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Our interview with Massachusetts Treasurer Steve Grossman – Part 1



Massachusetts State Treasurer Steve Grossman recently spoke with The Somerville Times about financial issues facing the state, as well as his upcoming bid for the Governor's seat.

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

This is the first installment of a three-part series of our interview with Massachusetts State Treasurer Steve Grossman, who is currently campaigning in the gubernatorial race.

Treasurer Steve Grossman recently dropped into The Somerville Times newsroom for an interview, discussing his vision of the economy, women's equality, small business empowerment and much more. Treasurer Grossman has a long history in politics and business.

A Newton native, he graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Business School and is the acting Chief Executive Officer of his company the Grossman Marketing Group. Grossman has held political positions ranging from Chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party and Democratic National Committee, to his most recent tenure as Treasurer, which began in 2010.

In this first part of the series, we will discuss Treasurer Grossman's beliefs as they relate to the economic situation in Massachusetts. as well as what he feels still needs to be done to further stimulate economic growth in the commonwealth.

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Leone's, for 60 years, melts its love for customers in cheese

By Douglas Yu

It's probably more appropriate than flattery to call Leone's Sub and Pizza in Somerville a landmark in the neighborhood: Its everlasting quality of meatballs; signature Sicilian-styled square pizzas that were once delivered to Chris Evans live on ABC News; owners and staff who are never shy of sharing fun conversations with their customers; and most importantly, a restaurant where serving the community means more than serving their food.

Nick Ruccolo, a partner at Leone's, is constantly to be found greeting customers, talking about things that are only heard between intimate friends. Not surprisingly, Leone's never lacks customers who have been around for decades.

"Leone's was started in 1954 by my brotherin-law's parents. They took on an adventure and decided to try it out. 60 years later, we are still here," Ruccolo said. "We haven't changed anything in 60 years." Continued on page 7



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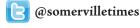
What is your take on the airport rerouting planes over our city, especially the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. flights? Sometimes they feel like they are so close we can wave to the passengers. We suggest that everyone call Mass Port and complain. If enough of us call and complain they will listen. Call 617-561-3333, the noise event hotline (it's so bad they have a special line, what does that say?). Call when you hear the noise of the plane flying over. Now, if there was a hotline for those stupid helicopters circling overhead every morning ... how many times do they have to say "traffic backed up 93 to whatever"?

This week, again, we have a lot birthday greetings going out to some very important people here in the Ville and from the Ville. A big Happy Birthday to our own paper's photographer Claudia's husband who is celebrating this week: Sal Ferro, a great guy, very well known himself. We wish Sal a big HB, and if you see him make sure you stop and say "Hi" and wish him a happy birthday. Former Ward 5 Alderman, the very energetic and lively Courtney O'Keefe, is celebrating this week. You can say "Hi" to her on her website www. ward 5 online.com. Courtney is keeping busy with a consulting business and we wish her the best. Another well known lady here in the Ville, Brendon Wilson, is celebrating this week. She's Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Commission over at Somerville City Hall. Brendon is one great source for historic information here in the city and we wish her a happy birthday and great day for herself. Stephen Shea is also celebrating this week. Stephen is one of the custodians here in our school's buildings. Another busy week here in the Ville with birthdays. To all the ones mentioned and to all the others we were remiss in mentioning – we wish everyone a great day for yourself.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Lift the liquor license cap and help local economies grow

MarketMan says:

well said. So how do we help?

And just FYI: I don't drink and don't condone drinking, but many people are responsible drinkers and it does spur economic development in areas that need it.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

As State aid continues to decrease, lifting regulations like the liquor license cap is necessary to assist municipalities in strengthening their own economy. I supported the Mayor's 2011 home rule petition on this matter for Somerville and I supported Ayanna Pressley's more recent submission for Boston. It is time that Massachusetts modernizes!

A.Moore says:

Can't have enough bars in this city.

Philip Michael Mitza says:

Alcohol consumption is a lewd and immoral habit. It should discouraged instead of encouraged.

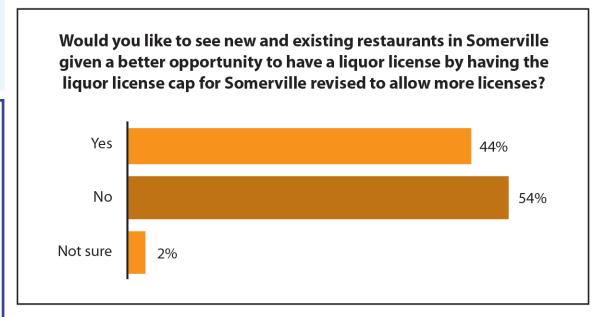
sally says:

It's a pretty sad state of affairs when there is noone in our local government who knows how to improve the economy without creating more bars. Is that really all you can come up with? The Mayor talks a good game about needing more commercial revenue, but when it comes down to it all anyone can come up with for an idea is more bars. Interesting also, that another story in this issue is about a young man hit and killed by a drunk driver.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you would like to see new and existing restaurants in Somerville given a better opportunity to have a liquor license by having the liquor license cap for Somerville revised to allow more licenses. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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Fallon chosen as new police chief by mayor

David Fallon, current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations, has accepted an offer from Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone to become the City's new Chief of Police. Mayor Curtatone will formally request the confirmation of Fallon's appointment at the next regular Board of Aldermen meeting on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Born and raised in Somerville, Fallon joined the Somerville Police Department in 1998 as a patrolman. A graduate of Somerville High School whose parents still live in the city, Fallon rose through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and eventually deputy chief. He has also served in the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the rank of master sergeant, and holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Western New England College, a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from University of Massachusetts-Boston, and an associate degree in applied science from Community College of the Air Force.

Fallon's accomplishments in Somerville include the implementation of the Police Department's Smart Policing Grant, which reduces crime and repeat offenders by using data analysis to inform an evidence-based and problem-oriented policing model. The program is part of the only regional smart policing initiative in the country, in partnership with Cambridge and Everett. He also led the Somerville Police Department's pilot of one of the first juvenile jail diversion programs in the country, in conjunction with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, steering juvenile offenders away from the criminal justice system and towards lives of achievement and opportunity, which likewise reduces repeat offenders.

Fallon led the effort to develop a regional crisis intervention team, resulting in a new center in Somerville that trains police officers from Somerville and neighboring communities

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on how to respond to individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues, helping improve outcomes for people in the criminal justice system primarily because of behavioral issues and cognitive limitations. As East District Commander for two-and-a-half years, Fallon oversaw a 15 percent decrease in part one crimes—aggravated assault, rape, murder, robbery, arson, burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft-compared to the two-and-a-half years preceding his tenure as commander. Fallon's last 12 months as East District Commander saw a 27 percent decline in robberies, a 37 percent decline in car breaks and a 38 percent decline in car thefts.

"David Fallon exemplifies what we want in the Somerville Po-Department—dedication to this city and its residents, a desire to find ways to reduce crime that go beyond arrests and convictions, a commitment evidence-based decision making, and a spirit of collaboration," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We had excellent candidates for our new Chief of Police, and I want to thank our finalists, everyone who applied for the position, and the tremendous work of the Police Chief Search Committee. I am extremely pleased to recommend David to the Board of Aldermen as the next leader of the Somerville Police Department."

"I feel that I've been given a great opportunity by the City to work with the men and women of the Somerville Police Department and make it a national model for community policing," said Fallon. "Our department has made great strides in the past, and we're going to continue making strides, working collaboratively with the community, other City departments and organizations, and each officer to keep Somerville a safe and thriving city."

"The Somerville Police Department has evolved into a model of community policing, where law enforcement proactively works with the community to yield positive outcomes instead of acting solely in a reactive, punitive way. David Fallon has been a big part of that evolution," said Alderman at-Large Jack Connolly, the Board of Aldermen representative on the Police Chief Search Committee. "The Search Committee put a lot of work into finding the best candidates among those who applied, resulting in the right candidate to lead our department further into



Current Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations David Fallon has gotten the nod from Mayor Curtatone as his choice to – Photo by Claudia Ferro step in as the city's new Police Chief.

the 21st century."

"This was a thorough process with a great deal of diligence that took place over a long period of time, which created a pool of candidates that were highly qualified and resulted in the selection of an officer with a substantial record of integrity and deep commitment to the community and to excellence," said Stanley Pollock, Executive Director of the Center for Teen Empowerment. "Dave will bring a great deal of imagination, energy to the department's connection to the community, and an amazing approach to policing that is going to put Somerville on a whole new level. The results for the city are going to be dynamic."

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

hearing with the four finalists was held on June 25, with the public submitting questions through the City website and in writing at locations around the city. A team of City officials led by the Mayor then interviewed each of the candidates before narrowing the finalists down to two. Mayor Curtatone and a team of officials conducted

site visits on July 21 and 31 before recommending Fallon for the position.

Former Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello announced in late 2013 that he would step down in order to care for a family member. Charlie Femino has been serving as Acting Chief of Police since Dec. 1, 2013.

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WIRKINCE By Jim Clark

'wherever' as if that matters Woman comes from

An officer on patrol shortly after midnight last Friday reportedly spotted a vehicle running a red light at the intersection of Mc-Grath Hwy. and Highland Ave.

According to reports, the traffic signal had clearly been red as a van approached and went through the intersection without stopping.

The patrolman followed the van and signaled for it to pull over. After traveling on a considerable distance the vehicle finally came to a stop in the middle of the right hand lane of the street.

As the officer approached the loud arguing taking place between a man and a woman inside could be heard, police said.

The officer tapped on the passenger window and asked for it to be rolled down. The male passenger reportedly told the officer that the window was damaged and could not be rolled down and opened the door instead.

