VOL. 1 NO. 1

SOMERVILLE, MASS. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

# **Inside:**



New growth statistics page 3



Riverfest page 7



How much is that book worth?

page 21

 Newstalk
 p.2

 The Week in Crime
 p.4

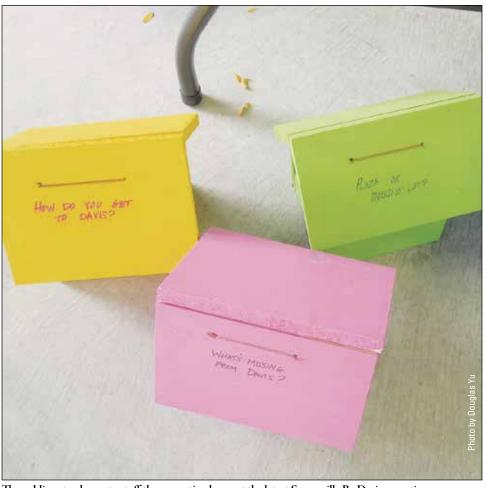
 Commentary
 p.8-9

 Beacon Hill Roll Call
 p.10

TV Logs . . . . . . . . . p.22

Off The Shelf . . . . . . . p.23

# Somerville by Design sums up parking ideas for Davis Square



The public got a chance to stuff the suggestion boxes at the latest Somerville By Design meeting.

#### By Douglas Yu

After a series of crowd sourced meetings throughout the summer, Somerville by Design brought people's attention from East Somerville to Davis Square this time. As a cutting edge and civically engaged organization, its goal is to provide enough parking spaces through strategic planning and to make Somerville a world-class city.

"We are bringing up the issues that people were concerned about from the meetings in the summer," Senior Planner from Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development, Lori Massa said. "The affordable housing and parking are always big topics."

It is a fact that only by expanding parking space can we bring other issues into the light, as Massa put it. She said the more important thing is the techniques that Somerville by Design adopts to manage parking.

"It's great to have an underground parking lot, but problems that are related to expense, water table, environment will come to the table," Massa said.

Building a vertical parking lot is still under discussion. The results

Continued on page 11

# Dog day afternoon on Trum Field

#### By Harry Kane

It was a hot day on Sept. 15 and the good weather brought out the crowds to the fourth annual 2013 Somerville Dog Festival. The event was packed with the gamut of dogs wagging their tails, barking, sniffing, and doing doggie things.

White tents lined the perimeter of the field, set-up by companies who had come to feature their dog-related products. A "try-it" training ring and obstacle course, outfitted with canine sports contraptions, was sectioned off in the rear. The demo ring, on the opposite side of the field, featured various events. And then there was a contest on stage for the best dog/owner look-a-like combo.

Dot Baisly, a behavior and enrichment coordinator of the SPCA from Westchester, was visiting Somerville for the weekend to help out at the festival. Baisly stood at the entrance to the "try-it" training course, greeting the patrons and their four-legged friends.

"All you gotta do is let her be a dog," she said to the Somerville resident with Continued on page 12



the Somerville resident with Continued on page 12 William Leong and his best pal Yoshi made a few new friends at this year's Dogfest.



To
advertise
in
The
Somerville
Times
call
Bobbie Toner:
617-666-4010





This morning, Wednesday, September 18, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce is having its Government Affairs Breakfast with George Proakis, AICP Director of Planning, City of Somerville, 8:00–9:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street.

We proudly dedicate our new/old newspaper name to our loyal friend and mentor, former Publisher Bob Publicover who loved Somerville so very much. He would be very happy the tradition continues to another era.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*

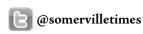
This week we have seven local candidates having campaign kickoff rallies and events. On Monday night Jack Connolly, Alderman At large, had one at the East End Grille. Candidate for Ward Three, Matt Desmond, the son of retiring Alderman Bruce Desmond, held one at the Burren in Davis Sq., and then candidate for Ward Seven Alderman, Joe Capuano, had his kickoff at Rudy's. Our sources said all three were well attended. Tuesday night was candidate for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti's at the Old Magoun Saloon in Magoun Square, and candidate for Ward Three Bob McWatters at Sally O'Brien's in Union Square. This Thursday on the 19th, candidate for Alderman At Large Sean Fitzgerald will be having a fundraiser at Sally O'Brien's starting at 5:30 p.m.

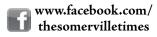
\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Happy Birthday to some of our fans here in the Ville and elsewhere, wherever they may be spread around the place. First of all, a big Happy Birthday to our good friend David Lebahn. He's getting older. To Phil Jeffres, formerly of the Ville. We wish him a big time HB and hope that frog problem he was having is over with by now. A Happy Birthday to Mary Jo Rossetti, the current chairperson of the School Board, representing Ward 7 for many years now, and is busy running for Alderman At Large. We hear she's going to win! We wish for her a win in November as her present. You can vote for four, so make sure she is considered for one of your four votes. Happy Birthday to PJ Ryan's pub in Teele Square, run by popular saloon keeper Conor Brennan. To a good friend who grew up here in Somerville. Joe Bordonaro, who lives near Washington D.C. We wish him a good day. Big Happy Birthday to Continued on page 8

# The Somerville Times

699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144
news@thesomervilletimes.com
www.thesomervilletimes.com
617-666-4010 • Fax: 617-628-0422





Publisher – Somerset Valley Publishing Inc.

Editor – Jim Clark

Assignment Editor – Bobbie Toner

Executive Assistant – Cam Toner Advertising Director – Bobbie Toner Arts Editor – Doug Holder

Writers: Elizabeth Sheeran, Cathleen Twardzik, Harry Kane, Jim Clark Contributors – Jimmy Del Ponte,William C. Shelton

The Somerville Times is published every Wednesday







# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Dear hipster,

#### Rob Buchanan says:

There's good advice here, but I think if someone wrote a "Dear Townie" letter with the same tone and attitude, the reaction would be justifiable anger and insult. Even in the face of what feels like overwhelming market forces as well as cultural, generational, and ethnic differences, I'm hopeful that we can find ways to help and invite people of all stripes to stay in Somerville rather than leave.

#### Townie says:

I find this to be confusing because Shelton and his pds pals have also insulted some by calling them "old school." Who the hell do you want to live here then? You and your pds cohorts who have nothing better to do but complain?

#### Bill Shelton says:

Hey Townie,

Please point out where I have ever insulted neighbors or called them "old school." And why do you think that I am a member of PDS?

You are only "confused" because you don't know what you're talking about. So consider some advice that I offered to Hipster: "Please don't substitute ideology for working to understand your city and neighborhood."

