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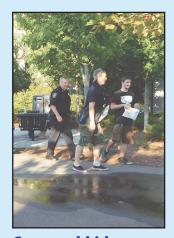
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# **Budgeting shortfall may halt Green Line Extension project**



The fate of the Green Line Extension project's continuation into Somerville and Medford is now in question, as federal funding pledged earlier in the year is being reconsidered.

#### By Jim Clark

The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority said today that the budget for the Green Line extension into Somerville and Medford is short by as much as \$1 billion.

State transportation secretary Stephanie Pollack is saying that officials are considering modifications to the plan, and even a possible cancellation of the project, which she indicated was not a desirable option.

Partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration is a key component in seeing the project through, but that funding is now questionable in light of the budgeting shortfall, according to reports.

A number of reasons for the budget discrepancy were cited by Pollock, including the fact that initial cost estimates were calculated during the lowest dip in the recent

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# City Hall unfurls support for #BlackLivesMatter

#### By Haley ED Houseman

The Black Lives Matter movement has been sweeping across the nation since the shooting death of an unarmed, black 18 year old in Ferguson, Missouri, at the hands of police.

The event occurred a little over a year ago, and has awoken a sustained period of unrest across the United States. In the wake of the shooting and the subsequent protests in the city, there have been demonstrations staged in communities large and small. A series of protests were held in the Boston area, most notably a Medford demonstration in January that shut down portions of I-93 during the morning rush hour commute.

Reactions within the community to such actions have been mixed, despite the movement's intent to be supportive toward a community beleaguered with police brutality and mass incarceration. Black Lives Matter, a nebulous but forceful presence both on the ground at protests and on the Internet through

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The #BlackLivesMatter banner hung at City Hall represents a commitment by the city to uphold the rights of African Americans, according to Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

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The 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information and to sign up go online at www.johns-team.org. A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape.

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

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Happy Birthday this week to one of our Villen friends as well as a friend of *The Times*: Big time happy birthday to Steve Dalrymple, a well-known local guy who owns his own construction business. We wish him the very best.

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Best wishes to our own Donald and Patricia Norton, celebrating 48 years of marriage this year on September 1. Donald's very first airplane ride, on Mohawk Airlines, was Boston to Columbia, SC to get married. It was a great trip down and back, flying just over the trees.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

## Response to: 'Black Lives Matter' banner hung at Somerville City Hall

#### Mom says:

Should be "ALL LIVES MATTER"!!!

#### Oliver Seppo says:

To all the clowns who say "All lives matter"... Obviously, you have not been following the news on the disproportionate number of black people nationwide who get murdered by cops.

#### General Lee says:

The Donald will straighten this country out soon!!

#### Matt says:

The BLM movement is a tough nut to crack, if you look at wikipedia the mission of BLM is "Black Lives Matter affirms the lives of black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, black undocumented folks, folks with records, women and all black lives along the gender spectrum." Personally, the idea of life affirmation doesn't do much for me so ill say it in my own words.

The BLM movement, is not the internal and external violence that disproportionately affects the black, and other at risk communities, its the big picture. To me, its not about excluding other people its about calling attention to part of our society that is struggling and doing something about it because the reality is some parts of our society need a bit more help then others.

So yes, all lives matter, however right now some need a bit more attention than others and BLM is one way of doing so.

#### larry says:

I wonder how people would respond to a GOD BLESS AMERICA banner hanging from OUR city hall  $\ref{eq:goal}$ 

#### Dusty says:

Larry, that has got to be pretty much the lamest thing said here yet. And that's really saying something. LOL

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether you believe it is appropriate for the "Black Lives Matter" banner to be hung at City Hall. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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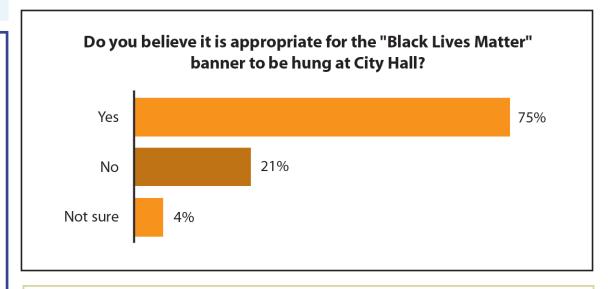
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## Put plastic in the past: Bag ban on the way

By Amy Swain

Somerville's Legislative Matters Committee is continuing work on the Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance. The committee met on August 20 to review details regarding the impending plan. Assistant City Solicitor Matthew J. Buckley submitted the ordinance to a full room. Members of the committee and government gathered, as well as various concerned parties, including a representative from the Surfrider Foundation, a national non-profit focused on health risks associated with environmental threats.

The topic opened with the question "Are we trying to impose an environmental behavior change here?" The answer was a resounding yes. The topics of littering and pollution were discussed, but ultimately this plan is in response to environmental troubles and the behavior contributing to those troubles that we as citizens are able to change. The aim is to assist in conserving the environment as well as our own interests, including drainage, animal life, and clean air.

One of the committee's largest concerns, however, comes from the knowledge that they are in fact trying to im-

pose a behavior. They are unsure about the use of the word "ban," as they feel it could upset citizens who otherwise might agree with the terms laid out. For this reason, those involved are combing through the proposed ordinance to figure out a plan of action that will make Somerville residents comfortable.

There is currently a plan in action within the state government to implement a similar ordinance statewide. Somerville is paying close attention to the guidelines in that probable implementation, so as not to cause stress concerning future adjustments. Similarly, they are paying attention to the recently imposed plastic reduction plans enacted in Cambridge, Newton, and Brookline. While they continue to perfect the proposal, the committee will also be investigating the specific effects these reduction plans have had on the surrounding areas. Numbers as high as a 90% reduction in plastic waste were mentioned in the recent committee meeting, but have not been confirmed.

What to expect as citizens is a change at the grocery counter. Canvas bags are currently encouraged, and have been readily available in stores for years. If, or more likely when, this reduction plan is im-



The Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance was once again reviewed by the Board of Aldermen's Legislative Matters Committee at their meeting last week.

plemented, they may be more necessary. Paper bags are likely to be just as readily available as ever.

Plastic produce bags and the like will continue to be available in the appropriate sections, but handled grocery bags those made with a thicker plastic - will no longer be at the checkout. The ordinance proposed specifies bags that are compostable only at a commercial facility as the ones to be eliminated.

This is an in-process ordinance with the goal of waste reduction. While specifics are still undetermined, those that make it in will help us as a community to reduce waste, littering, and carbon usage.

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## The new Thurston Spa

By Donald Norton

A newly renovated Thurston Spa will be re-opening under new ownership on Tuesday, September 1.

The Thurston Spa, located at 393 Medford Street in Gilman Square, will have a new menu and new hours. Under the new ownership of John Ferrera, a well known Winter Hill resident for many years and a former old time customer, decided to buy the store shortly after the death of the previous owner, Jerry LaFee.

Ferrera decided to start over with a new look and a new menu for the neighborhood. He and two friends operated the place for a while after LaFee became ill. After the previous owner passed away, Ferrera decided to buy the store. He is almost ready with the renovations being completed very soon, and his application for a license by the city finalized.

The new Thurston Spa will be open Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sundays.

A brand new menu with breakfast all day long and every day a luncheon special is offered and, of course, Thurston Spa's famous subs all day.

Ferrera is also offering free delivery throughout Somerville and Medford to the many who have asked for it.

Many who grew up in the neighborhood remember Thurston Spa well. From what we hear, the new look will be very exciting and the food is going to be great. A place greatly needed in this very close neighborhood.

We hope you join John, his family and his friends, beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the first of September. Who knows? Maybe some local dignitaries will show up, including the alderman and mayor?



The newly renovated Thurston Spa will be holding its Grand Reopening on Tuesday, September 1.