The officer reported that the odor of alcohol was coming from inside the van.

When asked for her license and vehicle registration, the driver, later identified as Ebony Lepenn, 34, of Winthrop, reportedly appeared to be intoxicated, in the opinion of the officer.

Police said that Lepenn was verbally abusive and generally

uncooperative with the officer, who noted that the woman's speech was slurred.

As the officer continued to try and persuade Lepenn to produce her drivers license, she reportedly denied having gone through a red light.

When asked where she had been coming from, Lepenn reportedly told the officer, "Wherever. What does it matter?"

Lepenn reportedly found her license and handed it to the officer. A backup patrol car had arrived and another officer took the license to conduct RMV inquiries on Lepenn.

The officer who had made the

stop stood near the driver's side window and continued questioning Lepenn, who seemed to have alcohol on her breath, according to police.

Lepenn reportedly continued to speak abusively in a confrontational manner. At one point, she opened a plastic container and began eating rice with her hand.

After considerable coaxing, according to reports, Lepenn was persuaded to exit the vehicle to undertake field sobriety tests. Police said that she continued to shout and move unsteadily throughout the procedure, drawing attention from neighbors and passers-by.

As Lepenn continued to yell and wander around unsteadily at one point reportedly attempting to walk away from the scene - not complying with officers' requests to undertake the sobriety tests, she was placed under arrest, according to police.

A knife was reportedly found on Lepenn's person while a pat frisk was conducted.

Lepenn has been charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop or yield, and resisting arrest.

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Arrests:

Noreen Devereaux, 45, of 103 Marion St., August 4, 9:10 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Roneisha Wright, 26, of 15 Rockland St., Roxbury, August 4, 3:09 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Stanley Pierre, 34, of 19 Market St., Apt. 2, Cambridge, August 5, 3:04 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and unregistered motor vehicle.

Celia Murphy, 35, of 86 Pearl St., August 5, 4:18 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and destruction of property over \$250.

Harry White, 51, of 820 Mass Ave., Cambridge, August 5, 4:18 p.m., arrested at 86 Pearl St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Bryan Exume, 23, August 6, 3:30 p.m., arrested at 709 Mc-Grath Hwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and being present where heroin is

Sidney Pierre, 27, August 6, 3:30 p.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and drug violation near a

Mark Perdomenico, 39, of 820 Mass Ave., Cambridge, August 6, 8:15 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and trespassing.

Lynn Blais, 44, of 587 Medford St., Medford, August 7, 5:17 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, motor vehicle operator giving a false name, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Bridget Flaherty, 25, of 67 Thorndike St., Arlington, August 7, 7:05 p.m., arrested at 309 Beacon St. on a warrant charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Ebony Lepenn, 34, of 20 Charles St., Winthrop, August 8, 12:28 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop or yield, and resisting ar-

Raphael Gonzalez, 63, of 32 Kent St., August 8, 5:23 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

Kevin Graham, 46, of 75 Myrtle St., August 8, 8:06 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and miscellaneous municipal

ordinance violation.

Tiago De Souza, 27, of 34 Highland Ave., August 10, 12:51 a.m., arrested at 8 Gilman St. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

Hector Morales-Castro, 34, of 4 Webster Ave., August 10, 1:34 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

August 4, 9:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Wellington

August 4, 2:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Lexington

August 4, 3:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 16 Garfield Ave.

August 5, 8:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington

August 6, 9:35 a.m., police reported a theft at Willow Ave. August 6, 11:39 a.m., police reported a theft at Cutter St.

August 6, 12:26 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.

August 6, 8:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath

August 6, 11:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Boston St.

August 7, 6:24 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at 47 Beacon St. August 8, 1:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Charlestown

August 9, 1:57 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at 532 Medford

August 9, 4:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 55 Davis Sq. August 9, 8:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Mansfield St. August 9, 11:20 p.m., police

reported a theft at Broadway. August 10, 9:56 p.m., police

reported a theft at Newbury St.

Robbery:

August 4, 11:12 p.m., police reported a robbery at Sydney

August 5, 10:10 a.m., police reported a robbery at 775 Mc-Grath Hwy.

August 7, 3:52 p.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

Breaking & Entering:

August 5, 7:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dartmouth St.

August 7, 4:26 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Webster Ave.

August 8, 1:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

August 10, 2:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 299 Broadway.

August 10, 4:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wheatland St.

Vehicle Theft:

August 4, 2:13 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Webster Ave.

Assault:

August 4, 9:10 a.m., police reported an assault at Marion St. August 5, 4:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St. August 6, 11:15 p.m., police reported an assault at North

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August 10, 1:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Webster

Destruction of Property:

August 4, 7:41 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 105 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

August 6, 9:18 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Cottage Ave.

August 7, 1:52 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Lincoln St.

August 7, 5:40 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Holyoke Rd.

August 8, 5:38 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Medford St.

Drug Violation:

August 6, 3:30 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 709 McGrath Hwy.

August 7, 5:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

Disorderly Conduct:

August 10, 12:51 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Gilman St.

August 10, 9:59 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 146 Cedar St.

Somerville teacher indicted on child abuse charges

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced today that a Somerville teacher has been indicted in connection with an inappropriate relationship she had with a 13-yearold minor.

Alexandra Romanos, 41, of Stoneham, was indicted on charges of aggravated rape of a child (four counts), indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 by a mandated reporter (eight counts) and disseminating material harmful to a minor.

The defendant is scheduled for arraignment on August 13 at 9 a.m., in Woburn Superior Court, Room 430.

"We allege that this defendant manipulated an impressionable young teenager," said District Attorney Ryan. "These allegations are made all the worse since this defendant was entrusted to care for children as a Somerville teacher. Quick action by school officials and the Somerville Police brought these allegations to light and moved the investigation forward."

According to authorities, at the end of June, they became aware of allegations concerning an inappropriate relationship be-



Alexandra Romanos.

tween the defendant, a teacher at the East Somerville Community School, and the minor. At that time, Somerville Police and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office began an investigation. Through that investigation, it was allegedly discovered that in late February the defendant had initiated a sexual relationship with the minor that occurred both on and off-school grounds. On July 2, Somerville District Court Judge Neil Walker ordered the defendant to post \$50,000 cash bail and be subject to the conditions that she have no contact with the victim or the victim's family, no unsupervised contact with children under 16, stay away from the Somerville schools and remain under house arrest with GPS monitoring.

The defendant has been placed on administrative leave by the Community School.

"BLUNTLY SPEAKING" is an opinion column and reflects the opinion of the writer. It was originally written by Robert J.R. Publicover and appeared in THE SOMERVILLE NEWS for many years. Since THE SOMERVILLE NEWS was replaced by THE SOMERVILLE TIMES ... the tradition continues.

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The Market Basket workers are making a monumental display of worker loyalty that belongs in Ripley's Believe It Or Not. The workforce is cheering and striking for their CEO...this could happen ONLY IN AMERICA!! Take a long look folks...you are witnessing something that does not happen anywhere else in the world of business. If you have ever shopped at Market Basket you will know the type of dedicated and hard working people I am talking about. They are protesting in huge numbers, without formal representation, and they have managed to stop the Board of Directors dead in the water. They have accomplished the impossible. Shame on you, Governor Deval, for not supporting these courageous people. Talk about the proverbial straw upon the camel's back, Governor. This blunder, along with all your other campaign promises, appointments and pronouncements, will place you at the head of the list of ... "The Worst Governor In The History Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts".

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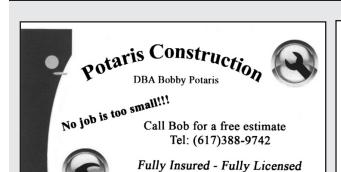
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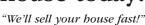
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Leone's, for 60 years, melts its love for customers in cheese

Thirty-five years ago, Leone's first started their square pizzas, which later on became a signature item at the store. In 1978, the 22-year-old Ruccolo joined Leone's after he finished college with a degree in Business.

During his time at Leone's, he received positive comments from the community and old customers who moved away from Somerville.

"We send food to as far as Hawaii, Florida and California," Ruccolo said. "We sent our food to Arizona once when the Super Bowl was celebrated there."

Among all the items that are served at Leone's, the meatballs are one of the most popular foods here, according to Ruccolo. "I sent meatballs to a gentleman in Florida. He FedExed meatballs with sauce, so his sister could have a try. That cost \$250 to send them," Ruccolo said.

Joao Garcia, the manager at Leone's, enjoys his working relationship with Ruccolo as well as serving customers. Even though there are challenges, such as the heat, which make it feel difficult to work at a pizza place in summer.

"I like when I make a sandwich for a nice customer and see them smile. They get what they want, what they have been eating for 30, 40 years," Garcia said. "As a Somerville landmark, the relationship between people behind the counter and the people in front of the counter has never changed."

Leone's is also famous for delivering pizza for Captain America on air. During one ABC news live show, Chris Evans was surprised with three boxes of Leone's square pizzas and subs. The super hero screamed with joy, "It's Leone's! It's Leone's!"

When recalling that experience, Ruccolo said that he got a call from one of the directors of ABC News and he promised to pay Ruccolo to close his store for a day to go to the show in New York.

"My concern was my customers, so I said to my brother, 'why don't you go? And I'll stay at the store." Ruccolo said. "But I served Chris Evans quite a few times at the store."



Loyal patrons come from far and near to partake in the restaurant's epicurean delights, including one man (pictured here in the background) who comes all the way from the Cape.

just like any other customers. "I don't ask person," Ruccolo said.