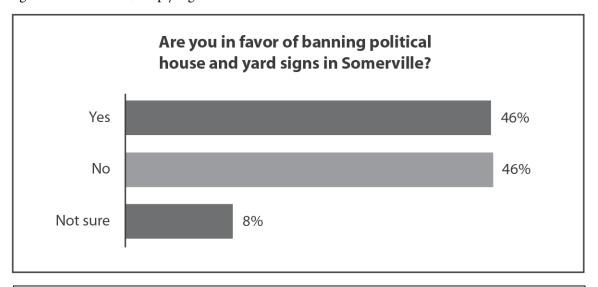
#### BobSmith says:

Chat about anything you like once the major problem—in case you had not noticed—and if you did not then man you are oblivious creeps—that we have a large scale arson problem in this town and the issue of hipsters is a matter for cretins——at best.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of banning political house and yard signs in Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service











Ask us about insurance bundling offers - combine your car and renter's insurance to save \$\$\$









# New growth statistics for planning purposes

#### By Harry Kane

All homeowners know that when they improve their property, the assessment almost always goes up, and then their taxes go up, too. New construction or rehabbing an existing home is a common way to grow your property's value. But until recently, the statistics which correspond to individual homes have been erased, according to Josiah Lee Auspitz, a concerned resident in Somerville.

Auspitz, a long-time resident of Chapel Street who has been active in local issues, has been trying to get the City of Somerville to listen to his ideas regarding the collection of data.

"If they'd had these numbers on new growth," he says, "they would have known before they started planning the [Davis Square] hotel in the spot they planned it, that all around that proposed hotel there was a lot of rehabbing, which resulted in a single family homes changing hands at \$1.3 million apiece, which was unheard of in Somerville. They could expect that people who put in a million bucks for a house were going to be very concerned about sticking a hotel in that spot, even if they might favor a hotel. But they didn't have those numbers."

Auspitz says the problem with the old system is that the data for individual homes is not kept. Instead, only citywide averages are retained for public record. The city has to report this by law to the State Department of Revenue every year because the valuation plus the new growth is what they use to determine state aid. "This is sort of a base figure that the city does produce, but it doesn't really analyze," he added.

Apparently, until recently, after the assessors report the growth numbers - the aggregate numbers or the city-wide numbers - to the state department of revenue, they then overwrite the records in each individual property, so that properties which have had the new growth are indistinguishable from the ones that have had limited to no new growth, according to Auspitz."They say that is a software protocol. I can't see any reason for erasing data of this sort that's been collected at public expense," he said.

Over the last ten years it's been the yield on new growth that has saved the city during a difficult period of cutbacks in state aid, Auspitz explained.

"There's no way of tracking



Important assessment data that can be of use to those interested in refurbishing or building new homes and commercial properties is being needlessly lost, according to one concerned citizen.

whether a thoroughly professional job has been done in accessing new growth and getting a tax yield out of it," he said. "I'm hoping that in the future, at least, they will find a way of pre-

serving these records by specific properties."

These numbers are also useful for the city's business planning, as a promotional device to attract new kinds of investment into the city.

Auspitz is for intelligent business development, and thinks this assessment data would help in savvy planning for the future.

#### 2013 Somerville Labor Coalition Political Endorsements

As the Current climate of attacks on labor become more and more prevalent, it is even more important for organized labor to support political candidates who value principles of good government and the role of union workers in such a government. To that end, the Somerville Labor Coalition, a coalition of all City of Somerville public employee unions, announces its political endorsements after a thoughtful and fair process of vetting candidates. First, we sent a questionnaire to all candidates for local office and carefully evaluated the responses from the many candidates who replied. All candidates who responded to our questionnaire were then invited to a question and answer forum, titled "Candidates Night". Many of our attending members filled out grading scorecards analyzing the opening statements and answers to questions posed to them by moderator, and President of the Professional Firefighters, Edward Kelly. A formal meeting of the SLC Executive Board then convened to cast a vote on 2/3rds majority required for a candidate to be endorsed. The following candidates most closely reflect, the philosophy and values of our members of the Somerville Labor Organization, and therefore received the endorsement of the Somerville Labor Coalition.

#### We proudly endorse the following candidates:

For Alderman at Large

John Connolly

Dennis Sullivan

William White William Medeiros

Ward One Alderman - Matthew McLaughlin

Ward Two Alderman - Maryann Heuston

Ward Three Alderman- Robert McWatters

Ward Five Alderman- Courtney O'Keefe

Ward Six Alderman-Rebekah Gewirtz Ward Seven Alderman-Joseph Capuano

School Committee Ward Two- Michael Nionakis

School Committee Ward Five- Ross Richmond

School Committee Ward Seven- Caroline Lynch Normand

The Somerville Labor Coalition wishes our endorsed candidates the very best of luck. Thank you to all who attended our recent Candidate's night at the Somerville City Club. We would also like to thank the candidates who did not receive an endorsement. You were able to get your message to our members as well those

We look forward to a future, where all elected officials value the importance of Union workers, and treat all workers with the respect and dignity they deserve.

The Somerville Labor Political Endorsement Committee

Working Together to Provide Fair Labor for All

# WARD 3 **ALDERMAN**

# There is a clear cnoice in this election McWatters

#### - PROVEN LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY -

- Lifelong Somerville Resident
- University of Massachusetts B.A. in Political Science/Sociology - 1981
- Northeastern University Masters in Public Administration 1988
- Massachusetts Trial Courts Probation Officer 1984 Present
- Clerk of Committees 1996 Present
- Current Member Little Sisters of the Poor Advisory Panel
- Former Member of the Somerville Board of Health
- Former Member of the Clarendon Hill Towers Tenants' Association Board of Directors
- Former Boston Junior Bruins coach

#### HE WILL WORK WITH US TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS EVEN BETTER.

Committee to Elect Robert J. McWatters 218A Summer Street., Somerville, MA 02143 Tel: 617-623-7053 www.bobmcwatters.com

# By Jim Clark

# They should have made their getaway

A man ran to a police cruiser last Friday evening and told officers that his brother-in-law had just been robbed in the Mystic Projects, and he offered police a description of the vehicle that the alleged perpetrators were driving.

The reporting party told police that the vehicle was occupied by three males and one female

As police arrived at the scene of the incident, they were met by the victim, who immediately pointed out the car in question. The man reportedly said, "It's them. They stole my money."

The officers ordered the occupants of the car to make their hands visible. The front seat passengers placed their hands on the dashboard, but two male in the back seat lowered their hands out of plain sight.

Officers reported that the two men in the back seat were not complying with orders and were moving in a manner that suggested they could be placing weapons in their hands.

Instead, upon closer examination through the car window, it appeared to officers that the men were attempting to hide something from them.

One of the men appeared to be hiding a bag of marijuana, while the other man was attempting to hide a stack of money and a folding knife.

One of the men, later identified as Nelson Portillo, 22, was ordered out of the car and told to place his hands on the vehicle while he was being frisked.

Police said that Portillo resisted efforts to search his person and at one point grabbed one of the officer's arms.

Portillo was placed in a headlock and taken to the ground, all the time resisting the officer's efforts to restrain him.

Portillo was eventually handcuffed and taken into custody.

A search of the immediate area turned up several small bags of marijuana, along with a substantial amount of cash. A knife was also confiscated.