– Photo by Donald Norton

# By Jim Clark

## Drunk driver was no Jihadist

A police patrolman reportedly spotted a vehicle which had signaled to turn left from Broadway onto Willow Ave. make the turn after the light had turned red last Thursday afternoon.

The officer pulled the driver over on Willow Ave. and asked him for his license and vehicle registration.

The driver, identified as Thomas Stoner, of Boston, produced his license and a rental agreement for the car.

The officer reported that he detected the odor of alcohol in the car and that Stoner's eyes appeared to be glassy. He further

said he observed a tumbler with a "Bacardi" logo on it in the vehicle's cup holder.

When asked if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages, Stoner reportedly told them, "No." When asked where he was coming from he said, "The neighborhood."

Police said that while he was being questioned he continuously made irrelevant statements such as "I'm an American!" "I'm a patriot," and made reference to his beard saying he "wasn't a lihadist."

Stoner was asked out of the car in order to perform some

field sobriety tests. At one point, when asked to stand on one leg, he reportedly complained, "Dude you see this wind! It's going to knock me over!"

Stoner was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

## Man dukes it out with oncoming traffic, cops

Police were alerted to reports of a man punching cars on Broadway as they passed him last Friday evening.

Officers located the man, later identified as Edward Feeney, near 300 Broadway and approached him for questioning.

Feeney reportedly assumed a fighting stance and shouted aggressive comments about fighting with one of the officers.

Feeney was ordered to stop by backup officers who had arrived on the scene, but when he appeared to be uncooperative they began placing him in handcuffs, according to reports.

Police said that Feeney struggled and resisted their efforts to place him into handcuffs. After two or three minutes of struggling with Feeney, the officers eventually got him into the handcuffs. Feeney reportedly threatened the life of one

of the officers, saying, "You will be dead in 253 seconds. I will make sure my brother kills you."

Feeney was sat down on the curb while the prisoner transport unit made its way to the scene. At one point, Feeney reportedly struck out with his foot, kicking one of the officers in the shin, after which the officers restrained him by placing him on the ground.

Feeney was taken in for booking, charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Paul Fidler Jr., of 10 Wellington Ave., August 17, 9:57 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Humberto Mundo-Rivera**, of 19 Berkeley Rd., Hull, August 18, 4:44 p.m., arrested at

Ibbetson St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Ryan Shane, August 19, 7:27 p.m., arrested at Prichard Ave. on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Thomas Stoner, of 120 Ber-

nard St., Boston, August 20, 3:45 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Nicholas Schurko, of 239 Park St., Medford, August 20, 7:22 p.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

Edward Feeney, of 35 Otis St., August 21, 6:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer.

**Roberto Bento**, of 621 Somerville Ave., August 21, 11:12 p.m., arrested at Prospect St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jobson Santos, of 129 Perkins St., August 22, 1:22 p.m., arrested at Perkins St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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Missing female foster dog, small Shepherd, "Jillian" is 35 lbs., black with white on chest and toes. She went missing from an adoption event for PAWS New England. Last spotting was on August 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Jillian was seen at the end of the bike path near Maxwell Green/Lowell Street in Somerville. If you encounter Jillian in Somerville, please call the number on the poster and/or the Somerville Police non-emergency line at 617-625-1212 (if you are in another town please call that town's non-emergency number) and ask for animal control to be dispatched to your location.

PLEASE DO NOT CHASE! Chasing or following a skittish dog could result in her getting hurt or running further away. Also, please do not go to the area of this sighting to look for Jillian. There is already a plan in motion to assess whether she is still in the area. Jillian is skittish and the more foot traffic in the area she sees the less likely she is to stick around.



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## **Public Health and Safety Committee considers** Gloucester's response to opioids

#### By Josie Grove

"You can't arrest your way out of the addiction problem," says Alderman-At-Large Jack Connolly of Somerville's increasing incidence of addiction to opioid pain relievers. "That's just not something that's possible. You can't just round up people who have overdosed and put them in jail, and have them go through a very difficult withdrawal process. They'll be right back on the street."

Fatal drug overdoses are on the rise in Somerville; there were four in 2012, eight in 2013, and 12 in 2014. Arresting is also ineffective because legal drug users are also at risk. According to Department of Public Health data for Middlesex county, over 12 in every thousand prescribed opioid users exhibit "activity of concern" for abuse.

The city has chosen to take a public health approach to the problem, rather than a criminal one. "The big issue is we're not looking to arrest addicts as much as we're trying to help people," said Connolly. By arresting users, he says, "You're not doing anything to help them. But if you try and you work with someone to get educated about the problem, and get some of the support services available, you'll be in a much better place."

On Monday, the Committee of Public Health and Public Safety discussed Somerville's response to the rising rate of opioid abuse and overdoses. "The committee oversees what happens with those types of issues from a public health point of view," explained Connolly, who chairs the committee. He believes the city involvement is justifiable because the causes of addiction and abuse are bigger than individual users, and the effects reach across the community. "It's a health issue, it's one that the industry has perpetuated. Some doctors were prescribing those things like candy, and some of those doctors might have been in Somerville institutions," he says. "If they are being abused, it's up to us to alleviate those problems. Just like if there was an outbreak of lice or some sort of health issue, we'd have to do our best to educate people."

Connolly thinks that the city's response - coordinated with police and fire departments,



Alderman-At-Large Jack Connolly is advocating a new approach to dealing with opiate addiction problems in Somerville, based on policies and programs already tried out in the city of Gloucester.

schools, nonprofit organizations, and health care providers - has been effective, but he wants to do more. "We're going to maintain a vigil to make sure that things don't get sidetracked, to make sure that things keep moving forward. That's our role as the Public Health and Safety

Committee, to make sure that the community is dealing with this issue."

The opioid issue is hardly unique to Somerville. Statewide, the rate of overdose deaths has spiked since 2012, and every city is trying to find a way to cope. Connolly is looking carefully

at the response in Gloucester, a program called Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative. According to Connolly, "People who have addiction problems, if they report themselves to the police and turn over all their stuff, the police will try to find them Continued on page 6

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## Medford candidate Stephanie Muccini Burke fundraiser

By Donald Norton

At an outdoor fundraiser last week, Medford mayoral candidate Stephanie Muccini Burke was surrounded by many of her local friends and supporters, not to mention a dozen or so Somerville residents.

About 100 or so attended the fundraiser in West Medford. Our own Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters himself was present to show his support for the candidate. It was a nice event, and a great

introduction of the candidate was made by Mayor Mike J. Mc-Glynn, who is retiring this year after serving 27 successful years as Medford's first elected mayor.

The race in Medford is going full swing and candidate Burke has been working very hard for her vote. Her opposition is also a city councilor, Robert Penta. Both candidates seemed to be

working hard with many signs in evidence as one drives through Medford.

In his introduction of the candidate, Mayor McGlynn expounded on her qualifications and why Medford needed to elect her as mayor. Burke spoke on some of the ideas she has for Medford and how the city will grow and see many new improvements under her administration.



L to R: Medford City Councilor Adam Knight, Somerville Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, Candidate for Mayor Stephanie Muccini Burke, retiring Mayor Michael J. McGlynn and Medford City Councilor Paul Camuso. — Photo by Donald Norton

## City Hall unfurls support for #BlackLivesMatter

the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter, has most recently brought the issues it represents to the attention of the Greater Boston area through work with the Somerville mayor's office.

On Thursday, August 20, Somerville's City Hall unveiled a banner strung across the front of the building, reading "#Black-LivesMatter, City of Somerville, Somerville Police Department". The local Cambridge chapter of Black Lives Matter helped to hoist the banner in conjunction with the mayor's office, but were not available for comment. However, this public support for the movement was further endorsed by Mayor Curtatone, who published an opinion piece in Commonwealth Magazine the next day. Said the mayor in an interview with The Somerville Times, "We are making a statement as well as asking ourselves some important questions. It's a moment of self-examination. As an elected official I have responsibility to lead this conversation."