Leone's is celebrating its 60th anniversary in business this year. As a family-run business, Leone's makes many

Ruccolo said that he treats celebrities of its customers feel at home too. Buster Cooper, a Somerville native has for autographs. I just talk to them as a been a customer of Leone's for more than 20 years. Cooper said, "Leone's is like a family kitchen. It serves the meals your mother cooks for you all the time."

Interview with Massachusetts Treasurer Steve Grossman – Pt.1 CONT. FROM PG 1

The Somerville Times: What do you feel needs to be done to improve the jobs situation in Massachusetts?

Treasurer Steve Grossman: Well first of all, I think we need to recognize that, unless we are focused on job creation throughout Massachusetts ... then we are not going to get the job done. We cannot have the vast majority of the jobs created in a fairly small region of the state and leave out the neighborhoods of Boston, leave out the 26 gateway communities most of which are older industrial cities.

Many of [the gateway communities] have strategies, and I think I have the finger on the pulse of those strategies, so the question is how does the governor ... his administration and state government intersect with job creation in a way that is going to propel communities forward and create the kinds of job opportunities that we know are available.

I really start with my experience. First of all, small businesses are the job creators ... Rather than just lay out what I think is going on out there, I've held a series of roundtable discussions with small business owners from all over the state, when I ran for Treasurer, when I became Treasurer and in the last three and a half years.

I ask one question: What are the roadblocks and barriers you face, and how can we in government remove or lower those roadblocks? Then I have the good sense to stop talking and listen. My father said "one mouth and two ears, that's what you have, use them in that proportion."

When you ask small business owners, who really are the real heroes, what it is they need in order to realize their full potential, grow their businesses and create the jobs which in turn employ people, they're not shy. First issue, access to capital. Over the past 100 years we had banks that were there for us every step of the way.

So when I heard access to capital and I became Treasurer, and I asked the question 'where's our money? Where are the state's reserve deposits?' And I found out that 60 percent of that money was sitting in banks in Europe, Australia and Asia, I said something is wrong with this picture. Massachusetts money should be in Massachusetts banks to be loaned to credit-worthy Massachusetts businesses to create jobs.

Over the past three and half years, we've taken money back; we've put \$365 million into 54 banks - more than a third of them are community banks. They have to give us a competitive interest rate, so no tax-payer subsidy. They must loan the money to small businesses - with a particular focus on no quotas - on businesses owned by women, people of color, immigrants and veterans, and it's worked.

And, while we don't take credit for every loan, in the last three and a half years, those 54 banks have made over 9,000 loans with a value of over \$1.4 billion. This has been a catalyst to small business lending.

Treasurer Grossman went on to explain that the second issue facing small businesses involves permitting and regulation, commending Somerville's government for its efforts to revolutionize these processes in such a way that boosts entrepreneurial growth. He noted that Mayor Joseph Curtatone has appeared to make City Hall a bit more agile and speedy, further improving the experience of business owners tied to the various rules.

In this same vein, Treasurer Grossman affirmed that the same type of overhaul needs to take place on the state level.

He also broached the topic of health insurance as it relates to small businesses.

"I disagree vehemently with the Obama administration on the issue of giving waivers," he asserted. "We should have allowed our small business pilot plan ... which would have reduced the cost of health insurance by 10 to 15 percent for small businesses; we should have allowed

that to flourish. As Governor I am going to go back to the Administration and see if we cannot get a waiver."

The gubernatorial candidate emphasized the importance of comprehension and integration among various efforts, ranging from economic development and vocational education to clean energy and housing, to make a real difference.

TST: What other portions of your role as governor can help to level the playing field in a capitalist market like we live in?

TSG: First, as I mentioned, universal Pre-K. Twenty-five thousands kids woke up this morning and they have a place to go to learn how to read. If you're not reading at grade level by the time you get to fourth grade and you get left behind, you may never catch up. Not to mention all those with special needs that also need that kind of support.

I want to freeze fees and tuitions at every one of our public colleges and universities over the next four years. Our students are drowning in debt. A lot of the parents and students are saying [they] cannot afford to go even to a community college; it's still too much money.

Elizabeth Warren is absolutely right - it is unconscionable that the Federal Government makes a profit on the backs of students and parents with student loans. Those should be reduced.

Poverty is still the number one challenge we face. We have 800,000 people on food stamps as we're talking this morning, all over the state. And we don't even have earned sick time for everybody, which is why I support the earned sick time ballot question, and I think it will pass. I disagree with Charlie Baker, he doesn't think earned sick time is the right thing; he wants to come up with another vehicle. Come on Charlie. Five days of earned sick time in the course of a whole year? I think that's the right thing to do.

There are a whole series of things we

can do to level this playing field. It has to do with our schools and - there's a fundamental principle here: the zip code in which you were born should never determine the quality of education you receive.

Treasurer Grossman went on to explain that he supports Governor Deval Patrick's Foundation Reform Commission, noting that education reform is roughly 21 years old and the government needs to go back over these matters.

He once again commended Somerville for its ability to balance diversity and community, especially in terms of

"Somerville creates community schools that empower children," Grossman said. "And, I think when you talk about poverty and low-income but good scores, I think it's because we in Somerville - and I say we because I've been here a long time - this is more of a community that sees itself as a family. There's something going on here that's very special."

In the next installment of this series, we will dive further into broad issues that are facing the commonwealth, as well as what Treasurer Grossman intends to do as Governor from economic, legislative and law enforcement perspectives.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on five roll calls from the week of August 4-8.

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 (A"Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.) Middlesex.

\$1.31 BILLION CAPITAL PROJECTS (H 4362)

House 147-3, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a \$1.31 billion capital spending bill that would allow the state to borrow funds for various projects including \$378 million for general state facility improvements; \$312.5 million for health and human services state facility projects; \$25.5 million for accessibility improvements at state facilities; \$50 million for the Massachusetts Cultural Fund; \$60 million for State Police cruisers; \$151 million for library projects; \$15.6 million for cities and towns to renovate police and fire stations; and \$20 million each for renovation and repairs to the Senate and House chambers.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of earmarks to fund projects proposed by individual legislators for their districts were also included in the package. In reality, the projects are actually more of a "wish list." The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said the bill is a fiscally responsible one that will fund important projects while maintaining the state's excellent bond rating.

Opponents urged the Legislature to rein in spending and said the state's debt is one of the highest in the nation and will be a huge burden to our children.

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 4377)

House 144-9, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick an economic development package which includes a sales tax holiday allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 16, and Sunday, August 17, without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Other provisions include \$2.5 million for loan guarantees to small businesses; \$10 million for brownfields redevelopment; \$2 million in the Talent Pipeline initiative that encourages students and young innovators to get a head start on their futures by matching stipends for interns at innovation start-ups; \$1.5 million for MassVentures to fund early-stage, high-growth startups in Massachusetts as they move from concept to commercialization; creation of a program to increase consumer demand and preference for local seafood products; and requiring a study of the possibility of Massachusetts hosting a major NASCAR event.

Supporters said the package would bolster the economy and create jobs. They noted it will encourage private sector investment, support the manufacturing sector and expand economic opportunity beyond I-495.

Opponents said that government cannot fix the economy by throwing money at it. They said they favored proposals that would reduce taxes, cut regulations and create greater predictability for the business community.

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

\$1.9 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND BILL (H4375)

House 151-2, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the governor a \$1.9 billion environmental bond package allowing the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects including \$75.7 million water and air quality protection; \$48.8 million for the design, construction and repair or removal of municipally-owned dams and \$20 million for state-owned dams; \$30 million for the dredging of coastal public harbors; \$20 million for the acquisition of open space, recreation and conservation land; \$255.4 million for the construction and improvement of reservations, forests, parks, harbor islands and other recreational facilities; and \$312 million to improve the energy efficiency of state-owned facilities.

The measure includes dozens of earmarks costing hundreds of millions of dollars proposed by individual representatives and designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a "wish list": The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

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

Opponents said the package, pushed by the Democratic leadership, is loaded with unnecessary spending, particularly in districts where Democratic legislators have Republican challengers in November. Others said the state already has the highest debt per capita in the nation and argued more borrowing will devastate our children's already debt-ridden future.

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

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

FLAG FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN POLICE OF-**FICERS (S 2344)**

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill providing a Massachusetts state flag to the family of any state police officer killed in the line of duty. The flag would be presented at the funeral.

Supporters said this would help honor these brave heroes who put their lives on the line every day and make the ultimate sacrifice.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

PROTECTING ANIMAL WELFARE AND SAFETY (PAWS) (S 2345)

Senate 40-0, approved a bill increasing the prison time and fines for committing animal abuse. The measure increases the fine for a first offense from a maximum of \$2,500 to a maximum of \$10,000 while raising the maximum prison sentence for a first offense from five years to seven years. Under current law, the fines and prison sentences for subsequent offenses are the same as first offenses. The bill increases the fines and prison time for second offenses to a maximum of ten years and a fine of

Other provisions require veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse and create a special taskforce of experts to review methods to prevent animal abuse and punish those who commit it. The bill was filed in response to the "Puppy Doe" case in which a dog was euthanized after she suffered extensive injuries, including a stab wound to her eye and burns to her body.

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Supporters said the Puppy Doe case is one of many similar cases that have occurred in the state. They argued it is time to increase the punishment and fine for those who commit such heinous crimes.

Some animal advocacy organizations, while applauding the increased penalties, have expressed concern about removal of a provision from the original bill that would have created an animal abuse registry. They say that without this important provision, shelters, breeders and pet stores, as well as people seeking new homes for their pets, can't know whether the person to whom they give or sell vulnerable animals has a history of animal abuse and neglect.

Supporters of the bill said that the task force will look into creating an animal abuse registry.