The other occupant of the

back seat of the vehicle, Christian Velasquez-Palacios, 21, of Chelsea, was ordered out of the car and he was identified by the robbery victim as the one who stole his money.

Portillo was taken away to be booked on charges of resisting arrest and drug possession to distribute.

Velasquez-Palacios was placed under arrest and charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and unarmed robbery.

# **Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210**

Do your part - Leave a message on our tip hotline answering machine!! All calls are confidential –Your Privacy is Assured. If you choose, you can leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned (not required). Also, if you prefer you may e-mail directly with your crime tip. We will follow up on all information provided to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your assistance.

# **Help Keep Somerville Safe!**

#### Arrests:

Mario Correa, 60, of 30 Dewest, Dorchester, September 9, 2:39 p.m., arrested at 105 Puritan Rd. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Henry Flores-Chavez, 23, of 8 Chester Ave., Chelsea, September 10, 12:58 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on a warrant charge of miscellaneous statutory violation.

Annemarie Decotis, 31, of 27 Palmer Ave., Saugus, September 11, 9:56 a.m., arrested at 343 Broadway on charges of possession of a class C drug and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on a warrant charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Norma Sandoval, 33, of 9 Tufts St., September 11, 7:55 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Robert Amarantes, 51, of 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, September 12, 4:18 p.m., arrested at 1374 Broadway on charges of attempted murder, trespassing, and assault and battery.

Benedict Sparling-Sedlack,

29, of 71 Greenwood Ave., Scarborough, ME, September 12, 10:26 p.m., arrested at 24 Washington Terr. on charges of attempted murder and assault and battery.

Cesar Peralta, 46, of 35 Marshall St., September 13, 11:53 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Deecatrina Kiser, 19, of 67 Dennis St., Boston, September 13, 3:54 p.m., arrested at 40 Union Sq. on charges of forgery of a check, larceny over \$250, and utter false instrument.

Nelson Portillo, 22, of 90 River Rd., September 13, 10:34 p.m., arrested at 70 River Rd. on charges of resisting arrest and drug possession to distribute.

Christian Velasquez-Palacios, 21, of 176 Chestnut St., Chelsea, September 13, 10:34 p.m., arrested at 70 River Rd. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and unarmed robbery.

Fausto Aviles, 33, of 15 Prescott St., September 14, 9:13 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jamal Escobar, 19, of 3 Snow Terr., September 15, 11:12 a.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a warrant charge of possession of a firearm without FID card.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

September 10, 8:10 a.m., police reported a theft at 160 Washington St.

September 10, 10:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Chetwynd Rd.

September 10, 10:58 a.m., police reported a theft at Cross Sr.

September 11, 6:06 a.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

September 11, 9:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

September 11, 4:23 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

September 12, 11:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Tyler

St.

September 12, 3:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Howard St

September 12, 4:40 p.m., police reported a theft at 220 Broadway.

September 12, 6:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Hooker Ave.

September 12, 9:30 p.m., police reported a theft at 9 Davis Sq.

September 13, 8:40 a.m., police reported a theft at Victoria St.

September 13, 12:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

September 14, 10:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Atherton St.

#### Breaking & Entering:

September 10, 8:27 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pitman St.

September 11, 10:00 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Westminister St.

September 14, 5:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

#### Vehicle Theft:

September 12, 6:22 p.m., po-

lice reported a vehicle theft at Rossmore St.

0

September 13, 8:57 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave.

#### Assault:

September 11, 7:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Tufts St.

September 12, 2:32 a.m., police reported an assault at Flint St.

September 12, 1:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Bonair St.

September 12, 8:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Mansfield St.

September 12, 10:26 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington Terr.

September 13, 12:32 p.m., police reported an assault at McGrath Hwy.

September 15, 7:37 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

#### Disorderly Conduct:

September 11, 6:48 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Lowell St.

September 15, 6:30 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Walnut St.

Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

# Growing 'couch surfing' practice spotlighted

#### By Harry Kane

Call it hard times, call it the economy, but more and more people turn to couch surfing for shelter.

Landlords will be instructed by the Director of Communications to prohibit couch surfing following an order submitted by Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe during the BOA meeting on Sept. 12.

Couch surfing is a popular lodging method among college students, which allows someone to sleep on a couch for a minor fee or sometimes for free. Until recently, couch surfing has remained under the radar, but a growing practice of renting couches through niche websites has landlords up in arms.

The couch surfing concern was brought to Alderman O'Keefe's attention by a landlord who owns property on Highland Avenue. A renter was allegedly allowing numerous visitors to sleep on their couch, and the Highland Avenue landlord became suspicious.

After doing some digging, the landlord discovered that the renter under suspicion belonged



A couch is not a home, as far as Alderman Courtney O'Keefe and several area landlords are concerned.

to a dedicated website that rented couches for a nightly fee, according to Alderman O'Keefe.

"This website says to renters: this is a great opportunity to make a little extra money by renting out your couch," she said.

The landlord was unaware of the couch renting operation. "To this woman's horror, she realized that not only was her address on there, but photographs of the front of the home, photographs of the inside of the home," Alderman O'Keefe said.

When potential "couch renters" saw the bargain, they leaped at the opportunity. Couch renting fees range in price, but \$25 is average for a night's stay.

One of the tenants living in the Highland Avenue apartment, who took part in the couch fiasco, has allegedly been evicted.

Alderman O'Keefe stressed that couch surfing is a public safety issue, especially after the front porch couch fire at 85 Bromfield Road on Aug. 28.

To prevent similar couch-related predicaments, Alderman O'Keefe asked that the Director of Communications urge landlords to include language in the leases that prohibit similar transgressions.

# Aldermen question solar panel tax in Somerville

#### By Harry Kane

There may be a city tax associated with the installation of solar panels on homes in Somerville that could be preventing some residents from going green, according to Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

"I haven't had a chance to have a conversation with the appropriate people in City Hall," she said during the Sept. 12 Alderman meeting.

Alderman Gewirtz doesn't know whether the solar panel tax is needed because the house has to be inspected, or whether there are other "city services" that the solar paneled houses may require.

"The overall benefit to the city of having more people install solar

"I've had solar panels on my house for quite a while now...I've never been aware of any kind of a tax."

panels should offset any cost for us to do an inspection," she said.

Alderman Gewirtz believes the City of Somerville should be incentivizing the addition of solar panels. She says the panels are practical on the sloped roofs that so many Somerville homes have.

"I've had solar panels on my house for quite a while now," said Alderman at Large John M. Connolly. "I've never been aware of any kind of a tax."

Alderman Connolly says there is a routine plumbing inspection that is required for safety reasons that could be responsible for the fees or taxes in question.

"I think it's a great thing to incentivize," Alderman Connolly said. "Perhaps an abatement should be considered for those people willing to put their time and expense in."

The item was approved and referred to the Committee on Environment, and will be taken up during the Sept. 25 meeting.