It is a conversation that has dominated the headlines, as cities in particular have struggled individually to respond to charges of systematic and institutionalized racism in the country. In recent years, statistics and citizen journalism alike have revealed how black Americans are suffering higher rates of arrest, incarceration and violence, prompting

many to examine how far we have, or have not come, since the Civil Rights movement. The statistics regarding the relationship with black Americans and police needs to be acknowledged, the mayor said. "Mass incarceration and police violence need to be recognized. We cannot repeat the mistakes of the past."

"We are making a statement as well as asking ourselves some important questions"

When asked what concrete goals he hopes to see achieved through a public recognition of the Black Lives Matter movement, the mayor described a grassroots approach to change. "We as a nation are only going to witness a shift if the cities and municipalities lead the way." In addition to a series in Somerville called the Conversions Project, centered around discussions of ethnic diversity in the city, the city is moving forward with anti-racism training for the police and other city departments. The mayor would also like to focus on fostering more dialogue - in schools, in communities, on the ground level.

This move to promote awareness and dialogue is not just a function of the mayor's office. "We certainly want to invest in providing training for all city departments, not just police," says Curtatone. "We also want to engage the city residents in dialogue. Solutions are not going to come from the mayor. They're going to come from the city, from the residents. We want to be a national example, to move and lead social change." In its public display of support, the city is certainly leading the way in the local conversation.

There has been criticism of the protest actions taken in support of Black Lives Matter, especially of the Medford protests that shut down I-93. The focus, said the mayor, should not be on the tactics, but on the root of the actions. "We've seen the greatest struggles for change through civil disobedience. Where would we have been without the civil disobedience Martin Luther King Jr., of Nelson Mandela, of Gandhi?" Such disobedience, he notes, is meant to inconvenience us, to

cause discomfort and prompt discourse. Such conversations are rarely painless, but should not be ignored because they disrupt. "The question should be asked what is driving that discourse, that civil engagement. It is the anguish, the pain, the statistics that are driving this movement."

Says Curtatone, "We're never going to see significant change without a commitment to face it head on, it may be uncomfortable, it may inconvenient, but we should hate injustice more than we hate discomfort or inconvenience."



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## Response to opioids

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a better place to overcome the addiction." Rather than charging these people with crimes, the Gloucester police connect the individual with an "angel," who meets them at a hospital to begin treatment. The program is the only one of its kind in the country. "It's certainly an improvement," says Connolly. The program began in June of this year, and the town is already seeing results. "Gloucester has reported sixteen or seventeen individuals who are improving and doing better," Connolly said.

Another benefit of this approach? "It's more cost effective

than putting someone in jail," says the alderman. Gloucester reports having spent only around \$1000 on the program since June. "It's going to save us money in the long run by taking this type of approach," which emphasizes education and connecting addicts to services.

"We want to minimize and cut back the number of people who have problems with addiction," Connolly affirms. "And this one meeting isn't going to resolve that but it's a long journey to begin to reduce and hopefully at some point eliminate the problem we have."

## **GLX** budget shortfall

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recessionary period, which have now been inflated.

Interim general manager of the T, Frank DePaola, also cited some of contracting methods that the T has not been using in the past as a contributing factor.

No final decisions have yet been made on the project, and all options are currently being studied.

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# Dorothy's Corner

#### Goat Cheese, Fig & Bacon Hors d'Oeuvres

It's fig season and since I adore fresh figs I wanted to come up with a small bite that would incorporate the flavors I think go perfectly with them. For this recipe I used Black Mission figs. There are five types of figs, Adriatic, Black Mission, Brown Turkey, Calimyrna and Kadota. For more information about the types of figs and their characteristics, visit the website listed here: http://localfoods.about.com/od/summer/tp/FigTypes.htm

I made these the other day and they disappeared in a flash. They are crunchy, creamy, salty, tart and sweet all at the same time. A true feast for the senses.

8 oz goat cheese at room temperature 4 tablespoons milk or cream

2 teaspoons fresh mint, minced finely

3/4 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground 6 fresh figs, quartered

5 thick slices of center cut bacon, cooked ahead



24 crackers (your favorite kind) Honey for drizzling

In a medium sized bowl, add the goat cheese, milk or cream, mint and pepper, mix until well incorporated. Cut each slice of bacon into 5 equal pieces. Put about a 1/2 teaspoon of the goat cheese mixture on the cracker. Place a piece of bacon on top, then a quarter of the fig atop of the bacon, repeat until all 24 are placed on a platter of your choice. Drizzle with honey and enjoy.

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# Somerville superintendent stresses teachers and tech

#### By Haley ED Houseman

Somerville Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper's office is decorated with plants and data. Printed graphs of test scores and achievements are taped all over the walls, obscuring much of the fresh coat of paint her office received before she began just a month ago. This decorating combines the superintendent's two priorities in her new position: delving deeply into the school system, and being hands on.

Since the spring, Skipper has been familiarizing herself with the system, meeting people from the community, schools and the central office. It's a learning journey, she explains, "I'm building a picture of Somerville, learning what is working well, what people love." It's a journey of listening and learning from the many people involved in the city's education.

Since 1999, Skipper has been active in the local education community, but her passion for teaching was apparent from a young age. Raised as an Arlington and Somerville native, she grew up as part of an extended family, and was profoundly influenced by local teachers. "I knew I wanted to teach from when I was in sixth, seventh grade," says Skipper.

Now superintendent, she started her career by working her way through Tufts University with a night job at Foodmaster. She eventually attended Harvard and Columbia for a graduate degree in education. After graduation, Skipper began working in the Boston school system as a Greek and Latin teacher for Boston Latin. From there, she moved to Boston College High, where she took on teaching positions as a math teacher, and later as a technology teacher.

It was in this role that Skipper developed into a passionate technology advocate. She saw the influence technology could have in the classroom, empowering students and supporting teachers. When she moved back into the Boston Public School system, it was to the city's central office, to work with technology on a district level.

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what people love"

It was in this position that she built the Boston Tech initiative into a district-wide program, with the help of a supportive team. At its height, the program reached 2,500 students in middle and high school. The students worked on coding, websites, as well as creating graphics, and database programing. The initiative was empowering all students and teachers to take advantage of new skills and blended learning. Teachers loved to teach it, says Skipper, because the students are so enthusiastic about the new skills.

When the Gates Foundation approached the district about a school structured around the Tech Boston initiative, Skipper had a chance to create deeply engaged technology education. The program was innovative; the public school was the first with a one to one laptop ratio, started in 2002. It began with just 75 students and 10 teachers and has grown to 1,100 students. That school is now in the



New Somerville Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper is utilizing her background as a specialist in learning technology to help propel the city's schools into an advanced state of efficiency.

hands of a team that includes some of the original members. The school was honored by a visit from President Obama, who sought to recognize Skipper's leadership, particularly impressive as the educator who was also battling breast cancer while founding the school.

From Headmistress for Tech Boston, Skipper went on to become the Assistant Superintendent of the Innovation schools, and then the Assistant Superintendent of Boston High Schools. This middle and high school background has informed Skipper's experience, but it doesn't limit her enthusiasm for her new K-12 constituency. "I'm looking forward to being engaged with all ages, all families," she enthuses. "I love the little kids, I can't wait to see them grow through the system."

She is downsizing from 34 schools in the Boston district (more than 20,000 students) to Somerville's 5,000 students. It is a move from policy intensive to a more direct interaction with students and families, a change that excites Skipper.