The House subsequently approved a similar version of the Senate bill on a voice vote without a roll call. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$40 MILLION FOR RENOVATIONS TO HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS - The renovations to the governor's office have been completed with a price tag of \$11.3 million -- \$2.3 million above the original estimate. And now plans to renovate the House and Senate chambers are on the agenda on Beacon Hill. A \$1.31 billion capital spending bill signed into law last week includes \$20 million in repairs, renovations and updates for each chamber.

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW (S 795) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would apply the current "Good Samaritan" law to engineers, architects, environmental professionals, landscape architects, planners, land surveyors, licensed site professionals and contractors who render voluntary services at the scene of a disaster or catastrophe. This would expand current law, which applies to civilians, off-duty police officers, firefighters and EMTs.

Supporters said these professionals often volunteer to assess the damage done to buildings, land and the environment following a disaster and should not be held liable if an accident occurs or anything goes wrong as a result of their volunteer efforts.

LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES (H 4374) -

The governor signed into law a bill making changes in the regulation of local housing authorities. Provisions include establishing performance benchmarks, requiring training for board members and executive directors, requiring an annual report from each authority, mandating annual audits by independent auditors and allowing a tenant a seat on all local boards.

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

POTLUCK DINNERS (H 3680) - Gov. Patrick

signed into law a bill that would prohibit state and local departments of public health from regulating the serving of food brought to potluck dinners sponsored by a group of individuals or by a religious, charitable or nonprofit organization.

Supporters said some local boards of health have gone too far by attempting to regulate this time-honored harmless tradition.

Opponents said there is real danger of diners getting a food-borne illness and noted people have become sick and even died from the food at these events.

TANNING SALONS (S 1904) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill that would prohibit anyone under age 16 from using a tanning bed without a written order from a physician. Teens age 16 and 17 would be permitted to tan with parental permission.

Supporters said these booths are dangerous and increase by 75 percent a person's chances of getting melanoma, a dangerous and sometimes fatal skin cancer. They said that while adults can make their own decisions, it is the state's job to protect children.

VACCINATE AGAINST PERTUSSIS (WHOOP-ING COUGH) (S 1093) - The House gave initial approval to Senate-approved legislation requiring hospitals to provide parents of newborns educational information on whooping cough disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against it. It would also require the information to include the Center for Disease Control's recommendation that parents receive the vaccine Tdap

during the postpartum period to protect their newborns

from transmission of the disease.

Supporters cited the decrease in people vaccinated against whooping cough and the recent rise of the disease in the Bay State and nationally. They noted that infants are the most vulnerable to this serious illness, which often leads to hospitalization and even death.

STERILIZE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (H 4384) - The House approved a local option bill requiring that schools inform parents of children who are using a borrowed wind instrument that while the instrument has been sanitized, it may also be sterilized to eradicate all microbial life within the instrument. The school would arrange to have the instrument sterilized but the parent would be required to pay the cost. The law would only take effect in cities or towns that choose to adopt the law. Wind instruments include the flute, piccolo, clarinet, oboe, trumpet and trombone.

The measure has been proposed for several years but has never made it through the entire legislative process. In past years, some versions of the bill were stricter and would have required all schools that opt into the law to sterilize each wind instrument and also pay the cost.

Supporters of the tougher version point to studies showing that bacteria that cause strep and staph infections can thrive for months inside the instrument.

Supporters of last week's version argued it a reasonable compromise and noted there is no proof anyone has ever contracted an infection from a musical instrument.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"While some individuals will sadly continue to abuse animals, this bill will not only prevent some from being treated so cruelly, but will also provide meaningful punishments to those who decide to commit such acts." — Senate GOP Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on Senate approval of his bill increasing the prison time and fine for committing animal abuse.

"Families can't do it on their own. Clinics and hospitals can't do it on their own. Government can't do it on its own. But all of us working together, we can." — Gov. Deval Patrick upon signing into law a bill he says removes barriers to treatment for individuals battling addiction and puts in place safeguards to help stem the tide of addiction facing the Commonwealth and the region.

"Every second of every day is a struggle for all of us." — Marc Cremer, father of Haley Cremer, who was killed by a driver who was driving with a suspended license. Cremer was testifying in favor of legislation that would require the Registry of Motor Vehicles to inform local police in writing whenever a resident's driver's license is suspended or revoked.

"We should be set here for another 100 years." — Richard Petersen, senior construction manager for the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, following the completion of \$11.3 million in renovations to the governor's office.

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 August 4-8, the House met for a total of 48 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 59 minutes.

Mon. August 4
No House session
Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Tues. August 5
House 11:02 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.
No Senate session
Wed. August 6
No House session
No Senate session
Thurs. August 7
House 11:01 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.

Senate 11:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Fri. August 8 No House session No Senate session

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A tree grows in Somerville: Expanding our public tree canopy



By Joseph A. Curtatone

You may have noticed that Somerville streets seem a little leafier lately. In a densely built urban city like Somerville, greening our streets and neighborhoods can be a difficult task, but it's a challenge we're committed to taking on. Part of the solution to that challenge is expanding our tree canopy, which

is why last month we planted 575 new public trees throughout Somerville as we march toward our goal of planting 2,000 new trees by the end of 2015. Public trees do more than beautify our neighborhoods, although that's important too. Increasing our tree canopy improves our air quality, saves energy costs and can even help slow down traffic and deter crime. In short: the healthier our trees, the healthier our community.

We realized this six years ago when we formed the Somerville Urban Forest Initiative, a way to preserve and manage the trees we already have and a plan to expand our tree canopy. It started with a comprehensive public tree inventory, first completed in 2009 and now publicly available online. Once we knew what we already had in the ground, we developed an Urban Forest Management Plan that mapped out where we needed to plant more trees to connect tree canopies, how we should diversify the species of our trees—we planted 12 different species last month—and how to manage what we have now and in the future.

This effort is about our quality of life and the direct, positive impact that trees can have on an urban environment. Urban areas that have a complete tree canopy, according to one study, can reduce the amount of ozone, particulate matter and other air pollutants four times as much as city averages, according to a USDA Forest Service study. That same study said that in 1994, trees in New York City removed an estimated 1,821 metric tons of air pollution from the air New Yorkers breathe.

We all know about escaping the city during the summer to beat the heat. Pavement and concrete radiate and retain heat. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that annual mean air temperature of a city with 1 million people or more can be roughly 2 to 5.4 degrees hotter than the nearby suburbs and rural areas during the day and as much as 22 degrees

hotter at night. Combating this "heat island" effect by increasing our tree cover is an action we laid out in Somer Vision. It improves our air quality because many pollutants and ozone-forming chemicals are temperature dependent, and also reduces the risk of heat-related illnesses. A more expansive tree canopy also reduces energy costs by shading our streets and buildings in the summer and blocking winds in the winter, making it less expensive to cool or heat our homes and offices.

Trees contributing to a healthier environment are perhaps an obvious conclusion, but greener city streets with a connected tree canopy

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Immigration again

Part 1: The kids from Central America



By William C. Shelton

Once again immigration policy is a daily news item, this time prompted by 30,000 Guatemalan, Honduran and Salvadoran children who have arrived here since January. Hoping to save them from the indiscriminate violence that permeates daily life,

their parents are paying coyotes to bring them to our border.

Once again the lies of U.S. Congressional leaders are also daily news items. Those who have hijacked the banner of conservatism lie to the electorate, while their liberal counterparts lie to themselves.

"Compassion" is the word one hears most commonly in the liberals' pronouncements. True compassion would be to persuade Central American Parents not to spend their life savings plus what they can borrow to send their kids on a thousand-mile journey where rape, injury and death are too-frequent stops, only to see those kids returned to them.

The "conservatives" are predictably blaming the President. They tell the electorate that the problem is lax border enforcement, knowing full well that the kids aren't sneaking across the border. They're presenting themselves to U.S. border authorities with the expectation that a law proposed by a Republican President and passed by a Republican Congress will keep them here.

Texas Governor Rick Perry, who proved in a Republican presidential debate that he can't count past two, wants in on the act. Ever eager to grandstand, he has dispatched 1,000 National Guard troops to protect Texans from children who are voluntarily turning themselves in.

He joins a long line of Texas governors who publicly flaunt their intelligence deficits. One is reminded of "Ma" Ferguson, elected in 1932 after her husband was impeached, convicted, and removed from office. In a discussion about bilingual education, she is reported to have said, "If English was good enough for Jesus Christ, it ought to be good enough for the chil-

dren of Texas." Historic roots

Neither liberals nor "conservatives" are willing to publicly acknowledge that the horrific violence fueling Central Americans' desperation is a historical result of U.S. government actions, largely beyond the control, and often the knowledge, of the American people.

Over the last century, the U.S. government supported coups, dictatorial military governments and death squads to repress Central Americans' democratic efforts. When these covert actions became Continued on page 17

Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

Roll out the (root beer) barrel



I don't know about everyone, but a lot of people, including myself, have artifacts or mementos from a place they once

worked in or frequented. I have a book of matches from BoBo's Chinese Restaurant that used to be in Ball Square. When WR Grace (Dewey and Almy) on Alewife Brook Parkway tore down the buildings that housed the boiler room that my dad worked in for 38 years, he kept two of his favorite steam gauges. Those really neat looking gauges are still in my cellar. I have a plastic hatcheck from the Jumbo Lounge formerly in Teele Square. Two

of the original booths from The Coronet restaurant and lounge (last week's story) were on the front porch of the house across the street for over 25 years. They finally succumbed to weather and old age.