#### **OBITUARY**

Phelan, Paul "Moe" of Somerville, August 23, 2013. Long time companion of Barbara Spindler of Somerville, brother of Christine Nazzaro and her husband Anthony of FL, Susan Salamone of Boston and Sylvia McQuarrie and her husband Richard of Woburn. Also survived by his close nephew Troy Salamone along with many other nieces and nephews. Arrangements were made by the Cota-Struzziero Funeral home, interment at Lindenwood Cemetery, Stoneham, MA.



# The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle Feathers #35

#### The Hessians

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1775, after defeats at Lexington and Concord and their dearly-won battle at Bunker Hill, the British spent the next year isolated and licking their wounds in Boston before they were forced out by the Patriots.

The English fleet then sailed up to Canada where they waited for reinforcements and regrouped. Their plan was to attack New York from the north and south, thereby cutting off and isolating New England in order to win the war quickly. The plan didn't work, and the war lasted eight long years.



If you ask who the Americans fought against during the Revolutionary War, most people would say the British and leave it at that. But the English Army was made up of not only British, but Canadians, Indians, Tories (Americans who sympathized or fought for the British), and the Hessians.

All these names should be familiar except for the last. So who were the Hessians? At the time of the Revolutionary War, what we now know as Germany was an area made up of many principalities and ruled by leaders who had their own private armies. When not at war, some of these rulers hired out their soldiers to other countries.

The English found that hiring these mercenaries would be more economical and faster than drafting and training their own troops. They acquired over 30,000 soldiers, primarily from the Hess-Kassel section of Germany to bolster their army in America. One out of every four men in the English army was a Hessian.



At the victorious battle of Saratoga N.Y., the Americans captured over 5,000 enemy troops, half of them Hessians. The prisoners were then marched to Massachusetts. The higher-ranking officers were sent to Cambridge and the lower-ranking soldiers to what is now Somerville. The English were imprisoned on Prospect Hill and their German confederates, some with their families, were located from Winter Hill to Walnut Hill in West Somerville.

They arrived here in November, 1777, and were escorted by Colonel Paul Revere and his troops to Somerville, where they were confined for a full year until November, 1778. They were then relocated to the center of the state in Rutland, MA, near Worcester, Continued on page 15

# The Somerville Times

To advertise in our Business Directory, call or fax.

> Phone: 617-666-4010 Fax: 617-628-0422

Let your customers find you in Somerville's most widely read newspaper!

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Closed Wednesday

#### Alibrandi's Barber Shop

Men & Boys Haircuts

"Best Somerville Barber"

194 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

617-628-4282

**Instant Shoe & Marine Canvas Repair** 



22 Broadway Somerville Ma • (617)628-7065

Marine Canvas • Luggage, Shoe & Handbag Repair • All types of Stitching

Sell your house today!

"We'll sell your house fast!"



~ Notary Public ~ Justice of the Peace ~

MARIE HOWE REAL ESTATE 617-666-4040



Barry Shields Branch Manager Mortgage Lender License #MC2297 / MLO #20626 barry.shields@nflp.com

617.507.8305 fax 617.359.2979 cell

www.nflp.com

NMLS# 2297



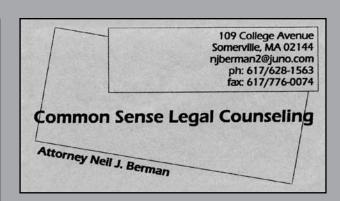
#### Richard G. Di Girolamo **Anne M. Vigorito**

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

**Criminal Defense Civil Litigation Personal Injury Family Law Real Estate Law Immigration Law Employment Law Bankruptcy** Zoning

TELEPHONE: (617) 666-8200 FAX: (617) 776-5435

EMAIL: digirolamolegal@verizon.net 424 BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145







#### The Norton Group Cell: 617-838-5012 John Pratti Real Estate Consultant

Office: 617-623-6600 Fax: 617-628-0422 Email: JohnGPratti@yahoo.com Website: www.JohnGPratti.com

www.TheNortonGroupRE.com

**⚠** MLS

# T. J. SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience Proud to be a Somerville Business Resident



- Plumbing Heating
- Gas Fitting
   Industrial Work
- Water Heater Replacement
  - Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

625-9877





699 Broadway

Somerville,MA 02144

www.bestpest.com

BEST PEST CONTROL SERVICES

ROD KREIMEYER Owner

63 ELM STREET SOMERVILLE, MASS. 02144

617-242-9679 Fax 617-242-7316



MYSTIC APPLIANCE, INC. Reconditioned Like New

KERRI TONER

135 Cambridge St. Charlestown, MA 02129



Licensed • Insured Since 1985

Salvato Electric

Courteous Electricians

Bobby Owner Robert7274@msn.com

(W) 617-625-4178 (C) 978-767-0464 6 Bristol St. N. Billerica, MA 01862

# 6th Annual Riverfest at Assembly Row

for the 6th Annual Riverfest at Somerville's Assembly Row on September 21 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Riverfest's popularity has grown substantially with over 5,000 in attendance last year. This year's festival has expanded the fun by doubling the number of food trucks and artists and increasing bands, all to take place in DCR's newly renovated Baxter Park along the Mystic River.

Riverfest also marks the final installment of ASSEMBLED: The Handmade Arts Market at Assembly Row. This16-week arts market that has been taking place weekly all summer long and will be going out with a bang, with more than 50 artisans, some a part of MODVIC's 'World of Steampunk Art & Design, all coming together to showcase their work at Riverfest.

In addition to the dozens of handmade artists. Riverfest will also feature a free kid's area, live music all day long, fireworks over the Mystic River at 8 p.m., plus popular area food trucks, including: Bon Me, Boston Super Dog, Frozen

Local anticipation is growing Hoagies, LM Slush, The Pasta Pot, and The Spud Stud.

> There will also be artist seminars and demonstrations, and Somerville's mayor, Joseph A. Curtatone, will also be speaking preceding the fireworks show at 8 p.m.

Kid's activities are all free and will include games and inflatable amusements, a photo booth, face painting, balloon artists, magicians, music, and more, making Riverfest 2013 to perfect day for families, foodies, and art-lovers alike.

A variety of Steampunk bands will be performing throughout the day, including: Frenchy and the Punk, and Walter Sickert and the Army of Broken Toys. There will also be local performers including Eric Royer's One Man Band, Bloco AfroBrazil, a percussion ensemble that combines traditional Brazilian grooves with funk, rock, jazz and hip-hop, and Peachpit, a local rock and roll group.

More information and performance announcements can be found online at www.assemblyrow.com. Admission is free.



Join in the fun at Riverfest this coming Saturday at Baxter Park.





# 50 years of wedded bliss



Claudia and Sal Ferro Jr. recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. They were married in 1963 and have been happy together ever since. They have 5 children and 17 grandchildren. Their children are pictured here standing (L to R): Paul, Michelle, Sal III, Marty, and Gina.



93 Beacon Street, Somerville, MA 02143 Tel: 617-492-8377

Fax: 617-492-8534



To advertise in The Somerville Times call

**Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4010** 

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# **Illustrated by Jim Clark**

Ring out The News, ring in The Times!