The change of system might be part of why her office has become a data mural. "When you look around and see all the data, it's because I like to be immersed. I really want to assess what's working well." Skipper is focusing on what's already successful in Somerville, like the teaching staff. She wants to open up pathways for development and engagement for teachers. Says the new superintendent, urban work is hard work, but is rewarding and sustainable as a team. Collaboration is key. "Our teachers represent the front line with our students. They're there everyday, working with our kids. I really work with them as partners, along with our school leaders and other staff."

It is no surprise that she is also focused on technology – her bread and butter – focusing on programming, on the devices used, or getting student voices involved. She notes that today, "students are far ahead of most adults in the use of technology."

She is looking to leverage social media, and teachers working one to one with students. Skipper is most committed to making sure the teachers are able to stay in front of that curve, have the skills and access to the technology they need. She wants frame technology as an effective tool

for teaching and learning, to really think beyond the computer. "This means looking at STEM, of project based learning, at how technology Continued on page 16



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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session through August 21.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for The Senate has held 159 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

> Thirty-two of the Senate's 39 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

> Some senators may have poor attendance records because of a variety of reasons including health problems or military service. Beacon Hill Roll Call does not ask each individual senator why he or she missed roll call

> The senator who missed the most roll calls is Sen. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont), who missed 57 roll calls (64.2 percent attendance). All the roll calls missed by Brownsberger were held on one day - July 30. There were 69 roll calls that day and Brownsberger missed 57 of them. He told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "I left the Senate session at 4 p.m. for a long-scheduled meeting with the District Attorneys Association, returning to the statehouse at 10:30 p.m., after the Senate session ended."

> The six other senators who missed roll call votes are Sens. Joan Lovely (D-Salem), six roll calls (96.2 percent attendance); Cynthia Stone Creem (D-Newton), five roll calls (96.9 percent attendance); Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) and Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), three roll calls (98.1 percent attendance); and Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville), Anthony Petruccelli (D-East Boston) and Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich) one roll call (99.4 percent attendance).

#### SENATORS' 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE **RECORDS THROUGH AUGUST 21**

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

> 99.4 percent (1) Sen. Patricia Jehlen

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NOTIFY EMPLOYEES OF OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE BUSINESS (H 1740) - The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would require a business owner who intends to sell his or her company to notify employees of their eligibility to bid on and/or purchase the business. The measure requires the employer, within seven days of deciding to sell the business, to notify the employees that they are eligible to bid on the business through a cooperative or employee stock ownership program and have the right of first refusal.

Supporters said that employee-owned companies often outperform their competition, are more likely to remain in their current community and create excellent retirement plans for workers at all levels of the business.

WORKPLACE BULLYING (H 1771) - The House gave initial approval to a bill giving victims of workplace bullying the legal right to seek damages against an employer or fellow employee. The victim must prove that the bullying was intentionally abusive and resulted in physical or psychological harm. Employers can minimize their liability if they attempt to prevent and respond to bullying behavior.

According to the anti-workplace bullying website mahealthyworkplace.com, bullying includes false accusations of mistakes and errors; yelling, shouting and screaming; exclusion and "the silent treatment;" withholding resources and information necessary to the job; behind-the-back sabotage and defamation; use of putdowns, insults and excessively harsh criticism; and unreasonably heavy work demands.

Supporters said that under current law, there is no recourse for these victims unless the bullying is based on a protected class status like race, sex or disability. They said that more than 25 percent of workers will be the victims of workplace bullying in their lifetime and that 72 percent of employers who received complaints about workplace bullying either ignored the problem or made it worse. They argued that this can result in many conditions including severe depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

#### "PAY IT FORWARD" COLLEGE EDUCATION

(H 1062) - The Higher Education Committee will hold a hearing on September 16 at 10:30 a.m. in Room A-2 of the Statehouse on a bill establishing a commission to study a "Pay It Forward" model to finance college for Massachusetts students. The plan allows students to attend college without payments up front.

Under the plan, students would sign a contract and agree to pay a portion of their income back to the state for a designated amount of time after graduating college and entering the workforce. Similar proposals are pending in other states and in Congress but none have actually been approved.

Under some proposals being floated in various states, the borrower would pay back 4 percent of his or her income annually for 25 years. Someone earning \$30,000 per year would pay \$1,200 per year or \$100 per month while someone making \$100,000 per year would pay \$4,000 annually or \$333.33 per month. And if someone loses a job, payments are put on hold.

Supporters say tuition costs have skyrocketed over the past decade, making it increasingly difficult for children from low- and middle- income families to get a college education. They argued this program will enable many students to go to college and not incur a huge debt.

#### CHANGE EDUCATION FUNDING (S 685) - The Education Committee's hearing also includes a proposal

to base 25 percent of the amount of state funding for each state university or community college on performance criteria developed by the Secretary of Education. The criteria would include students' successful completion of courses of study as evidenced by graduation, certification or other similar documentation, and rates or measures of the academic achievement of students.

Supporters say this would reward colleges that are doing the best job of educating our children. They argued that the current system doesn't reward schools for their performance.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I've talked to students at UMass who are working two or three part-time jobs to scrape together enough money to stay in school. For them, \$900 could put their future in jeopardy." - Senate President Stan Rosenberg urging UMass President Marty Meehan to reconsider an estimated \$900 hike in undergraduate tuition and fees.

#### Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

"It will earn millions of dollars in new passenger revenues and millions more in maintenance savings – money that can be used to pay for all or most of the project." — Former Govs. Bill Weld and Mike Dukakis in an op-ed piece supporting a rail link between North and South stations.

"I would oppose that and if that got to my desk, I'd veto it." — Gov. Charlie Baker when asked if he would support legislation that would limit local law enforcement's efforts to cooperate with the federal government to enforce immigration laws.

"Thousands of immigrants work hard every day to make Massachusetts the great state that it is. As we seek justice, respect and acceptance, Gov. Baker can and should set a good example of compassion and inclusion for others to follow." — Natalicia Tracy, Executive Director of the Brazilian Worker Center, criticizing Baker.

#### 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 17-21, the House met for a total of 32 minutes while the Senate met for a

total of 24 minutes.

Mon. August 17 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Tues. August 18 No House session

No Senate session

Wed. August 19

No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. August 20 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Fri. August 21 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

# LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston searching for new Master Model Builder

#### By Rebecca Danvers

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston recently announced their search for a new Master Model Builder. The former Master Model Builder, Ian Coffey, stepped down to pursue another career opportunity in late July after winning his position at the Brick Factor event held in January 2014.

The Master Model Builder is responsible for all the LEGO® builds in the attraction including updating MINILAND®, teaching the Master Builder Academy workshops, conducting media interviews and representing LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston at events.

"Although we're sad that Ian

has left," said David Gilmore, General Manager at LEGO-LAND® Discovery Center Boston. "We're looking at this as an opportunity to allow another individual to experience his or her dream job."

The multi-tiered search will be conducted August 14 through September 13. Interested applicants will have several ways to earn a spot in the one-day Brick Factor build-off event with the winner earning the title and full time position of Master Model Builder for LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston.

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston will narrow the search to 50 contestants who will compete in a oneday Brick Factor build-off event on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Baxter Park at Assembly Row in Somerville. The event will include two rounds of building challenges and onsite interviews with the new Master Model Builder being announced at the end.

Interested applicants over the age of 18 have four ways to apply: a standard online application (accepted Aug. 14-Sept. 13), social media application with Facebook voting (Aug. 14-Sept. 7 with voting between Sept. 8-13), onsite application and build drop-off with visitor voting (builds will be accepted during business hours August 22-31 with voting on Sept. 1-13) and Adult Night build



challenge held at the September Adult Night on Sept. 16. For more details on the application process and a job description for the Master Model Builder, check out the Brick Factor page on their website.

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston is also reserving five spots in Brick Factor for the first five current employees who apply. Interested employees will fill out an application and the first five applicants will receive a spot in the build-off.