Here are some other items friends told me they have: A beer mug from The Blarney Stone Pub that was beneath The Woodbridge Hotel. The booking calendar from Jasper's Music Club (which went on to become Choices). I certainly do not advocate thievery in any way shape or form, but a fellow I know has had a pair of bowling shoes and a bowling bowl from an alley in the Ville for the past 37 years. A young lady I know has a neon Budweiser sign from Deco's Lounge that

used to be in Ball Square (it was given to her by the owners when it closed). I saw a photo of a shoehorn with the Zayre Department Store logo on it. A wise guy pal of mine says one of the souvenirs from the places he hung around in Davis Square was his beer belly.

Let's go back to the 60's when my friends' family owned The Coronet, which is now Redbones. My pal Danny (Dapper Dan Kallis) worked at the bar and everyday he would go over to WT Grants five and dime, also in Davis Square, to get himself a frosty mug of Hires Root Beer for 15 cents. (Hires had a plant right here in Somerville for years.) The huge barrel standing about four

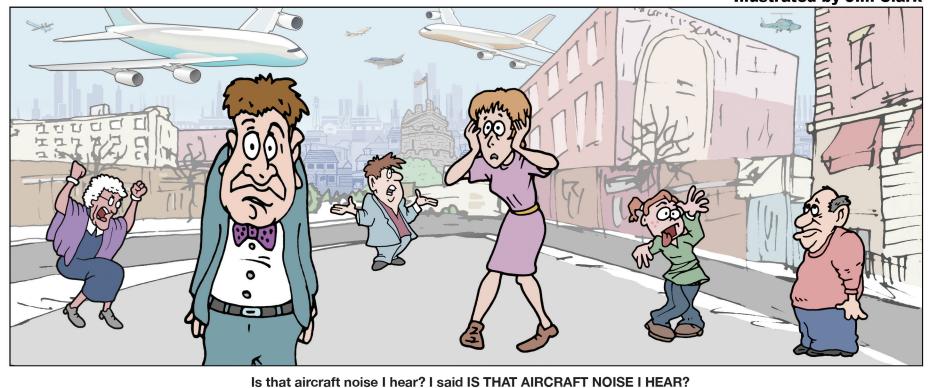
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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Yes, it's a plane. More than one, in fact. Many of them, and at all hours of the day - and night.

So, what's going on here? Why does there seem to be so much overflight around the city these days?

Ask these questions of a Massport or FAA representative and a slew of reasonable sounding explanations are offered. Flight paths can vary according to environmental conditions, overall level of activity at Logan International Airport, and any number of other factors.

Such explanations are fine, such as they are. But they don't get the bulldog to sleep at night. We just wonder why it is that so much flight over the city is being conducted lately, compared to days past when the noise levels were not so discernibly irritating.

Let's be honest, too, in admitting that this isn't Hooterville or Xanadu, out in the middle of nowhere. We are nestled in the heart of a teeming metropolitan area that plays host to a very busy international airport that operates 24/7. Still, we are left wondering why the noise gets so bad at times.

Obviously, the best thing we can do is to fight back while making a little noise of our own – by calling up Massport's Noise Complaint Line at (617) 561-3333 and giving them an earful of how we feel about the situation.

As they say, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so squeak away, friends and

Change can be slow, and sometimes it takes a lot of complaining to get the right

The good news is they are willing to take our complaints and they will - by legal mandate - give serious consideration to doing something about it.

That's all we can ask.

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Another reminder for the annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund is once again kicking off its annual one-day golf tournament to be held on Saturday, September 6 at the Falmouth Country Club, Falmouth Ma. This marks the 14th year for the fundraiser which was started by Peter and his wife Janice Forcellese to raise money for scholarships in memory of their son John, who passed away in 2000 after an eight year battle with cancer. Over the years they have given many scholarships to deserving students both here in Somerville and down in Falmouth. This past year they gave out 16 scholarships, thanks in large part to the many people who lend their support both in sponsoring and in playing. They are now on Facebook as well as their website where you can learn more and maybe help out: www.johns-team.org. We are proud to be one of the sponsors this year. The Forcellese family does a great job with this.

Everyone from Victors Deli is back from vacation. You know how we can tell? Last week Ball Square resembled a ghost town while Rosa, Victor, Nancy and the crew were resting up. This week the square is packed again.

Proof enough that it's the best here in Somerville, not to mention they are all the nicest family.

The date is changed now to Saturday, September 6 in the afternoon at 125 Highland Avenue, where the Masonic Lodge here in Somerville will be having its first "Annual Lobster Bake" with lots of extras. Proceeds will go to help pay off the insurance bill. More information will be forthcoming in the next week.

****** Last week a new Hurley-Sullivan was born, adding to the rumor that a population explosion is happening here in the city. Bobby Potaris and his lovely Melissa Gray had a baby girl as well. Natalia Aire was born 7 lbs., 4 oz. at Mt. Auburn, and we wish both Bobby and Melissa the best. Another well-known Villen, Leigh Hawkins-Gerow and her husband Chris Gerow, also had a baby girl and named her Lilly Hope-Gerow. Born 6 lbs., 11oz. We're having a baby girl boom here in the city, not bad. We wish them all the very best. We know that they all will make great parents since they are already great people.

The Market Basket standoff is now go-

ing in the fourth week. We support boycotting the store until the employees are back to work. What a shame some wellknown "progressives" were spotted going into the Somerville Avenue store the other day. We support the employees, and suggest a boycott of Market Basket. *******

On another note, how stupid can Stop & Shop be? The other day, on a Saturday, they had a store crowded and only four registers open, and with what seemed to some of us as having obvious price increases. You'd think the management team down on Mc-Grath Highway would make shopping easier so that when Market Basket is reopened some of the customers might stay. We strongly suggest that the Star Market on McGrath might be your choice for now. It seems like they got the picture. More cashiers and guaranteed no waiting in line past three shoppers. The prices are a little less too. It makes you appreciate Market Basket so much more with their full lots and packed stores. At least you never waited long to get out of the store. Again, Star at Twin Cities until Market Basket is open and all their loyal employees are back to work! We support the

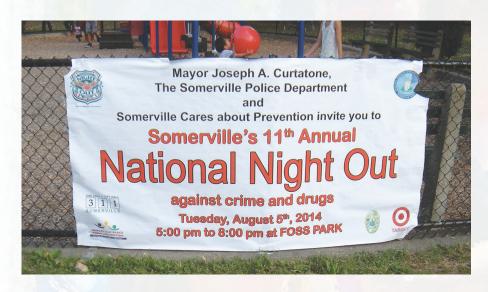
employees and as customers we won't go back until the employees go back.

We're going to throw in our two cents again on the Chief of Police selection last week by the Mayor. We wholeheartedly applaud Mayor Joe Curtatone and are very happy with the choice of Dep. Chief David Fallon as the new Somerville Police Chief. A nice guy, a total professional and well liked by many. But above all, we feel he will bring to the Police Department a new breath of fresh air. Time will tell, but we support Chief designee Fallon and urge the entire Board of Alderman to vote in approval later this month.

This week our own Cam Toner is still back and forth from home to MGH, but she's doing better. Pat Norton is back and forth still to the hospital as well. No big surgeries are planed until sometime in September. Both ladies thank the many sentiments sent their way from admirers here in the Ville.

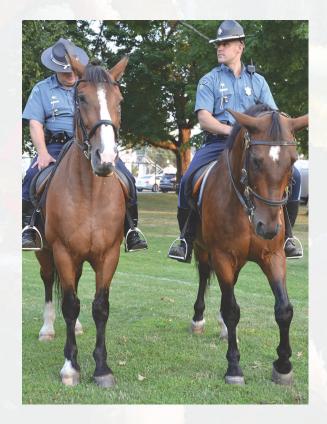
This week The Somerville Times is proud to bring back an old column that used to be written by the former publisher/owner of The Somerville Continued on page 23

National Night Out in Somerville











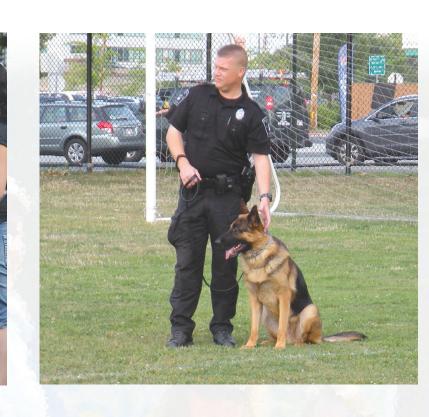






















Photos by Claudia Ferro









The Mayor's Annual Senior Picnic

















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SPORTS



At the National Night Out last week in Foss Park, little Delia Sousa showed off her karate skills for all to see. Delia is part of the Red Tiger Dojo team right here in Somerville's Winter Hill area. It might be added that she was recently given a certificate of merit. Ms. Delia Sousa is also a huge fan of The Somerville Times, and we think she's not only cute, but we hear she's the brains of the family. She certainly has

Ms. Cam's lío

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. A Munster plum is what type of food?
- 2. How tall was the cartoon character Popeye?
- 3. In 1951, which two car companies introduced power steering?
- 4. What president was shot while walking to California Governor Jerry Brown's office?
- 5. What was Walt Dis- 11. Where does Joey ney's first non-animated live-action movie?
- 6. In which year did Elvis Presley have hits with Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, and Love Me Tender?

7. What are Shovelhead, Knucklehead, and Panhead?

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- 8. The best kind of wood for making pencils is what?
- 9. Which American Indian tribe has over 300,000 members?
- 10. The energizer bunny wears what on his feet?
- keep his favorite book in Friends?
- 12. What was The Beverly Hillbillies' bank manager's secretary's name?

Answers on page 21

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The little Red Tiger Alibrandis sweep series 3-0, advances to semi-finals



The Somerville Alibrandis have advanced to the semi-finals after sweeping the Brighton Black Sox in the Round 1 series, 3-0.

