Wilson, Nancy Wisti Grayson

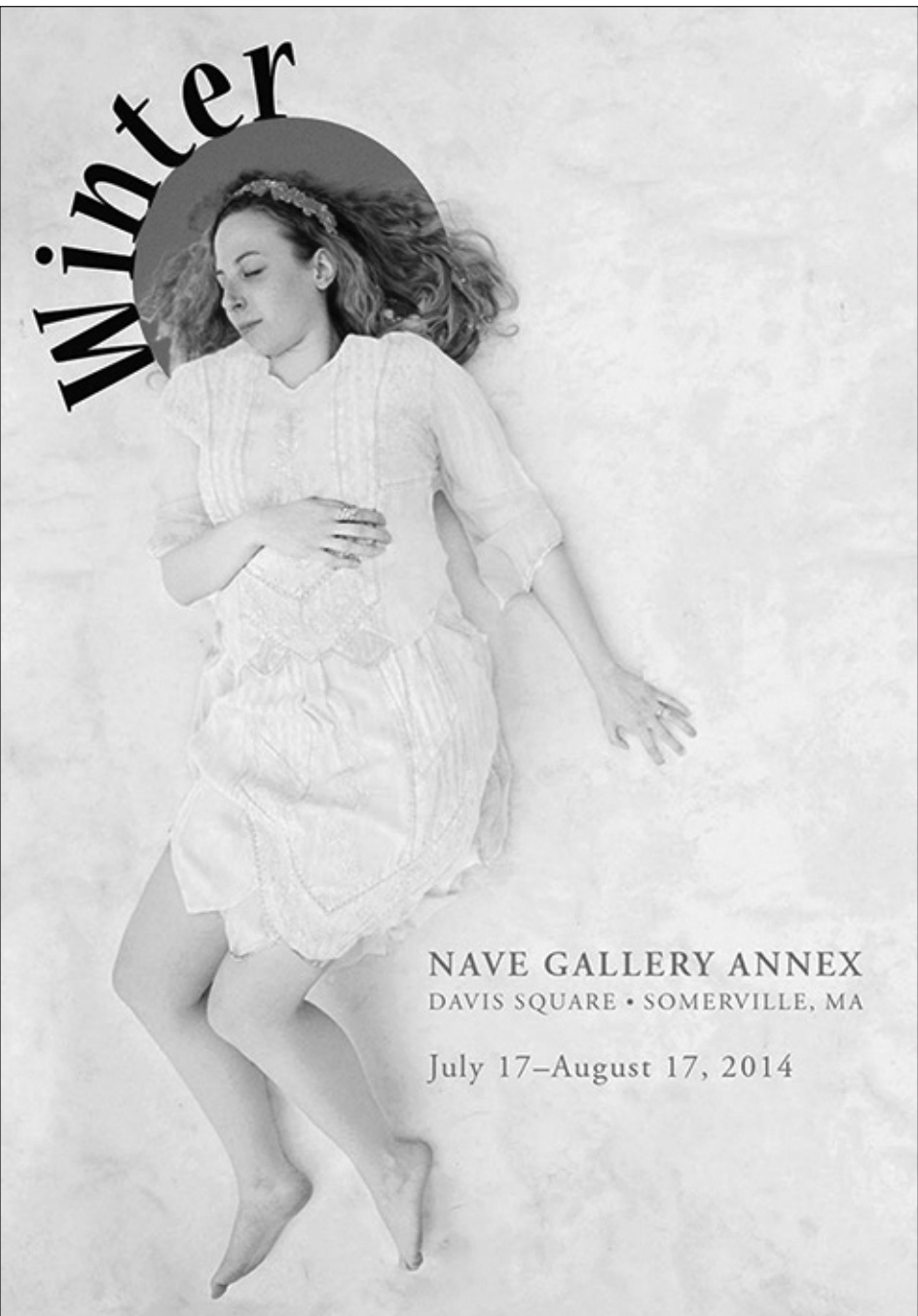
Music: In gratitude to Dave Lamb, to all the beauty he graced upon this earth, to the craft and wisdom he left in his wake, songs by Brown Bird ( [www.brownbird.net](http://www.brownbird.net)) will play throughout the duration of this exhibit. ‘Winter’ is dedicated to him.

Notes: ‘Winter’ is a companion project to the Nave Gallery Annex’s inaugural exhibit—PICNIC—held in January 2013. <http://navegallery.org/wp/picnic/> <http://navegallery.org/wp/curators-notes-picnic/>

**Gallery information**  
Nave Gallery Annex | [www.navegallery.org](http://www.navegallery.org)  
53 Chester Street, Somerville, MA 02144

‘Winter’ exhibit dates: July 17–August 16, 2014 ‘Winter’ exhibit hours: Thursday 6-8; Friday 6-8; Saturday 1-5; or by appointment.

Link: <http://navegallery.org/wp/winter/>



‘Winter’ is soon upon us. At Nave Gallery Annex, that is.