# The View Of The Times



We're sure by now, that you know the paper has made another change in its relatively short but interesting 45 year history. On January 16th 1968, The Somerville Times was started by a local Attorney. The attorney was a very popular guy here in Somerville. Back then, when politics was rough, not like today, there were many candidates for all the offices every year and he was one who was running for Mayor, Several years later with a himself.

name change to The Somerville News, Bob Publicover became the editor of the paper until the early 80's when he became the Publisher and made some more changes, both in content and in style. We believe changes are always good, the paper has grown from first being mailed to every household, then to every other week in the 80's and 90's, In 2003, it became a weekly. Many changes were made, including several web sites, blogs and content,

The News

so the paper would appeal to everyone across our city. We have always been a diverse community, from all walks of life. Now comes another change, a new name, new ownership, with the same people who have worked at the paper now for many years and are still going strong. Jim, Bobbie, Cam, Doug, Shelton, Jimmy, Donald, Bob , Elizabeth, Cathleen and Harry and the many others in the past few years have helped in recent years to bring,

The Times

what we believe, is a true local community paper, with only Somerville stories and Somerville happenings. We are all proud of what we do to bring Somerville's leading newspaper a new face and we look forward to doing even more over the next several months and years. We hope you enjoy the ride and we are always open to new and positive things for the community of Somerville. We love what we do and we love our city!

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Donna Piro-Andons, the daughter of former Alderman Peter Piro. A great family that has done a lot for the city over the years. Many Happy returns to Marsha Hamel McGlashing here in the Ville.

Regarding the sign controversy, we agree with candidate Joe Capuano and think that political signs are divisive, ugly, and when elections are over in the past would be left up for many months if not years. We remember a political sign on the Washington Street Bridge that was up for many years before it just rotted away. It's also costly and pits one neighbor against the other. Back in the 80's all the candidates sort of had an unwritten agreement not to do signs and in our opinion it's a shame they are being used again.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

Here are our predictions - and they're just that - for the Primary Election on Tuesday September 24. Remember, only three wards have a primary: Ward One Alderman race, Ward Three Alderman race and Ward Five School committee race. This is not an endorsement, but in Ward One we predict Maureen Bastardi and Elio LoRusso, in a very close election, they both will nominate. In the Ward Three Alderman race where there are four candidates, we see Bob McWatters and Matt Desmond nominating, but also see a close third with Bremer. Finally, for Ward Five School Committee we predict Caroline Shea Rosas and Laura Pitone to nominate. Again, only three wards have races for the primary next Tuesday on the 24th.

\*\*\*\*\*\* At the local Machu Picchu restaurant here at 307 Somerville Avenue tonight, Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 6 p.m., they are offering Peruvian food and will be hosting their 10 year anniversary with an evening of good food and great company in celebration of our Peruvian students. Join in for a three course dinner and a presentation of AlliancExchange Program in Peru. There will be Peruvian and Ecuadorian Goodies for sale and much more. Register here: http:// www.alliancexchange.org/Donate. html. Admission: \$35.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Happy Anniversary to Stan and Gay Koty, who are celebrating their wedding anniversary. We wish them many more. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

This Friday night is the St. Clements football home opener against Pope John. The game will be at Dilboy field on the 20th, beginning at 7 p.m.

Somerville Adult Evening School Registration, Tuesday and Thursday nights on: September 10, 12, 17, & 19, 2013, from: 6:00-8:00 p.m. at: Somerville High School Main Office, 81 Highland Ave, Somerville. Register for Somerville Adult Evening School courses including a 5 week Drivers Ed for the teen in your life. Classes will start September 24 and run for 10 weeks on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and include: Ballroom Dancing, Zumba, Sewing, Knitting, Choral Workshop and show tunes for the American Idols. Also, Jewelry Making, Pastels or Watercolor Art and Acrylic Painting, Computers, Culinary, How to Manage Multi Family Homes, Casting and Mold making, Furniture Making, beginner Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Greek, French and ESL (English as a Second Language). Or if you already speak another language, why not consider The Art of Medical Inter-

pretation. New Resume and Professional strategies, Real Estate Licensing, Know Your Legal Rights (A DIY dealing with Civil or Criminal Issues), Hypnotherapy or YOGA at a bargain. Pick up course catalog at any school, library or coffee shops while they last. Register in person at SHS or online. Contact: Principal Sophia Carafotes @617-628-2594 or register now online at with your credit card at: www.somerville.k12. ma.us/eveningschool.

The First Annual Somerville Diaper Drive will be held from Saturday, September 14 to Sunday, September 29. Did you know you can't buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)? Many families struggle to afford the \$100 per month it costs to buy diapers, and babies sitting in soiled diapers for extended periods of time leads to both stressed chlidren and parents. The Somerville Moms (and Dads!) Yahoo Listserv Group has therefore decided to host a diaper drive to benefit the Somerville WIC program. The Somerville WIC office will screen Continued on page 15

# COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries of The Somerville Times do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville Times, its publishers or staff.

# Arson investigation needs public's help



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We need your help. Four house fires this summer in Somerville are considered arson and five suspicious fires remain under investigation. Somerville Police and Fire are relentlessly investigating these fires, deploying every resource at our disposal with help from our state and federal partners. We need the public to partner with us, too. Our public safety officials remain vigilant and ask that the public remains vigilant, because one tip could serve as the crucial lead that brings this investigation to a close and keeps our residents safe.

Somerville now has an Arson Hotline dedicated for tips at 617-629-1847 (1TIP). Never assume if you saw someone

or something suspicious that someone else has already reported it to the authorities. If you see someone you don't know in your backyard, call it in. If you see someone suspicious that you believe should not be in your neighbor's backyard, call it in. Does something or someone in your neighborhood seem out of place? Call it in. If you previously saw something regarding any of the fires and haven't reported it yet, call and tell us what you saw. Anything suspicious you see could aid in our investigation, so do not hesitate to call our Arson Hotline. If you see something, say something. It's important to note that the Arson Hotline is only for tips. If you smell or see smoke or fire, immediately call 911.

The City of Somerville has also doubled our reward, from \$10,000 to up to \$20,000, for any and all information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of any person involved with the intentional setting of these fires. The Arson Watch Reward Program through the State Fire Marshal's Office is also offering up to a \$5,000 reward. That's a total of an up to \$25,000 reward.

Given the nature of these fires, I understand and empathize with the public's desire to know more details. We can confirm that four house fires are considered arson and that there was one additional case of attempted arson involving a car. We can also confirm that in some cases, the person or persons who set the fire gained access via unlocked basements. In other cases, the fires started on the exterior of the building. Most of these fires have occurred in the early morning. Beyond those facts, we cannot release further details that would jeopardize our investigation and our ability to bring anyone responsible into custody.

Know that no resource has been spared in response to these fires. Every resource at our disposal, from the local level to the federal level, is dedicated to this investigation. The Somerville Police and Fire Departments have been working tirelessly, along with the ATF, the FBI, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and Cambridge Police and Fire Departments.