In game 1 (Somerville 3- Black Sox 1), Chris McKenzie pitched 6 solid innings allowing only 1 run and striking out 11. Brian Tanguy recorded the save. Mike Maguire, Kevin Salines and Logan Gillis all recorded 1 RBI.

In game 2 (Somerville 1-Black Sox 0), Chris Foundas pitched a complete game shutout striking out 9. In the bottom of the 7th Mark Addesa bunted a ball down the 3rd baseline that Black Sox threw away allowing Logan Gillis to score from 2nd base.

In game 3 (Somerville 7-Black Sox 0), Jon Morse pitched 6 solid innings allowing only 2 hits and striking out 8. Dan Mahoney struck out the side in the 7th. Ted Dziuba led the Somervolle offense going 3 for 4 with 2 doubles and an RBI. Marc DesRoches, Sal Mendon-

ca and Mark Addesa also had 1 RBI apiece.

Somerville will start their next series against Savin Hill, Stoneham or East Boston pending the out come of the other series that are being played. Games will start either Tuesday, August 12 or Wednesday, August 13 at Trum Field.

Please check www.yawkeybaseball.com for updated schedule. Or follow the team on twitter @somervilleybl.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Somerville Neighborhood News is a community service production of Somerville Community Access Television. Every two weeks we are excited to bring you news segments reporting on various issues happening in Somerville. Stay updated on the latest trends on Twitter & Facebook @ SCATVSNN. Here are the latest headlines for SNN # 21:



Union Square residents have been meeting to discuss public space in the neighborhood, dogs and dog-lovers were gathered to celebrate canines and canine-adoption, immigrant service providers convened to figure out how to help the unaccompanied minors arriving in the city, Ward 5 residents talked about rent rises and gentrification and state rep candidates fielded questions from city unions. Learn what's behind those stories and more by watching Channel 3 every Tuesday at 7 p.m., or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

104 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2013-71-R1-7/2014) Applicant/Owner R+R Capital Investments, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2013-71 under SZO §5.3.8 to change the material and pervious coverage of the driveway/walkways. The original Special permit was under SZO § 4.4.1 was to alter the nonconforming 3-family structure. Zone RC. Ward 7.

204 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-56) Applicants and Owners, Ronald and Linde Dynneson, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.3.g for a change in use to a Historic Bed and Breakfast. The Applicants also seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes the addition of dormers and an enlargement of the existing rear addition. RA zone. Ward 6.

99 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2014-68) Applicant, John Tucci, and Owner, Elizabeth Johnston, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming sideyard by adding a rear addition. RA Zone. Ward 6.

81 Park St: (Case #ZBA 2014-70) Applicant, Bread Trust LLC c/o Marco Hunter-Melo & Nathan Bice, and Owners, Jean K. Peabody and Clayton S. Peabody, seeks a Special Permit (\$Z0 §5.1) for a change of a nonconforming use from a service station to a restaurant (7.11.10.2.a) with operations, in part or in whole, conducted outside an enclosed building. Also, a Special Permit is sought to alter the nonconforming structure within the nonconforming yards (§4.4.1). A Variance is sought to reduce the parking required by approx 50 spaces (§9.5). RB zone. Ward 2.

166 Boston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-71) Applicant, Souhail Berbara, and Owner, S&S Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.5.1 to alter a nonconforming use from an automotive service use to include two car-sharing spaces and three spaces for used

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. 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.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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314-316 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2014-22) Applicant and Owner, Belmont Hill Corporation, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.1.22.D.1 to build two floors above the existing for two residential units and Special Permits under SZO §6.1.22.5.a to alter the existing storefront and under SZO \$9.17.2 to park on a separate lot in a NB district, Ward 2, CCD55 zone.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids may also be submitted until 2:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month beginning October 31, 2014 through August 25. 2015

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

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

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday August 18, 2014 in the Alderman's Chambers, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC., d/b/a Outback Steakhouse for a new All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at Store #120, Assembly Row at Assembly Square, Somerville MA.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 13, 2014 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-666-6600

On or about August 22, 2014 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Act (NAHA) of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the City-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program, for the purpose of repairs and improvements to single family rental and owner occupied housing units within the City of Somerville. The total estimated project costs for planning years 2014-2015 is \$200,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by August 21, 2014 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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Immigration again

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public, activists were tarred as "communists."

After the Soviet Union's collapse, the U.S. withdrew financial and military aid to the region's state-sponsored terrorists. In possession of weapons arsenals and extensive experience in murder, kidnapping, coercion and theft, the death-squad thugs continued their criminal careers in the private sector.

El Salvador

In El Salvador the U.S. supported and financed the 1980 creation of a junta to repress workers, students and church leaders struggling for union rights, free speech, agrarian reform, living wages and health care. Death squads began killing about ten people per day. One of them was Archbishop Oscar Romero, murdered while he said mass on March 24th of that year.

As much as anything, that event marked the beginning of El Salvador's Civil War, during which 6-8,000 fulltime guerillas, supported by hundreds of thousands of militia, fought a right-wing military that was financed and trained by the U.S.

Ultimately the U.S. abandoned its client thugs. El Salvadoran government officials and the Liberation Front negotiated the Chapultepec Peace Accord in 1992, mandating a reduction in the army and dissolution of the government's four paramilitary groups. The next year the Salvadoran legislature passed an amnesty for criminal activities committed during the war, and those criminals' future activities became more laissez faire.

Guatemala

In 1954 the democratically elected government of Guatemala needed land on which starving peasants could conduct subsistence farming. It proposed to pay the property value stated by United Fruit Company for lands that United Fruit was keeping out of production to drive up the cost of bananas.

CIA Director Allen Dulles sat on United Fruit's board of directors. The CIA overthrew the Guatemalan government. There followed decades of political instability, repression and freedom struggles, punctuated by coups.

Kennedy-administrationbacked coup prevented an election in 1963, but in 1966, Guatemala elected a center-left government. U.S. Army Special Forces military advisers trained right-wing paramilitary organizations like the "White Hand" and the "Secret Army," who formed death squads, assassinating political opponents, activists, and community leaders. The activists began to form guerilla organizations.

After the army and death squads had killed tens of thousands of civilians, President Jimmy Carter publicly withdrew military support. In fact, support continued through clandestine channels. It increased when Ronald Reagan came

During the anti-insurgency campaign's first ten years, the army's and death squads' victims were anyone with leadership potential—teachers, students, labor leaders, professionals, and political activists. After that, the army conducted a genocidal campaign against Mayan peasants, destroying over 450 villages and killing 200,000 people.

Ronald Reagan visited Guatemala in December 1982 and described junta chief Efraín Ríos Mont as "a man of great personal integrity and commitment." Reagan added, "I know he wants to improve the quality of life for all Guatemalans and to promote social justice."

All political factions acknowledge that our immigration policies are broken

The United Nations, Norway and Spain neogtiated the end of the Guatemalan Civil War in 1996. Millions of documents abandoned by the Guatemalan Police have since been discovered. They confirm the findings of the U.N.'s Commission for Historical Clarification: Government forces and CIA-trained paramilitaries conducted over 93% of the War's human rights violations.

Honduras

The Honduras story is similar. The U.S. intevened militarily in 1903, 1911, 1912, 1919, 1924, and 1925. In his book, War is a Racket, USMC General Smedley Butler writes, "I helped make Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies."

The Honduran government's repression during the 1980s did not reach the level of civil war suffered by Guatemala and El Savador. But its army conducted a campaign of repression, featuring CIA-supported extrajuicial murders by government-backed paramilitary units like "Battalion 316."

The long-term consequences daily life dominated by thugs with guns, and kids at the U.S. border are the same for Hondurans as for Gratemalans and Salvadorans.

Costa Rica, Belize and Nicaragua

So why aren't immigrant waves from other Central America countries arriving at our border? An important part of the answer is that the U.S. never intervened militarily in Belize or Costa Rica.

In Costa Rica, a successful leftist rebellion in 1948 abolished the military, oversaw the creation of a constitution, and relinquished power the following year. That country has enjoyed peaceful, democratic and honest government ever since.

The answer in Nicaragua is that efforts of Oliver "I'm-a-patriot" North and Ronald "I-don't-remember" Reagan failed to defeat the Sandanista revolution. You may remember this pair from the Iran-Contra affair in which the Reagan Administration defied law by secretly selling arms to Iran and channeled the proceeds to Nicaraguan terrorists, who were collectively called "Contras."

The Sandanistas took power in 1979 and subsequently subsequently won free and fair elections in 1984. Despite a campaign that killed 30,000 Nicaraguans, the Contras failed, and the Sandanistas carried out reforms. Nicaragua has remained a democracy ever since.

It is important to understand that the conditions that Central American kids are presently fleeing are the direct outcome of past U.S. govertment actions. Forgetting history ensures that we will repeat it.

But acknowledging our government's culpability does not mean that we should admit any undocumented Central American who arrives here. No developed nation can simply throw open its borders.

All political factions acknowledge that our immigration policies are broken. In the next column, I'll suggest solutions that will probably make liberals indignant and conser-



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Somerville Sunsetters

Properzi Manor|7 p.m.