## 4th of July storm



Fallen trees and other random evidence of the violent storm that hit the area overnight on July 4 was to be found all over the city the next day.

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Adult Evening course is offering its Summer Session 10 days: Monday – Thursday beginning July 14,15,16,17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28 and 29. From 9 to 12 noon. In person registration begins Thursday, July 10 from 10 to 12 noon at Somerville High School Main Office. Or make check out for \$50 to: Somerville Adult Evening School (be sure to include student’s name and mark in the bottom left corner of the check “Drivers Ed”), and leave in SHS Main Office to be placed in Night School Mailbox. Even in summer both Sophia and Scott are work-

ing hard, two great teachers here in Somerville and one great team at the Evening School.  
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Our good friend Jimmy Ribeiro is in MGH Kidney Dialysis. He’s doing well, we hear, and hopefully will be home by the time you’re reading this. We wondered why he didn’t have a cookout over the 4th weekend. Now we know! His better half Karen probably had a peaceful weekend with their dog. Jim’s a good guy and has friends all over the place. Another Somerville good guy. Get well and out of there.

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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	7:30am	Eckankar
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folklorist	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Play by Play	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Dead Air Live
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00pm	Greater Somerville	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Physician Focus	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	This is East	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	<b>Friday, July 11</b>		8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents: Cabaret
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Hello Neighbor
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	<b>Sunday, July 13</b>		8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	11:00am	The race for Governor	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
7:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	2:30pm	Art at SCATV	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, July 15</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 10</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! TV show	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	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	<b>Saturday, July 12</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 14</b>		9:00pm	Energy Theater
3:00pm	Earth Day Celebration 2014	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	3:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert	<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	
<b>Wednesday, July 9</b>		12:30am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	4:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	12:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert
9:00am:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	1:00am:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	6:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary	1:00am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
12:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration	1:30am:	Family Fun Day	8:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	3:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:45am:	Pride Flag Raising	9:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	3:25am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	2:00am:	Independence Day Celebration	10:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	9:00am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
3:00pm:	Keep Moving	9:00am:	SomerViva em Portuguese	11:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games	10:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club
6:30pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	9:30am:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	<b>Thursday, July 10</b>		11:00am:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
7:00pm:	Family Fun day	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert	1:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals
7:15pm:	Pride Flag Raising	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: All American Workout	1:00am:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	1:45pm	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals
7:30pm:	Somerville Redevelopment Meeting 6.26.14	1:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	2:30am:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	3:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference	9:00am:	Spring String Fling	4:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
9:00pm:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	2:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	10:00am:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night	5:05pm:	Brown School Spring Concert
<b>Thursday, July 10</b>		7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals	6:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
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1:30pm:	SomerViva em Portuguese	3:00am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	8:45pm :	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Finals	11:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
2:00pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	9:00am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	10:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014	12:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
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8:30pm:	SomerViva em Portuguese	1:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	<b>Friday, July 11</b>		2:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
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12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:30am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	2:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse	<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	
1:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference	2:35am:	SomDog Spring Fling	2:30pm:	SHS Football 2013	12:00am:	2014 SHS Class Day
3:00pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	3:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	3:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	1:59am:	2014 SHS Graduation
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1:00pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	1:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:00am:	2014 SHS Class Day	6:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals
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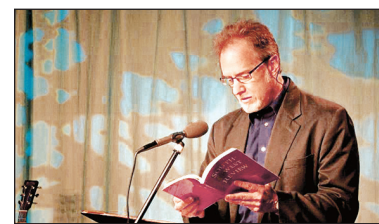




## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Poet Daniel Tobin: Casting a wide *Net* with his new poetry collection



Like any fine poet Daniel Tobin casts a wide net in his new collection of poetry *The Net*. Tobin, like Whitman, takes it all in and uses what he finds for fodder for his accomplished work. He is always on the lookout for what transcends the material world, the steak behind the sizzle, and what makes us run like a mutt after a meat truck.

Daniel Tobin is the author of seven books of poems, *Where the World is Made* (University Press of New England, 1999), *Double Life* (Louisiana State University Press, 2004), *The Narrows* (Four Way Books, 2005), *Second Things* (Four Way Books, 2008), *Belated Heavens* (Four Way Books, 2010), *The Net* (Four Way Books, 2014), and *From Nothing* (forthcoming, Four Way Books, 2016). Among his awards are the Massachusetts Book Award in Poetry, "The Discovery/The Nation Award," The Robert Penn Warren Award, the Greensboro Review Prize, the Robert Frost Fellowship, the Katherine Bakeless Nason Prize, a creative writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, and a fellowship in poetry from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. *The Narrows* was a featured book on *Poetry Daily*, as well as a finalist for the ForeWord Magazine Poetry Book Award.

I had the pleasure to speak to him on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

**Doug Holder:** Dan, the poet Bill Knott died recently. He was a colleague of yours at Emerson College in Boston. Any anecdotes you would like to share?