Brick Factor contestants will all be notified by September 18 and must attend the September 26 event to be considered for the position.

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# Community Path extension a reflection of our community's values



#### By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week we officially cut the ribbon on the second phase of the Community Path extension, bringing it from Cedar Street to Lowell Street. This milestone brings us one step closer to extending the Community Path all the way to the Boston border, which would create a bicycle and pedestrian highway through Somerville to downtown. It would also provide a crucial link between the paths along the Charles River and the 10-mile Minuteman Commuter Bikeway, resulting in a 48-mile continuous path network that would allow bicyclists, runners and walkers to travel between 11 cities and towns in Greater Boston without ever having to share their right-of-way with a car. This is a tremendous milestone and it happened not because of one individual, but because our community has a set of shared values, which includes the importance of making our neighborhoods walkable and bikeable. When we start from our shared values, we can envision and plan for the future we want and achieve goals like the Community Path Extension.

We've seen the impact of making Somerville more walkable, bikeable and connected to public transit. We're improving our environmental well-being, reducing car emissions and improving the quality of the air we breathe, undoing the failed policies of the past that treated our community as a cut-through for cars and led to half of our residents living in environmental justice zones, bearing the impact of car emissions and industry. There is the positive impact on our economic health, with active streetscapes and more foot traffic supporting our local businesses, and on our public health, with these investments making the healthy choice to walk or bike instead of driving the easy choice for residents. And there's the social connectivity that comes when we create walkable, bikeable neighborhoods. Ultimately, building a neighborhood means creating places where you see familiar faces every day, out on sidewalks and paths walking, pushing strollers and biking.

The health of our planet and ourselves, a strong economy, and a sense of community: This is what we value. So, building this new quarter-mile of the Community Path is more than just an extension of a mixed-use bicycle and pedestrian path. It is a reflection of our community, and our values. We codified those values in SomerVision, a comprehensive plan that is not about what we want to build, but what kind of community we want to be. It's a shared set of values and goals, including the goal to shift half of all new vehicle trips to biking, walking and transportation. We continue to work at meeting that goal. It's why Somerville is now the top city in the northeast for bicycle community and fifth in the U.S. overall, per the League of American Bicyclists. It's why Somerville is now the 7th most walkable city in the nation according to national Walk Score ratings.

This is all because as a community we came together, expressed our values, and then made and advocated for the policies and investments to reflect those values. So around Somerville today, you see more than 40 new miles of bike lanes and sharrows. You see the Community Path extension. You see work underway on the Green Line Extension. And a year ago, you saw the opening of Massachusetts' first new public rapid transit station in almost three decades at Assembly Square. It's because we understand the impact that this kind of vision and community planning has on our economic health, our social health, and our environmental well-being.

Projects like this need collaboration. It's collaboration that has made Somerville so successful over the years. For the Community Path, we need to thank the advocates and activists like the Friends of the Community and the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership, who relentlessly worked to make sure that not only the Green Line is ex-

tended, but that we capitalized on the opportunity to also extend the Community Path to Boston. We need to thank our aldermen, who have continued to advocate and support for the policies to make our shared values a reality, and our state delegation of Sen. Jehlen and Reps. Denise Provost, Christine Barber and Tim Toomey that has done the same. We must thank our partners at the state, from Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollock to the staff in MassHighway's District Four, and our Congressman Mike Capuano who helped secure the funding to bring this project to fruition.

When we are committed and work together, projects like this are possible and we can achieve those shared goals in SomerVision. We rank highly in the nation for walkability, bikeability and public transportation access, but we won't be satisfied until we are number one. These are not easy goals to reach, but I am confident we will get there, because today, between Cedar Street and Lowell Street, you can see a quarter-mile of pure community determination.

## 'Moveable Furniture' installed at Kenney Park

By Tom Bannister

It's beginning to feel a lot like home over at Kenney Park. At least that's how it looks now.

Beginning on Friday, August 21, the city piloted a "moveable furniture" project in Kenney

Park in Davis Square.

The park, which was recently renovated, will now include additional, brightly colored café tables and chairs to enhance the public plaza.

According to the city, recent planning studies and observa-

tions of open space have shown that comfort plays a large role in whether residents remain in and enjoy public places, and moveable furniture is one way to allow park-goers to move and arrange seating as desired.

During the pilot program, the

city will study how the use of the space before and after the installation of the moveable furniture changes to determine whether to install moveable furniture in other parks across the city.

The furniture will be clearly marked and includes theft pre-

vention materials. Residents are encouraged to report any furniture that is lost or damaged to 311.

If you would like additional information, please contact Parks and Open Space at 617-625-6600 ext. 2500.

## 'Somerville Reads' starts September 16

#### By Rebecca Danvers

Get ready for some fun reading as the 2015 Somerville Reads campaign kicks off this fall with the book *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

Somerville Reads is a project that promotes literacy and community engagement by encouraging all Somerville residents to read and discuss the same book. The 2015 project will kick off on Wednes-

day, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Central Branch Library, 79 Highland Ave., with a family-friendly presentation on Mars exploration. The event is free and open to the public, and door prizes will be raffled.

The Martian is a thrilling and often funny sci-fi novel set in the near future when manned missions to Mars have begun. Astronaut Mark Watney is marooned on Mars when his crewmates mistakenly believe

that he has been killed during a hurried emergency departure from the planet. What follows has been compared to MacGyver on Mars as Watney devises ingenious ways to survive. The action shifts between Watney, the efforts of NASA to mount a rescue (once they realize that Watney is still alive), and Watney's fellow astronauts who are on their way back to Earth.

Copies of each book in a vari-

ety of formats are available for check out at all Somerville Public Library locations.

A series of events and discussions is planned for September, as follows:

· Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. (thru Oct. 15): Crafts at the library (see www.somervillepubliclibrary.org for location and details)

· Wed., Sept. 23, 6 p.m.: Movie night: Gravity (PG-13), Central Libary · Fri., Sept. 25, 6 p.m.: Movie night and potluck dinner: War of the Worlds (PG-13), Central Library. To coordinate food, contact Cathy Piantigini at 617-623-5000 ext. 2950.

· Wed., Sept. 30, 7 p.m.: Book discussion, Central Library

· Sun., Oct. 4, 1 p.m.: Q&A with M.I.T. Space Engineers, Central Library

For a full events schedule, visit www.somervillepubliclibary.org.

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## COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



## **Our View Of The Times**



When the "Black Lives Matter" banner was hung above the entrance to City Hall last week, something of a firestorm of controversy was set off.

While some regard this controversy as little more than a tempest in a teapot, others have expressed vehement opposition to the move, claiming that it was nothing more than political maneuvering, pandering to the left, and even repre-

senting a form of bigotry of its own kind. Cries of "All lives matter" were heard in the media, in discussion forums, and in some instances on the very streets where we live.

Mayor Curtatone has stepped up and defended the move, saying that the banner represents a statement that the institutional discrimination that exists in U.S. law enforcement in various places

throughout the country will not be tolerated in Somerville. He also emphasizes a need for the city to stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Some have questioned how appropriate it is for city government to involve itself in this type of thing. They say that since BLM is, in their opinion, a political movement it should not be officially endorsed in this way. Others counter that it

is a question of upholding civil rights, and that local, state and national governments have an obligation to take a stand on the matter.

However one may feel about this particular expression of support for BLM, most of us would surely agree that that the rhetoric and passion should be tempered as we all seek solutions to the fundamental issue at hand: equality for all.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

There was a great turnout for the 4th Annual Fight Night amateur boxing night at Somerville High School. We have to congratulate the staff and kids for a great entertaining night at that. A large crowd over 600 attended. The president of the club, Stoney, keeps doing a great job. Also a good job by Bruce Desmond as MC and Nancy Bacci from the recreation department. Any young kid looking to join in can contact the club down in East Somerville on Cross Street.