As this investigation continues, our public safety officials urge you: Do not be a victim of any fire, whether arson-related or accidental. Follow these arson prevention tips to protect yourself, your family and your home. Remove overstuffed furniture from porches and all highly flammable items from outdoor areas close to your home, including but not limited to piles of leaves or bags of yard waste; stacks of papers or recycling bins with paper/ boxes; flammable liquids such as charcoal fluid, gas, paint thinner, and other volatile liquids; candles including mosquito candles; charcoal, or grills with charcoal or gas cans; laundry left hanging out overnight; rags or oily rags; and highly stuffed seat cushions.

Residents should keep their home secure. Lock all doors and windows, including basement doors and windows. Lock your garage door, or remove flammable items from your garage if it can't be locked. Leave both your front and back porch lights on overnight. Do not store trash or recycling under your porch keep it farther from the house or inside until your trash day.

These tips coincide with the regular fire safety tips everyone should know and follow. Check batteries in smoke alarms and ensure they are operating. Have an escape plan and discuss it with your family or housemates. Plan two routes of escape from any room and pick a meeting spot safely away from the house. Educate your children, who are likely to hide in a closet or under a bed during a fire if they haven't been told what to do.

In the event of fire, exit immediately. Do not stop to collect any belongings. Consider putting valuable or irreplaceable items in a fireproof box now so you will not be tempted to look for them when escaping. Before opening doors during a fire, check for smoke seeping in under closed doors and check the door handle. If the handle is hot or if smoke Continued on page 20

# Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

# **Unleashed love!**



This past weekend's Dogfest at Trum Field got me thinking about the dogs that we loved growing up. Pooches used to run around

unleashed on the streets of Somerville when I was a kid. We had Fluffy and Shep on my street. Shep lived across the street and he was very friendly. The following "tails" are accounts of some of the dogs we knew and loved, in their owner's words. I'll start with my own story.

The year was 1987, and I let my cousin's dog Kahlua, a Golden Retriever, out the front door by accident. She ran and I tried to catch her and I fell down hard and had to go to the hospital. I had to wear a neck brace and I messed up my arm and missed work, but I caught the dog!

"My dog was a Shepherd Collie mix named Zibbit. He would follow me everywhere and wait for me too. Sometimes he would come to my school when I was getting out. Don't ask me how he knew what time it was."

"I had a German Shepard named Tippy. My brother was playing in the street and there was a car coming down the hill on Edgar Ave. Tippy ran and dragged him onto sidewalk by his shirt. Of course, my brother was kicking and screaming not knowing why Tippy was dragging him. We miss Tippy."

"Everybody knew my dog Sandy, the Golden Retriever, who would sniff me out at the Western Junior High School. Mr. Jones, the principal, and the staff knew her personally. She joined a few assemblies! She could be seen in Davis Square carrying bags home. She would hear the bell from Liberty and Hall Ave. and run to school."

"Our dog was Angel, a Cairn Terrier. There was a large black snake that one of the neighborhood kids had caught down at the tracks that got loose out in the driveway. Angel started flipping out, barking and bolted down the back stairs, out into the driveway, and over the wall where she proceeded to take care of the snake. It was quite a spectacle!"

"We had a little apricot teeny tiny poodle. My mother put her out on our third floor porch and the poor thing blew off the porch down three floors and landed in the neighbor's bushes. I went out to get him and I heard him whimpering and flew down the stairs to get him. I ran through the Cutler schoolyard and down Powder House Boulevard to the vet. Poor little thing broke a leg, and the twigs were stuck in him. I still cringe. We renamed him KILLER. He turned into a nasty little (bleep) and would attack our German shepherd with his cast that was about three inches long."

"Shang Hai was Pekinese and Lhapso Apso. He got fed at all the best sub shops and beat up on German shepherds."

"We had a German shepherd named Baron. He was in school more than we were at the Western Junior High in the early 70's."

"My Poodle was named Afro. My cousin found him abused with his tail cut off. My father brought him home all dirty and over grown so we cleaned him up at the groomers and took him to the vet and the rest is history. We had him forever. I still miss him."

"We had a mutt, who we actually saw being born under my aunt's kitchen table. We named her Bambie and she always helped me with my supper when my mom wasn't looking. Ha-ha! We had her for 16 years, and she was like a sibling to me."

"We had a Collie named Lassie (what else from that era?). Everyone on Windsor Rd. knew her. She would sit on the neighbor's porches if they were out just to be there and be petted."

"I had a poodle named FiFi. She was in a play at Somerville High School one year. I forgot the name of the play. Senior moment!"

"We had an Irish Setter/Lab mix named Shamus! He was the best! He had a girl-



friend in Arlington and he'd get picked up by the Arlington dogcatcher. It would cost us \$100 every time to get him out. So when he didn't come home for a couple of days, we knew exactly where he was. We'd get the bolt cutters and break him out at night. Of course, we'd free about five other dogs so they didn't know it was us!"

"We had a Shepherd Terrier mix named Dusty. She could flip a cookie off her nose into her mouth. It was amazing!"

"Barron, our German shepherd was the sweetest dog, and biggest wimp lol! If we got robbed, he would have licked the robbers face on the way out! Loved and missed! Continued on page 20

# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



Volume 39-Report No. 37 • September 9-13, 2013 • Copyright © 2013 Beacon Hill Roll Call. All Rights Reserved. By Bob Katzen

#### Beacon Hill Roll Call can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators on two roll calls from the week of September 9-13. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



Rep. Carl Sciortino **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. 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. -Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

PROTECT STRESS MANAGEMENT WORK- OTHER SCHOOL HEALTH MEASURES - Oth-

ERS (S 1861)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that is designed to protect professionals who provide stress management services to emergency responders in cases in which the responder has been affected by a critical incident such as line of duty death or death of a child. The measure prohibits any professional from being required to disclose any information he or she receives while counseling an emergency worker. The only exceptions are if the information indicates there has been child abuse or there is an imminent danger to anyone.

Supporters said it is important that confidentiality be maintained in these situations and that emergency workers be able to talk freely without fear of a breach of confidentiality and recrimination.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen

#### **CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER (S 732)**

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would increase the current \$1,000 fine to a minimum \$250,000 fine for the crime of "manslaughter by a corporation" under which a corporation could be convicted and punished for culpable conduct that leads to a person's death. The measure also allows the state to debar for up to ten years from future state business a corporation convicted of corporate manslaughter.

Supporters said this long overdue legislation would finally crack down on corporations responsible for lost lives. They noted that the \$1,000 fine was established in 1819 and has not been amended since.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REPEAL TECH TAX - In a stunning reversal, Gov. Deval Patrick, Senate President Therese Murray and House Speaker Robert DeLeo have announced they will join the effort to repeal the recently approved 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as modification of prewritten software. The support of all three essentially guarantees repeal of the tax. They have been defending the tax ever since it was approved in July. The most recent effort to repeal the tax was in April when the repeal was overwhelmingly defeated on roll call votes in the House, 54-97, and the Senate, 8-30. In recent weeks, Republican House Minority Leader Bradley Jones and GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr have led a band of GOP lawmakers calling for the repeal.