Thursday August 14

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11:15A.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Iron Giant: Movie and Book Discussion for Kids

Cathy Piantigini- x2950 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Lego Club Annamarie Almeida - 617-623-5000

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

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Friday August 15

Central Library

Teen Anime & Manga Meet-up Cynthia 617-623-5000 x 2936 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library

Story & Craft for Kids 4 and Older Meghan Forsell- 617-623-5000

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Sunday August 17

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville

Monday August 18

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball 617 636-9033 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM| 79 Highland

Somerville Sunsetters

Capen Court VNA (indoors)|7 p.m

Arts at the Armory

Knucklebones 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday August 19

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Somerville Sunsetters

Hudson Street (Cedar Street to Lowell Street portion)|7 p.m

Wednesday August 20

East Branch Library

Preschool: Summer Storytime Teddy Bear Picnic

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Summer Reading Club Awards Ceremony plus The Wizard of Oz on the Lawn!

Cathy Piantigini- 617-623-5000

7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Somerville Sunsetters 130 Ten Hills Road|7 p.m.

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Wednesday August 13

Iohnny D's

Indigenous 7:30 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

WEMF Radio presents: Whistle Jacket|Mike Greensteen|Anda Volley|Ryan Wilcox

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

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

Thursday | August 14

Johnny D's

Gracie Curran & The High Falutin Band with Jeff Jensen 8 p.m. The Jauntee and Friends plus The Hornitz|10 p.m.

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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.

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PA'S Lounge "Free Your Soul!" (no cover)|feat. The Hep-tet w/ The Green Lights 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

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

Joshua Tree

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Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday | August 15

Johnny D's

Songs of Woodstock, a 45th anniversary celebration of both Woodstock & Johnny D's

6 p.m.17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6

Billy Dodge Moody with Appalachian Sun \$5 cover | 9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

Scattershots 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

Sounds of the Fallen|Vandalay|Skyjel-IvlAndrew Kenneth

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Saturday August 16

Johnny D's

Sally O'Brien's

The Band That Time Forgot | 7:30 p.m. New York Funk Exchange 10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Reverb Redux Stan & the AMs, Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast, The Tuna Rangers, and The Reverberators remember Reverb Joe |5 p.m.

One Thin Dime|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room

Red SO 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

Led To The Grave|Vaporizer|Seax-Hepatagua

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On the Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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Samba Bar & Grille

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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Jazz at the Green Room Jacob William Trio

8 p.m.|62 Bow St. Sunday August 17

Johnny D's Open Blues Jam! featuring featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m.

Alvarius B.|8 p.m.

8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Danielle, Bob & limmy 17 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Kellerl7 p.m.

Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Monday August 18

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents:, Interesting Points:|7 p.m. Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy

Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session 9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Tuesday August 19

Johnny D's

Revolutionary Snake Ensemble Residency|7 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

p.m.

Back Room

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz

& Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral 345 Somerville Ave 617-776-1557

PA'S Lounge

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

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Wednesday August 20

Johnny D's

Tommy Castro and the Painkillers|7:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Back Room

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CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday August 13

Central Library

Somerville Republican City Commit-Brian McCarthy- 617-718-1828 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland

Nadira Jamal

nadirajamal.com

Central Library

Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

Thursday | August 14

Quarterly Somerville Republican City Committee

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.

program for people with problems

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

Brian McCarthy- 617-718-1828

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

40 College Avenue

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Third Life Studio

Saturday August 16 **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Unity Church of God

Sunday August 17

weekly to discuss their work

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

ment. **Third Life Studio**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday August 18

Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadiraja-

mal.com Tuesday | August 19

Arts at the Armory

Third Life Studio

Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

The Art of Group Singing For Women

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq Wednesday August 20

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Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with

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nadirajamal.com

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway (East Somerville) Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335 **Ralph and Jenny Center:** 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

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

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

All aboard the S.S. Lobster Roll – Tuesday, August 26 – Relax & enjoy this 90 minute cruise offering great views of Sesuit Harbor & Cape Cod Bay from the decks of the "Lobster Roll" dinner cruise ship. Your \$52. Fee includes transportation, cruise and a choice of Lobster Roll, Roast Beef Roll Up, Vegetarian Roll Up or Chicken Caesar Salad. Please bring your own beverages. Check in times are 7:45 AM at our Holland Street Center and 8:15 at our Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 4:00 PM. Please contact Connie or Flo to RSVP and with meal choice at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. Limited seating.

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

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

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 a.m. at the Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 6 p.m. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

New England Goes Country – Thursday, September 18 – Danversport Yacht Club, come back to the days of cowboy boots & hats, saddle up those horses and enjoy the music of Jimmy Lehoux & Nicole Frechette as well as country's upcoming stars. The fee of \$72. Includes transportation, entertainment & (meal choice) boneless breast of chicken or fresh scrod (includes cheese & crackers, salad, rolls, bread, vegetables, potatoes, dessert, coffee & tea.) Depart time is 10:00 AM at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 AM at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:30 PM. Contact Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Fall Foliage Trip, East Hill Farm, Troy, NH – Tuesday, September 30 – Enjoy the fall foliage and a delectable homemade family style lunch including: tomato cheddar soup, fresh baked bread, fritters with maple syrup, roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green garden peas, applesauce, berry cobbler, coffee, tea & milk. We will be visiting Allison's Apple Orchard for apples, pumpkins and lots of other fall goodies. Free Pumpkin included. Trip fee is \$45.00 - Check in times are 8:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center & 9 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. Approximate return time is 4:30 / 5 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserves your spot.

Honor Flight, Documentary – Monday, October 27 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. - Honor Flight is a heartwarming documentary about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Holland Street Center in the Atrium – lunch is available by request – to register please call Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318

Halloween Super Bingo – Friday, October 31 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

There is no Men's Group in August.

The trip to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival scheduled for September 7th is SOLD OUT.

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

The trip to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival scheduled for September 7th is SOLD OUT.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

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

LGBT EVENTS:

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

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

*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.

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

Mondays:

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

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Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m., \$10/week for shoes and dues

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12 p.m.

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday, August 14

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Mobile Farmer's Market (H)

Friday, August 15 Holland Street Summer

Holland Street Summer Special Super Bingo

Monday, August 18

11:30 Lunch (H)

5:30 LGBT Dinner & Movie Foster's Clambake trip

Palph & Janny Contar

Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ,C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

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

12:45 Bingo (H)

Mohegan Sun trip

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Suffolk Downs trip

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CONT. FROM PG 10

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in crime.

may also make our city safer as well. Studies show that street trees may actually cause drivers to slow down and subsequently reduce both the severity and frequency of accidents. And studies done in Baltimore and Portland, Oregon, suggest that connected, tall tree canopies are associated with a decrease

All these studies point to the measurable benefits of increasing the number of trees we have in the city, but there's something to be said for the simple fact that it's pleasant to look out your window and see a tree shading your street. Of course,

too. In the most recent Happiness Survey completed by our SomerStat Office in December, the results suggested that aesthetics and physical beauty are one of the top predictors of whether residents are satisfied with their neighborhood, and subsequently the city as a whole. With the new trees planted last month, we've now planted more than 1,000 trees since 2011. There's still the challenge of finding the right spot to plant trees in an already dense urban environment. We have to make sure our sidewalks remain accessible to all people of all abilities, and that trees don't block those sidewalks or cause buckling or cracking sidewalks. So we'll continue to use a smart, strategic process to build out our tree canopy. The city can use your help, too, in caring for our public trees by following some simple guidelines. And together, we can realize all the benefits of a true urban forest.

Roll out the (root beer) barrel CONT. FROM PG 10

in Somerville we measure that,

feet high, full of delicious root beer sat on the counter hooked up to a compressor to run the two taps. It was a refreshing tradition that my friend looked forward to everyday. When Grant's was about to close its doors for good, it seems the manager of Grants had accumulated a bar tab at The Coronet of about twenty-five bucks. Danny made a deal with the manager to

the bar tab. That huge root beer barrel has been in Dan's house all these years. He says he is going to get it working again someday, but even if he doesn't, it's a pretty cool thing to have anyway.

It's great to have things that remind of us of days gone by. They are kind of like a song that we hear that takes us back to a certain era in our lives. It's funny how

old items and immediately feel warm inside. There's really not too much of the old Davis Square left, aside from Johnny D's and The Rosebud but one thing that's still there that brings me back is the big old clock that's just past Mikes Restaurant. If you want one more visual blast from the past, go check out the sign above Crowley's Liquors in Ball Square. take the root beer barrel in exchange for you can merely glance at one of these It will probably make you want a deli- ented young Somerville kids!

cious Todi's sub to go along with a nice frosty Hires root beer!

You are all invited to attend Project Star Summer Theatre camps' production of #No Signal, Thursday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at The West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 PowderHouse Boulevard. Acting, singing and dancing! Free admission! Come and see some very tal-



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– Photos by Claudia Ferro

OPEN LETTER TO THE MAYOR

Honorable Mayor Joseph Curtatone:

The Mystic River Watershed Association is very happy to see Mayor Curtatone's remarks in the August 1, 2014 Somerville Times, "Into the Mystic: Reclaiming Somerville's Waterfront." We appreciate the Mayor's steadfast support for resto-Mayor's leadership on this issue. We are excited by new develop-

ment at Somerville's Assembly Row and Baxter Park. These projects highlight the waterfront, offer new river-themed events and attractions, and will bring many people to the river. The Association also agrees whole-heartedly that the river needs water quality improvements to entice the public back ration of open space and access to its shores. The Mystic River along the Mystic River water- is a valuable natural resource EkOngKar Singh Khalsa, front and are grateful for the for the people of Somerville Executive Director and everyone in the 22-community Mystic River Watershed.

Clean water and green open space will help the river realize this potential. In this regard, Somerville's approach serves as a model for other communities. Thanks are due again to Mayor Curtatone for sharing his vision of what the Mystic River can be and for his dedication to achieving that vision.