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Not much publicity about it, but the guy who took out nomination papers for mayor and then decided he couldn't do it, Philip M. Mitza of Autumn Street, is now running a sticker campaign, so we hear. He even has a web site about it.

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There's a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

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So we're going through the websites of the various candidates for Ward 6 Alderman and we notice that candidate Lance Davis has some big names backing him, from Mayor Joe, present Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, Alderman-at-Large Jack Connolly, State Representative Provost and former Mayor Gene Brune. We thought you'd find it interesting that these progressive individuals here in Somerville would support a guy who chooses to work as Senior Corporate Attorney for Oracle Corporation. Oracle has shipped hundreds of thousands of jobs out of USA over to China and other countries in the recent past, the same company that was sued for failure to pay overtime to 1,700 union employees. Next, you'll hear that Oracle is the company of the people and they love unions. So it's a choice where you go to work and that's good, but if you're going to call yourself progressive and for the people then maybe you'd explain why you're working for the so-called one percent. We noticed he doesn't say what company, if any, he's currently working for, just that he's a corporate counsel. By the way, we noticed some well-known unions such as the Greater Boston labor Council and SEIU local 888 were also backing candidate Davis. We also noticed his contributors and next week we will let you know about that. He apparently doesn't have a problem with large donations like

the progressives have been fighting against.

At the recent Mayor Joe fundraiser held at the WHYC last week it looks like less than 100 people attended. The usual department heads and family members, and maybe a developer or two. And yes, the usual aldermen and School Committee members were not present.

Don't forget, all you hungry residents, especially those in the Thurston and Medford Streets area: this coming Tuesday, the 1st, it's the grand re-opening of the Thurston Spa. Try them out, drop in and say "Hi" to John and his family and friends. Great local places like these are too few here in the city and we need more, if only getting the permits were more hassle free.

Cruising In The Van Productions has announced that their award-winning documentary feature *Life on the V: The Story of V66* is screening for one-night only at the Somerville Theatre on Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m. The screening will include a post-screening Q&A with director Eric Green and producer Matthew Nerney as well as former V66 VJ Bill Stephens (known today for motorsport

TV broadcasting and Koffee 98.7FM in Cape Cod) and musician Doug Ardito (bassist for several music groups, notably Puddle of Mudd for whom he co-wrote their biggest single 2001's "Blurry"). The Q&A will be moderated by DJ Sterling Golden of Dirty Water News and WEMF radio. Life on the V: The Story of V66 tells the story of V66, the hugely popular music video channel that was broadcast throughout the Boston area during the height of the music video craze in 1985-86, only to disappear from the airwaves after 18 months. 30 years later, the fans remain and memories of this channel have formed an important place in 80s nostalgia.

The Boston Comics Roundtable's Creator Talk series will continue on Sunday September 6th with mental health cartoonist LB Lee. Held at the new Boston Comics Workspace at 561 Windsor St., Studio 306, in Somerville, the event is free and open to the public, though a suggested donation of \$5 is welcome. Lee's talk will begin at 2:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Ninth Art Press. Lee's Creator Talk will focus on process, from research to the final product, and translating psychological phenomena into readable art.

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# Somerville Police and Teen Empowerment walk

#### By Donald Norton

Last Wednesday, a well-represented group of both Somerville Police Officers and youth from Teen employment turned up at Grimmons Park in the Ten Hills for discussion and to walk together through the neighborhood.

This was their last time this summer to take the walk, at which time they presented a survey on how the community is doing and what can be done to improve it to those whose

paths they crossed.

No aldermen showed up for the walk, but State Representative Christine Barber was present and traveled with the group.

The walk proceeded through the Mystic Projects, down to Foss Park and back to Grimmons Park in the Ten Hills.

For more information on the joint venture between the police and teens, you can go to the Somerville Police Department's website and actually take the survey yourself.

























## **SPORTS**

## 4th Annual Fight Night at the SHS gym

#### By Donald Norton

The 4th Annual Fight Night was held this past Friday night, sponsored by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Department of Recreation and the Somerville Boxing Club. Together they put on a great show at the Somerville High School gym.

The event was originally scheduled for Dilboy Stadium, but because of the threat of rain it was decided days in advance to move it to the high school gym.

A standing room only crowd of 500 to 600 attended the event in a gym that was very hot and humid, but the crowd still seemed to enjoy the evening.

A total of 16 bouts were on the card for the night from amateurs all over Massachusetts and New England.

The parking was tight around City Hall and the high school, and people were showing up all night long to see the show.

The president of the Boxing Club, Stoney (Norman Stone), has worked hard over the years to get this club on solid ground and become a place where teenagers who are at risk can have a place to go and learn the art of boxing.

Stoney is well known here in the city. He himself is a native, having grown up here. He has done a great job getting this club to be recognized as a place where our youth can go and learn how to be good sportsmen, competitors and achieve self-confidence.







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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What horse holds the record for the fastest time in the Belmont Stakes?
- 2. What three races make up the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing?
- 3. Who appeared on the first cover of TV Guide?
- 4. Who is the only boxer to go 15 rounds with heavyweight Rocky Marciano?
- 5. Who was the youngest U.S. Vice President of the 20th century?
- 6. What record album was the first ever to be taken directly from a film's musical soundtrack?
- 7. Which musical was

- Victor Fleming making the same time he was making Gone With the Wind?
- 8. Who was the oldest U.S. President before Ronald Reagan?
- 9. What was The Ed Sullivan Show originally known as?
- 10. Who wrote Yale's Bulldog song?
- 11. When did Howard Stern land his first radio jobs?
- 12. What did Japan's century-old Nintendo company manufacture before it made its mark in the world of computer

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# Alibrandis champions once again



For the 6th season in a row and 16th time in franchise history, the Somerville Alibrandis are the Yawkey Baseball League Champions.



The SomerMovie Freeze series ends this Thursday with a screening of the viewers' choice winner, Happy Feet. The movie starts just after sunset in Seven Hills Park in Davis Square.



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## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week, Somerville Neighborhood News #47 brings you a special segment featuring Somerville's new Superintendent Mary Skipper. Teachers are setting up their rooms, kids are buying backpacks and notebooks - it's back to school time.



Skipper is looking forward to the start of the school year. She'll be doing a lot of listening and learning, as well as sharing her experience creating and leading TechBoston Academy. You can watch this Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SCATV Ch. 3 or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscasts focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

7 Thurston St: (Case #ZBA 2015-55) Applicant, Pete Monaghan and Owner Nicholas Tham, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming Floor Area Ration (FAR) in basement. RA zone. Ward 4.

22 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2015-56) Applicant Cristina Napoli & Owners Cristina Napoli & Marcus Santos seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4. to increase the height of the rear portion of the nonconforming single-family house. RB zone. Ward 3.

87 Bay State Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-57) Applicant, Patrick Cooleybeck, & Owners, Sarah & Patrick Cooleybeck, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to enlarge a rear porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at <a href="www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning">www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</a>. 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

As published in The Somerville Times on 8/19/15 & 8/26/15.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE** MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** 

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing to present the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's 2014-2015 programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and to obtain public input on the City's performance regarding its current grants funded by HUD, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program. In addition, an amendment to the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan will be discussed to include refinancing as an eligible cost in the HOME program.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. quests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Friday, September 4, 2015 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323 or email at ballen@somervillema.gov. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Friday, September 4, 2015. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSP-CD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to Thursday September 24, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Jennifer Carvalho at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to ospcd@somervillema.gov.

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#### Nellie's Wild Flowers

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#### Somerville superintendent stresses teachers and tech CONT. FROM PG 7

can connect, can be personalized," she explains. Of course, it doesn't replace teaching, she adds, but rather complements it.