HEAD INJURIES IN SPORTS (H 1928) - The Committee on Public Health heard testimony on a bill that would require baseline concussion testing of all public and private high school student athletes. Supporters said these test results would be compared to test results following a head injury and would help doctors and coaches determine the severity of a concussion and make an informed decision on whether the athlete should continue to play.

er measures on the Public Health Committee's agenda included establishing a commission to study the public health risks of video games (H 1892); prohibiting the Department of Public Health from collecting data on students' height, weight and body mass index (H 2024); requiring automatic external defibrillators in all public schools (S 1049); and requiring coaches of interscholastic sports to complete first aid training courses (S 1096).

#### TAX SOFT DRINKS AND CANDY (H 2634) -

The Revenue Committee heard testimony on a proposal that would tax sugary soft drinks and candy, both of which are currently exempt from the state 6.25 percent sales tax. The estimated \$50 million plus dollars in new tax revenue would be used to fund grants for physical activity programs in schools. Supporters said the tax would help fight the obesity epidemic in the state and stem the rising tide of obesity-related health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

OTHER TAX MEASURES - Other proposed legislation at the Revenue Committee's hearing included allowing qualified homeowners and renters to annually deduct on their tax return up to \$800 of the cost of home heating oil, natural gas, propane, electricity and wood fuel (S 1362); extending to the video gaming industry the tax credit currently offered to movie production companies (H 2511); exempting non-profit charitable nursing homes from local property taxes (S 1412); and giving taxpayers the option to indicate on their income tax return that they do not want their taxes to be used to pay for abortion services (H 2542). A formula would determine how much of each of those taxpayers' tax liability would be deposited in a special account separate from the state's General Fund. The account would be used to promote the state's safe havens for babies law that allows parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room.

SINGLE LICENSE PLATES (S 1637) - The Transportation Committee heard testimony at a hearing on legislation that would require passenger cars to have only one license plate that would be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Current law requires a plate on the front and rear of the car.

Supporters say the bill would save millions of dollars by reducing by 50 percent the cost of manufacturing the plates. They note that 19 states currently require only one plate and argue studies show law enforcement has not decreased in those states. Some say front plates interfere with a car's aerodynamics and cooling system and can even reduce fuel mileage.

Opponents say the use of front and back plates is helpful to law enforcement in identifying vehicles and enforcing traffic and other laws. They noted that 31 states require the use of two plates.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION BILLS - A Transportation Committee hearing's agenda included a bill allowing drivers to receive and put on their driver's license a special "do-not-resuscitate" decal (S 1698). Other measures would allow special decals for diabetics (S 1642) and people with autism (H 3003). The committee's list of bills also included raising the speed limit to 70 mph on roads that currently have a 65 mph limit (H 3175); exempting new motor vehicles from maintenance and emissions inspections for the first two years (H 3096); and allowing drivers to purchase "Boston Strong" license plates for an additional \$50 or more (H 3503). Proceeds

#### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

#### continued

would benefit the One Fund that raises funds for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I'm going to advise the House that we repeal this tax and hopefully we can send a very strong message to every business here in Massachusetts and beyond our borders that Massachusetts still is the place to be." – House Speaker Robert DeLeo on his turnaround and support of repealing the 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as modification of prewritten software.

"Today's about-face is a clear indication that our Democratic colleagues finally understand how reckless and destructive it is to tax one of our state's most profitable sectors." – Senate GOP Minority Leader Bruce Tarr and House Republican Minority Leader Bradley Jones on De-Leo's decision.

"The old microphones were old, but the reason that they sometimes didn't work is because you keep food in your desks, and the mice have eaten through the wires. So if you are going to keep food in your desk, it must be in a proper container with seals so the mice do not get in." –

Senate President Therese Murray explaining to senators why new microphones had to be installed in the Senate chamber.

"It's just dumb. The timing could not be worse." – Gov. Patrick on Massport's firefighting exercises that included the release of smoke at Logan Airport on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"Our roads are designed for 70. Our cars are designed for faster than 65." – Rep. Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk) on his bill that would raise the speed limit to 70 mph on roads that currently have a 65 mph limit.

#### 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 September 9-13, the House met for a total of 36 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 27 minutes.

Mon. September 9 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

Tues. September 10 No House session

No Senate session

Wed. September 11 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. September 12 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:21 p.m.

Fri. September 13 No House session

No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

#### Somerville by Design sums up parking ideas for Davis Sq. cont. FROM PG 1

of the parking study and many other issues will be addressed at the next meeting. The City of Somerville can make final plans according to those results.

"There is a lot of surface park-

ing that is around Davis Square, that would be better if the parking space goes vertical," Russell Preston of Principal Group said. Contrary to Somerville and many other small town American cities, European cities usually deck under the streets and there are also two ramps on one side of the street that access to the underground parking space.

The other problem about these parking spaces is that they are privately owned, according to Preston.

"A lot of private owners tore down their buildings and built their parking lots within those blocks. That takes a lot of aboveground space," Preston said. "Sharing parking space in the basement is a good solution for this problem."

At the same time, tourists who visit Somerville may complain that there are few hotels around the city for them to stay in. Instead they have to spend more by staying in downtown Boston, especially during the visit peak time periods.

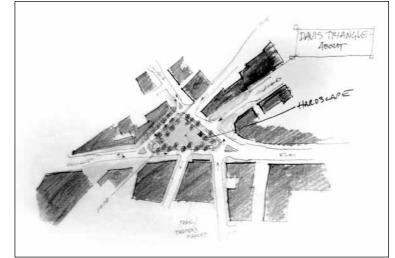
"The community is more interested in an independently operated facility that's more unique than a typical chain," Preston said. "Davis Square is one of the

European-feeling places around Boston, because of the character, the street lights spread out and so on."

It is felt that small town cities in the U.S. need to try to leverage the public infrastructure that they have on the streets, and public spaces in order to increasingly improve the life quality of the cities.

New ideas keep coming up, according to Preston. These include urban management entities cooperating with Somerville to deal with cleaning up the streets, public safety issues and supporting small businesses.

Even though the cost and feasibility of implementing these plans have not been completely



determined, the meetings so far brought Somerville residents together to come up with a lot of sustainable ideas.

"Parking is a byproduct of making Davis Square a more inviting, people-oriented place," Preston said. "A people oriented place makes it a world-class city."

The next Somerville by Design meeting will be on October 17. Somerville residents are welcome to brainstorm more ideas for the city.

#### THE NORTON GROUP

# The Norton Group APARTMENT RENTALS

Revere – 1 Bedroom – 1 Bath

Ocean views from just outside the apartment. Off street parking. Low ceilings just over 6ft. Newly updated. Heat included in rent.

Available Now! \$1,200

Medford - 1 Bedroom - 1 Bath

1 Bedroom plus an office. Living room, Dining room. Updated bath. Hardwood floors.

Available Nov. 1st! \$1,300

Mattapan – 2 Bedrooms – 1 Bath

First floor apartment with hardwood floors throughout. Beautiful backyard. On street parking.