Mystic River Watershed Association

OPEN LETTER TO MARKET BASKET EMPLOYEES

Somerville Labor Coalition letter of Support Market Basket Employees August 5, 2014

Dear Market Basket Employees, The Somerville Labor Coalition unites six labor unions representing employees of the City of Somerville. We work to support, protect, promote and advance the interests of workers within the City of Somerville and surrounding communities. Market Basket has provided

Somerville workers with good jobs in our community for decades. Now management is threatening to terminate striking workers and hire replacements. Market Basket non management workers have a legal right to engage in collective action in defense of their benefits and working conditions. Market Basket workers deserve a guarantee that their livelihoods will not be jeopardized by a change in management. Somerville Labor Coalition

supports all workers who stand up to make their workplaces better. The struggle by Market Basket workers to protect their jobs from the ravages of corporate greed is an inspiring example of what workers can achieve when they stick together. We want Market Basket workers to know that the SLC stands behind you – as do our members and their families - as you continue this important fight for your beliefs and your futures.

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Wednesday August 20

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2:00pm:	Family Fun Day
2:15pm:	Pride Flag Raising
2:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Português
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EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15 Wednesday, August 13

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9:00am:	String Camp Final Concert
11:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club
1:00pm:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14
2:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair
3:00pm:	SHS National Honor Society Induction
5:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
6:00pm:	String Camp Final Concert
7:30pm:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14
8:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair
9:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night
11:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Scholarship

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12:00am:	2014 SHS Spring Concert
2:00am:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14
9:00am:	Spring String Fling
10:00am:	SHS Football 2013
11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
12:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert
1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
3:00pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night
4:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse
5:00pm:	SHS Football 2013
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Friday, August 15			
12:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		
1:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014		
3:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Finals		
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9:00am:	String Camp Final Concert		
11:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014		
12:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day		
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4:00pm:	String Camp Final Concert		
6:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		
7:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014		
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Saturday,	August 16
12:00am:Co	ommon Core State Standards for Education
1:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
2:00am:	Somerville School Day Games
9:00am:	String Camp Final Concert
10:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
10:30am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
12:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
1:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
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WHCIS Spring Concert

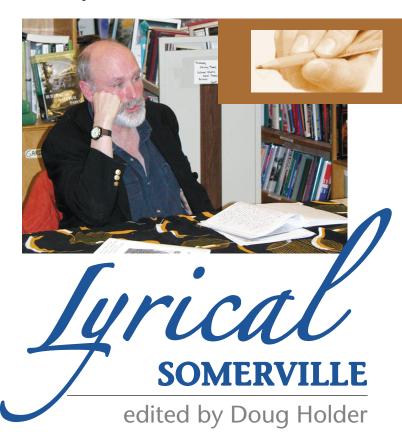
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Sunday, August 17 Somerville School Day Games 12:00am: 1:00am: Raising Families - Wicked Sober kid stuff - Boathouse 9:00am: WSNS Annual Spring Concert 10:00am: WHCIS Spring Concert 11:00am: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS 12:00pm: An Evening of Chamber Music 1:00pm: 2nd Annual World Language Awards Night 2:00pm: WSNS Science Fair 3:00pm: Lady Highlander Basketball 2013-14 4:00pm: SHS Multicultural Fair 5:00pm: WSNS Annual Spring Concert WHCIS Spring Concert 6:00pm: 7:00pm: Chris Herren Speaks to SHS 8:30pm: SHS Football 2013 10:00pm: WSNS Science Fair Lady Highlander Basketball 2013-14 11:00pm: Monday, August 18

SHS Multicultural Fair 12:00am: All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8 1:30am: 3:00am: All City Middle School Spring Concert 9:00am: WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony 10:00am: SCALE Graduation 2014 Somerville School Day Games 11:00am: 12:00pm: **ESCS Spring Concert** kid stuff - Boathouse 2:00pm: SHS Football 2013 3:00pm: Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden **Brown School Spring Concert** 4:00pm: 5:00pm: WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony SCALE Graduation 2014 6:00pm: 7:00pm: Somerville School Day Games **ESCS Spring Concert** 8:00pm: 10:00pm: kid stuff - Boathouse 10:30pm: SHS Football 2013 11:00pm:Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden

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The LYRICAL got this letter from poet Janet Freed: "I haven't lived in Somerville for years (if that matters) - I live now with my family just outside of Worcester. But I wrote the following after reading your July 19 issue. I kept wondering why a person might end up spending the time and money to cremate bodies, and then not return the remains to the families. I came up with the following invention. (The voice, by the way, comes from a man I met in Cambridge years ago, when we both volunteered at a shelter)."

In the U-Haul Moving and Storage Unit

****Dozens of cremated remains were found by investigators at U-Haul Moving & Storage in Somerville on Wednesday of last week, followed by 12 more remains discovered in a Public Storage Unit in Weymouth on Thursday....Authorities said that foul play in the deaths of the deceased are not suspected at this time.

— The Somerville Times, July 19, 2014

This here, this is Jimmy. He was pitcher on our high school team, and his voice - he had a singing voice like melted butter, like a summer peach when you're sitting hot and hungry on a city sidewalk.

And this, this is Stan, may he rest in peace. He had dreams you wouldn't want to hear him tell – bombs and body parts - so dark he couldn't sleep unless he drank, so he drank.

Over here is Lester, but he went by Les. He'd give half of anything he had away, even to a stray. Wore panties and a bra when he could find any to fit. We guessed that's why his lady went and kicked him out, but we never let him think

And here's Roberto, the one we called the Prof. He could recite for you whole pages of important local guys, like Longfellow and Thoreau, carried them all inside his head. He could've done something big in life, but he hung with us instead.

And here – but that's enough, I see you want to leave. So many other things to do. We could stay for hours, if I named everyone that's here. But they deserve some memory of their names. And they have no one else to hold on to their ashes. I can't give them each a mantelpiece and a pretty urn, but I know them, from my own days on the streets, and I am doing

what I can.

— Janet Freed

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Somerville's K. Gretchen Greene:

An artist happy with soot in her face and steel at her feet

In Gretchen Greene's artist statement she writes: " I am a sculptor; and in that work I see all the other things I am, all the other things I have done. As I carve and twist steel, face covered in soot, scraps of golden steel at my feet, I know I'm home."

Forty something Gretchen Greene does not look like someone who works with steel. Tall, slender, with a slight build—she seems like someone who is cerebral rather than physical. Yet, this accomplished woman is both. Greene was educated at Yale, Princeton and Oxford among other institutions of higher education. She also has a work history that includes work as a government mathematician and a corporate lawyer for the tony Boston firm Ropes and Gray. But Greene left the corporate world to pursue a career as a sculptor of steel. She often includes fragments of poetry to soften the hard surfaces of her medium.

Greene has a small studio at Somerville's Artisan's Asylum, an innovative warehouse of artists and creators in the Union Square section of our city. Of Somerville Greene says: "I love the mixed zoning aspect of Somerville. By this I mean the mix of shops, residential space and industrial space at reasonable rents. I love the concentration of creative people who live in this area, and their impressive educational backgrounds. Of course this might change in a couple of years with the gentrification of Union Square. In that case people will have to move to cites further away from the hub of the action."

Greene told me that she left the Brooks Brotherscorseted world of law to pursue the development of her own business. While she majored in math at UCLA, she also took courses on sculpting on the side. When she attended Yale Law School she took classes in printmaking as well. She told me that she uses her mathematical and legal analytical/ research skills she picked up from her education in her work. Such challenges as how to bend and manipulate forms are met with her knowledge of Geometry and other skills in her formidable knowledge bank.

I asked Greene about the process of making her abstract steel sculptures. She said: "First I get a 4 foot by 8 foot sheet of steel, which is only about a sixteenth of an inch wide. I then take it to a welding bay and use a plasma cutter to heat the surpainting on the steel. I have been trained in tradi-



tional brush painting and I need to have a very fluid motion to make it work." The text or poetry she places on her pieces are abstract, fragments of her memories. One work is titled Tide Tables. Greene said: The poem concerns the ebb and flow of the tide. I used to live on the coast of Rhode Island with my partner. The poems are visceral reflections of my memory."

Greene said that the Artisan's Asylum is a great place for her to make things; it provides the resources and access to creative people essential for her business, as well as media exposure. All of these are elements needed to fertilize the seed of her nascent enterprise.

Greene has had exhibits in Somerville at the Nave Gallery, Artisan's Asylum, Brooklyn Boulders, as well as the Todd Merrill Gallery in New York City, and other venues across the country and internationally.

Greene said her works go from anywhere from 500 dollars to 6,000. She feels this a range that people with some disposable income can afford. Greene had to leave our table at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square to unload a shipment of steel that was to be delivered to the Asylum. She will undoubtedly use her well-honed skills to create face. Then on the surface I sort of make an abstract something enigmatic and beautiful here in the Paris of New England.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

News (now The Times), Bluntly Speaking. The column appeared every now and then when the owner of the paper wanted to make a point in a present day situation. So, we're proud to have our Publisher/Owner Ross Blouin write the first Bluntly Speaking in over 12 years. It can be the rough, provocative, raw and to the point opinion of the publisher. This column will appear for now once a month or whenever needed. Watch out!

Be sure to mark your calendars for two import-

ant fundraising events coming up soon. First, the 'Justice for Kyle' benefit takes place Sunday, August 17 at 3 p.m. at Orleans Restaurant in Somerville. Items will raffled with all proceeds going directly to the Kyle Wilson Memorial Fund. Then, the 3rd annual fundraiser for The Walk For Autism, Team Jake The Snake, takes place on Friday, September 26, 7-11 p.m. at Irish American Club, 177 West St., Malden. \$20 per ticket. 50/50 raffles, baskets, food, and a DJ. Contact: Julia at 617-785-1040 or Katie at 617-595-5099 for info.

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