Skipper is firm in her intentions to grow the system of support already in place. "I'd like to get to the point where every student has a success plan." Part of that plan is using the 3-6 time block, blended learning, and vacations focus on pushing students forward rather than focusing on learning melt.

Using these times to build skills and enhance the curriculum can be achieved best by working with parents, and community partners, Skipper says. Like the foundations of Somerville's program, she is also dedicated to supporting students from birth to adulthood, not just in education but in the physical, emotional and social well being of the child.

This foundation is part of the reason she hoped to come back to Somerville, "It's such a unique place. You just don't find that dedication anywhere else. It's so refreshing to me, to be concerned students having the skills for college and beyond, to career, and to rock."

Her mission is to educate students



Skipper with President Obama, checking out some of the latest technological innovations in the classroom.

for the 21st century, to focus on data year kicks off, she is loving the pasand achievement gaps. "Data will drive our conversations, our discussions, help us to determine what are the areas we need to invest in."

It is no surprise that you can catch up with Mary Skipper on Twitter (@svilleskipper). And as the school

sion of the staff around her. "It's what you hope for in a position, coming twenty years out of Boston and knowing that system intimately. I'm nervous, I want to do very well by my staff, by my teachers, and my students, and by my parents."

#### **ArtsUnion Fall schedule**

The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project is an initiative designed to boost the cultural economic development of Union Square, Somerville. Since 2005, ArtsUnion has been instrumental in reinvigorating the artistic and business landscape of the area.

ArtsUnion produces events, markets, and cultural tours that reflect the cultural and artistic diversity of Union Square. In addition, ArtsUnion has commissioned local artisans to fabricate street furniture and was instrumen-



tal in creating an Arts Overlay District that provides zoning incentives for arts related development in the square. All events in Union Square unless noted otherwise

Saturday, Sept 12, 3 – 7 p.m. (RD Sept 19): The Evolution of Hip Hop Festival

Sunday, Sept 13, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (RD Sept 20): Rock and Roll Yard Sale

Thursday, Sept 17, 6 – 8 p.m. (RD Sept 18): Pity Party

Saturday, Sept 19, 8 p.m. – 12am: MUM @ Artfarm, 10 Poplar St.

Saturday Sept 26, 3 – 7 p.m. (RD Sept 27): What the Fluff Festival

Saturday, Oct 3, 12 p.m. – 5 & 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (RD Oct 10): Solar System Pop-up Playground Perry Park, 355 Washington St.

Sunday Oct 4, 1 – 6 p.m. (RD: Oct 25): Haiti & Brazil hit the 'ville

Saturday, Oct 24, 3 – 7 p.m.: Fixer Fair

For more details about these events visit: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artsunion

#### **Union Square Market Tours**

Thursday, Aug 27, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

To sign-up for a tour send an e-mail in advance to: artsuniontour@gmail.com

ArtsUnion is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Art Program and the City of Somerville.

#### HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

The Farmers Market is back – Running through Friday, October 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

Summer Fun Fridays – Museum and Cultural outings on the following Friday August 28 – The Griffin Museum of Photography. All trips depart from our Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. Trip prices will vary depending upon mode of transportation. Lunch is always on your own and at your own expense. Space is extremely limited so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Lowell Spinners – Wednesday, August 26 – departing our Holland Street Center at 3:30 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. A fee of \$30.- includes transportation, seating at the Lowell Spinners game and an all you can eat BBQ. Game time is 7:05 P.M. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Somerville Veterans Cruise - Sunday, August 30 - The Somerville Council on Aging and the Winter Hill Yacht Club invites all Somerville Veterans to join us on a cruise on the Mystic River - Come and enjoy a day on the Mystic River and celebrate with fellow veterans - Breakfast & BBQ lunch included - Check in time is 9:00 A.M. at the Winter Hill Yacht Club – event should end at 2:00 P.M. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. A fee of \$13. includes transportation only – Lunch, shopping and a \$5. admission fee is on your own. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes, bring your appetite and remember your sunscreen. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for info.

#### Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto

– Thursday, September 17th – Saturday, September 19th - \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ...Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach - 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel - 2 full American Breakfasts - Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating - The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. PASSPORT REQUIRED and upon registration a copy is requested - Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo - Wednesday, September 23rd – for a fee of \$81. You will see brothers; Brian, Dennis & Carl Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine perform their big hits. You will also enjoy lunch with a choice of Baked Chicken or Baked Scrod – includes minestrone soup, vegetables and dessert as well as coffee or tea. Check in time and return time have yet to be determined. Please contact Connie for additional information or to reserve your spot at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**Book Club** – Meets the first Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti, facilitates this group. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you require additional information.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to - or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note our Cross Street Center is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and the events are listed in the "UPCOMING SCHEDULE.

The trip to Hart's Turkey Farm, "Turkey Train", scheduled for October 8 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7 & 8 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Revere Beach that scheduled for August, 17 is RESCHEDULED for Wednesday, September 2nd. Please note that the Monday morning Fit-4-Life Walking

/ Talking Group is now scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M.

The day trip scheduled on Sunday, September 13 to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival is SOLD OUT.

#### **LGBT EVENTS:**

LGBT Advisory Group - Monday, September 14 - 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, September 14 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. As soon as the lunch options become available they will be posted. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays.

LGBT Monthly "Movies To Come Out To" - Monday, September 21st – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Stay tuned for dinner selection and movie viewing. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

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

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

#### Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### **Mondays:**

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### **Fridays:**

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday August 26

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

Thursday August 27 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

10:00 Current Events (H)

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

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:00 English Conversation (C) 12:30 Lunch (C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

#### Friday | August 28

10:30 Farmers Market (H) 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

### Monday August 31

9:00 Fit-4-Life Walking / Talking Group (H) \*note time change

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)

#### **Tuesday | September 1**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Senior Housing 101 (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:00 English Conversation (C)

12:30 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

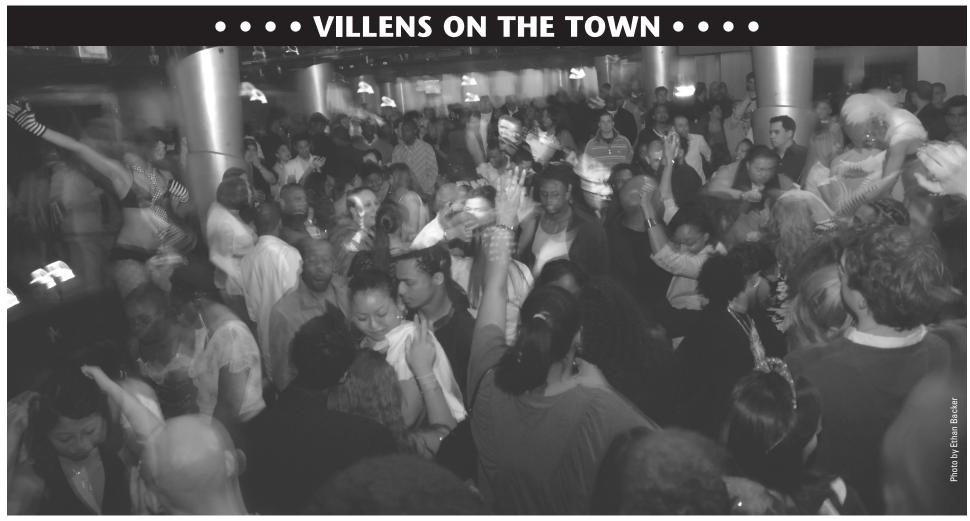
#### Wednesday | September 2

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

#### DID YOU KNOW?

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#### **CHILDREN AND** YOUTH

#### Wednesday | August 26

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

#### **Central Library**

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball - 617 636-9033 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Monday August 31

#### **Central Library**

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball - 617-636-9033 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### MUSIC ARTS

#### Wednesday | August 26

Johnny D's

Jeff Jam Dance Party 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm **Back Room** Finbar Furey 7:30 p.m. Comedy @ 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

Something Civil |8 p.m. Builder of the House Mark Ewas & the Magical Pistachio Odyssey Meagan Hickman **TBA** 

345 Somerville Ave

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

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street (617) 623-9910

#### Arts at the Armory

Broad Appeal - Comedy Night 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland

#### Thursday | August 27

#### Johnny D's

Uncle Johnny's Band (Tribute to the Grateful Dead) FREE SHOW!!