**Dan Tobin:** Bill was a terrific teacher. He was a very important poet of his generation. I was his department chair at one point. Bill was an eccentric. He basically did what he wanted to do. On one hand it was difficult to be his department chair, but on the other hand he was brilliant and you had to appreciate his dedication to the students. He was profoundly dedicated to them. He even bought them books ... just one of the many things he did for them. He was very challenging in the classroom, and he would challenge his students very vigorously. He pulled no punches. If you could accept Knott's stringent evaluation then you could learn a few things.

**DH:** You have a new poetry collection out *The Net* (Four Way Books). Can you explain the genesis of this collection—the germ of the idea?

**DT:** The title came to me after a number of false starts over the years. I saw this pattern of water imagery—things being connected to each other—in ways that were cosmic and intimate. The poems in the collection are philosophical and personal. The book has an epigraph from John Donne's great poem *Anatomy of the World*:

For our meridians, and parallels,  
Man hath weaved  
Upon the heavens, and how they are his own.

This book I suppose is a book of boundaries. Part of it is the human consciousness that shapes our view of heaven. But part of it deals with what is beyond our access—beyond our control. It is book of boundaries between the natural world and internal human space. I have to believe there is something that transcends us.

**DH:** You were brought up in the Catholic faith. Did that meet your spiritual needs?

**DT:** Not always. I always had an ongoing argu-

ment with the church when I was young. And of course with the disheartening recent history of the church. Well ... the argument continues. The Catholic writers I admire most were on the fringes. They went out to the wider world to reach something larger than themselves. Then they reported back. Anyway I struggle with my religion, but I don't reject it.

**DH:** One blurb on the back of your book states that you combine the metaphysical with the physical. Isn't that the definition of poetry?

**DT:** I think so. Poetry inhabits a strange space. It is physical on the page, and a good poem gets into your body. Poems have rhythms that become part of the body. The poems often point to the human questions ... the ontological. Poems are clarified boundary spaces. We of course use language in a poem. It is a rarefied space—every word counts.

**DH:** As we have been taught since grade school point of view is important to all kinds of writing. A critic points out that you write not from the narcissistic "I" but from the "eye" itself. Hard thing to pull off?

**DT:** It is always hard when one is going to write autobiographical materials to go above that, so it is not just a documentary recording. So I allow my form to lead me to a broader perspective. I let the poem lead. I follow clues it gives to me. I see the poem as a path beyond the self. The poem wants something from you. It is very important to remember that.

**DH:** In the poems I have read in your new collection I get the sense that you want to dissolve into the landscape.

**DT:** Well ... there is something to that. The tension seems to me between being alive in the world and wanting to enter a larger reality through nature or whatever. You want to be inhabited by something larger than yourself.

**DH:** You weren't born with a silver spoon in your mouth. In fact you grew up in a working class family (in the then unhip) Brooklyn. How did your path lead to poetry?

**DT:** It is unprecedented in my family. My father never finished high school. He worked as a longshoreman. We lived in Bay Ridge. I got interested in poetry in high school. A teacher Raul Rodriguez, a Cuban gentleman, encouraged me. He even had me read my work with a microphone. I wouldn't have been a poet if it wasn't for him.

#### THE NET

Translated loosely from a lost Akkadian tablet discovered among the ruins of Kush.

God of the first waters, Ea, listen,  
You who parsed chaos with a net from the day:  
Unfasten your knots, let the swells replenish  
From subtlest channels, from the seams of flesh.  
The galaxies circuit in their bright delay.  
The least wind tempts me with what might have been.

This petition you've given is nothing new  
Since nothing is older than the wish to die.  
The dew is famished for the sun's caress  
But disappearance does not bring release.  
You long to slip the image from the eye  
But the sky's wide mesh will not acquit you.

Published in *The Common*.

Recently I had the pleasure to compose a poem for a nurse I work with at McLean Hospital, Kareen Eka. Kareen is the winner of the Vision of Excellence Award presented by the hospital. I read the poem at the ceremony accompanied by guitarist/composer Jack Holland. I want to thank Sheree Pollock, RN for help with the poem, especially with her knowledge of perfume and jewelry.

#### SOMEWHERE

Dedicated to Kareen Eka, RN —  
Winner of Vision of Excellence Award  
McLean Hospital (June 2014)

A sniff of  
Yurman perfume.  
Then the  
Tight braids  
Of her  
Nubian hair,  
And we  
Know she  
Is there.

As the dusk  
Creeps into  
The evening shift  
We see her  
Like so many times before  
Her amused  
Crack of a smile  
Her hands  
Propped on  
The nursing station  
Dutch door.

On her tapered finger  
The deep, deep tourmaline  
Green of her birthstone  
Flashes when she gestures,  
A totem?  
An Omen?  
Something more?

A grin  
A subtle pat  
On the tremors of my hand  
My voice  
Once a brittle wisp...

But now perhaps,  
Something more  
Than this...

— Doug Holder

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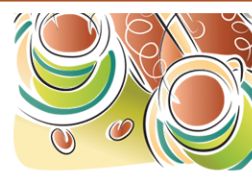
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