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Jan Marie & The Mean Reds 6 p.m.

Bitter Bastids 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

Sky Tigers 9 p.m. Sonic District Suspect Sound 345 Somerville Ave

#### On The Hill Tavern

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Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045 Joshua Tree

#### 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

#### **Somerville Theatre**

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

#### **Davis Square Theatre**

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m.

255 Elm St

#### Arts at the Armory

Center Stage Somerville Final Performance

6 p.m.|Performance Hall The Loop

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | August 28

#### Johnny D's

John Sebastian (of Lovin' Spoonful) PLUS Paul Rishell & **Annie Raines** 

Pressure Cooker (Reggae) + The Boston Jazz Reggae Trio 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m.

Hear NowLive Presents The Rockmores, Lockjaw Smile, Mailman Carl + friends \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

The Deaf Cats | 9 p.m.

Heavy America **Junior Classics** Skunk Pilot 345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

#### 10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

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

#### **Bull McCabe's**

TBA

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

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

#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

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

#### Casey's

**Entertainment every Friday** 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### Arts at the Armory

Soundproofing Benefit - Part

7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

## **Davis Square Theatre**

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7

255 Elm Street

#### Saturday August 29

#### Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Saturday Night Soul with Miss Fairchild, Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys, Gold Blood

& Associates, The Liza Colby Sound

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tom Ghent 2 p.m. Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast | 6 p.m. The Condescendants \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

**Back Room** 

Cover Up 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

TBA

345 Somerville Ave

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

#### On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

#### **Bull McCabe's**

TBA

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

DJ El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Casey's

**Entertainment every Saturday** 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

#### Arts at the Armory

Rick, Dave, & Friends 10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland

#### Sunday | August 30

#### Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band

17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Pat Wallace presents |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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#### The Burren

Front Room

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

**Back Room** 

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Samba Bar & Grille

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

#### Arts at the Armory

Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### **Davis Square Theatre**

Game of Thrones: Burlesque 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Monday August 31

#### Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone (Stand-Up) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter'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.

Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Tuesday | September 1**

#### Johnny D's

TBA 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers
Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh Mc-Gowan 8 p.m.

#### On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

#### Arts at the Armory

A Summer Improvisational Voyage: The Return of Yakir Arbib with Anastasiya Dumma plus Abby Swidler & Abigale Reisman

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|September 2

#### Johnny D's

TBA

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy @ 10 p.m.

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P.A.'s Lounge
Average Joel|8 p.m.
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Jared Daley
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Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

#### Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m.|Café|191Highland Ave

## CLASSES AND GROUPS Thursday | August 27

#### **Central Library**

On D.E.C.K Presents: Never Rated Stephanie -Santiago 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### West Branch Library

Melissa McCue-McGrath, author of Considerations for the City Dog Karen Kramer-617-623-5000 x2978

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|40 College Avenue

#### First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

#### Saturday | August 29

#### **Bagel Bards**

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

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

#### Sunday August 31

#### **Unity Church of God**

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

#### Monday | August 31

#### **Central Library**

Artist Hanging Exhibition Susan Schur-617-623-4488 9 a.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Tuesday|September 1

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Susan Schur installation Susan Lamphier-6176235000 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

#### Wednesday|September 2

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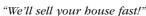
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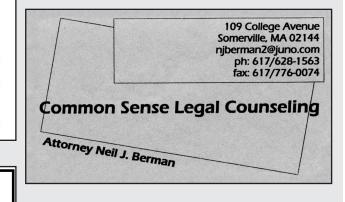
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Bay State Biking Ne	10:00am	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	The Struggle	6:30am
Pearls of Irregular Sha	11:00am	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	Somerville Film Group	7:00am
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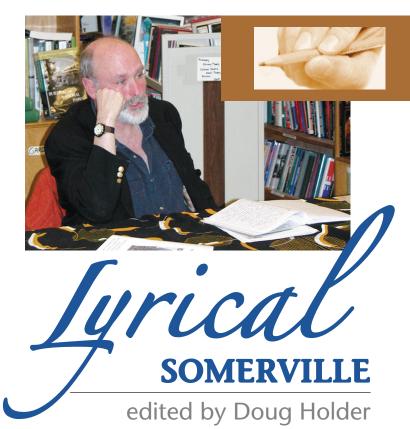
SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester

Sunday, August 30

SomerViva en Espanol

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Local poet Julia Carlson writes *The Times*: "As a clinical social worker, my training cautioned me to pay close attention to 'my own stuff' and how that can unconsciously influence the direction of therapy. When this poem happened, I wasn't 100% sure of where it was going. Reading it now, the poem reminds me that human



relationships, as well as therapeutic ones, can be one-sided, and maybe for the best!"

#### Counter-Transference

Of all that is impossible You are it Even though your eyes speak You are impossible

Even when you do not speak But your eyes speak I know what you mean But it is impossible

Even though we never touch Will never touch When your eyes speak I know it might have been possible

If your eyes did not speak I would never have thought About you or us or everything about us That is or might have been

You sit there watching me I sit here watching you We will never be one We will always be two.

— Julia Carlson

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by Doug Holder

## Somerville's Julie Ann Otis:

A Poet Who Feeds the Mind, Body and Spirit

There is something to be said about my unofficial office in the back of the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square in Somerville. There is a nice brick wall where I can rest my glasses, books and papers, and a fireplace rests on top of the brick, a perfect pick for a winter's day. My space also provides a sense of intimacy where I can probe the minds of my subjects for my column in The Somerville Times. My subject in this week's column is Julie Ann Otis, a poet, a writer, a personal coach, a motivational speaker, to name just a few roles she plays.

Otis has lived in Somerville since 1996, and is originally from Omaha, Nebraska. She told me, "I love Somerville. It has the second highest number of artists per capita in the country. Only New York City beats it. I love the vibe here."

Otis is currently running a workshop for the Art and Business Council for Greater Boston, titled Artistic Dharma. According to Otis this workshop deals with "the active receptivity and letting go of undue effort that leads a person to be a vehicle for great art to be made."

Otis, a graduate of Tufts University and Boston University, said the workshop consists of discussion, creative exercises, meditation, with the aim to find one's creative self. Otis is well versed in Buddhist philosophy, and uses this in her teachings. According to Otis, "I explore aspects of our thinking that prevents us from expressing ourselves. Things like pushing yourself too hard, believing more is better, or there is never enough, etc."

Otis is also an experienced life coach. She has studied with masters in Indonesia, the United States, and elsewhere. Her practice provides a liv-



In 2011 Otis had a major life change. She told me, "My poetry floodgates opened. I felt poetry was coming through me - I was a medium for something. My poems are contemplative and earnest, and I use my heart and my body to write them."

Otis has studied at the Martha's Vineyard Institute for Creative Writing and the Noepe Center for Creative Writing on the Vineyard as well. She has an artistic residency coming up at the Art Farm in Marquette, Nebraska, where she will live and create with multi-disciplinary artists.

Earlier in 2015, she presented an exhibit in Union Square titled Free Verse that involved vintage typewriters, live-time poetry performances, community creative writing, and a public art installation.

Like many members of our artistic community, Otis has her hands in many pots and is actively creating, here, in the Paris of New England.

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