Available Now! \$1,200

Revere – 2 Bedroom – 1 Bath

Great updated 2 Bedroom apartment. 2 parking spots. Deck. Walking distance to Revere Beach. Electric fireplace in Living room.

Available Oct 1st! \$1,400

Woburn – 2 Bedrooms – 2 Baths

Beautiful water views from this spacious unit overlooking Horn Pond. Amenities include two off street parking, new carpets, stainless steel stove & microwave, granite kitchen countertop, stacked high end affinity washer & dryer & a working fireplace. **Available Now! \$2,150** 

Bedford – 4 Bedrooms – 1 Bath

Single Family Home for rent. New Kitchen. Garage parking. Screen house. Large Shaded yard Hardwood floors. Available Oct. 1st! \$2,200

 $Many\ others!\ Visit\ our\ website:\ www.then orton group re.com$ 

The Norton Group • 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144 • 617-623-6600

# Dog day afternoon on Trum Field

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

a gleam in her eye. Baisly greets the dogs by saying, "Hi, you want to try nose work?"

Nose work is home scent detection. A treat is placed in a box, and the dog must find it. Eventually, the idea is to train the dog so it can find the scent, rather than the food.

A myriad of training courses were offered, including a rally obedience course teaching the dogs sitting, turning, jumping and healing. Each dog sport becomes increasingly more difficult as the dogs advance to next station.

The agility section of the training included an obstacle course. "They have to go through the tunnel, over the jumps, through the tire," Baisly said.

Marjie Alonso, along with Dr. Adam Parker and Paul Luppino, started the Somerville Foundation for Animals, which hosts the festival, some five years ago in order to raise funds and awareness for people about healthy, happy pet ownership.

Alonso is concerned that city dogs living in close quarters don't get the same sort of play and structure that they need. The yearly dog festival helps to introduce some of these missing dog management skills. "The dogs that we are bringing into these cities really never have an outlet for their dogginess," she said. "This gives them something to do: Frisbee, search and rescue, agility..."

"The try-it ring has really been a great way to introduce people to healthy activities they can do with their dogs in the city," Alonso said. "We also have really good vendors that sort of show people different things they can do - it's not just the same chain store where you get the same nylon collars or the same equipment - we've got really good vendors who have enriching items to get."

This year, 'Treibball' was added to the list of events demonstrated for the public. It is essentially herding for city dogs. Herding promotes teamwork, builds confidence and allows the dog to use their problem solving abilities. In the demonstration a 4-year old border collie named Blake herded a large yoga ball into an imaginary net.

The inclusive dog day afternoon even included a stage production of Little Red Riding Hood with "doggie" actors.

William Leong, a Somerville resident, was walking Yoshi, a Shiba Inu, and enjoying the afternoon festivities. Inu is dog in Japanese and Shibu means brush, Leong explained. Yoshi's grandfather was a grand champion at Westminster, says Leong.

Leong belongs to a monthly Shiba Inu dog group, where Yoshi gets to socialize with his own breed. But, Leong says, besides the occasional interaction with neighbors' dogs, Yoshi doesn't come into contact much with other breeds. "I heard about this [festival] and I thought it was a great opportunity for him to see all the different types of dogs," he said.

Yoshi even has his own Facebook page and during the festival, with a little help from Leong, posted a picture of himself in the arms of a police officer, and writing, "Officer Tam, you cannot get me in a half-nelson. I trained the K-9 Unit when you were still in diapers!" Yoshi's joke was aimed at Officer John Tam, who is the Somerville Police Officer in charge of the K-9 unit. Officer Tam was at the dog festival performing a demo with Max, the German shepherd.

Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog, a 13-yearold non-profit, which works on behalf of Massachusetts Police dogs, was one of the many organizations present at the festival. "Max, through the Somerville dog festival three years ago, got his bullet proof vest through the proceeds from the event," said Kathy Hinds, president of Vest-A-Dog. Proceeds from last year's festival provided three first aid kits, one for Max and two more for other K-9 cops.

Some of the other vendors at the 2013 Somerville Dog Festival included Zen Animal Massage, Bare Naked Dog Bakery and RiverDog.

























Photos by Claudia Ferro & Harry Kane

# **SPORTS**

# Thanks from Somerville Youth Softball Organization

Curtatone,

When we travel the streets of Somerville, take a stroll on the sidewalk, or play in the public parks we are benefiting from services provided by the City of Somerville's Public Works Department. On behalf of nearly 100 youth softball families, 10 organization board members and coaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the City employees who work tirelessly throughout the year to make playing softball in Somerville possible. All of you help make the City of Somerville the best run city in Massachusetts and we thank you for all of your hard work. Our thanks is one that is well-deserved.

Last evenings End of Season Cookout and Celebration included special guests from the Tufts Softball 2013 NCAA National Champions and nearly

Dear George Landors, Mayor 100 SYSO family and friends. It goes without saying that the event could not have been as successful without such dedicated and engaging city employees working on behalf of our community. We look forward to working with these excellent people in the future. We would like to single out several people in particular for their above and beyond contributions to last night's event; Mark Ardilino, Neil O'Regan, Thomas Marshall and Frank Santangelo.

The future is bright for youth softball in Somerville. Your determined hard work to keep the "game-on" is appreciated by many.

Three cheers for City of Somerville DPW! Hip, hip, hooray!

Kind regards, Bob Schofield Somerville Youth Softball Organization, President



# Halfway to St Patrick's Day for Brian Higgins

The 6th Annual Half Way to St. Patrick's Day 4 Mile Road Race benefitting the Brian Higgins Foundation was held on Sunday, September 15. This year the race was run in honor of Sean Collier, SPD #310.

#### Top 20 finishers:

FIRST	LAST	TIME	PLACE	AG	S	DIV	BIB	PACE	CITY
Jacob	Lehrhoff	21:00.5	1	28	M	1	67	5.00	Waltham
Thomas	Stults	22:47.9	2	30	M	2	106	5.26	Boston
Matthew	Coble	24:16.3	3	30	M	3	14	5.47	Quincy
Allan	Gehan	25:15.0	4	35	M	4	81	6.01	Cambridge
Gene	Hull	25:25.8	5	56	M	5	53	6.03	Cambridge
Danielle	Viveiros	25:42.0	6	30	F	1	25	6.07	Burlington
Jonathan	Niehof	26:10.2	7	33	M	6	39	6.14	Los Alamos
Philip	Schaeffing	26:54.0	8	29	M	7	56	6.24	Somerville
Mary-lou	Chiapperini	27:07.8	9	47	F	2	18	6.28	Stoneham
Adam	Amsterdam	27:14.5	10	45	M	8	49	6.29	Cambridge
Johnny	Miller	27:16.4	11	50	M	9	134	6.30	Somerville
Mike	Phinney	27:20.6	12	31	M	10	119	6.31	Somerville
Kevin	Tryon	27:37.1	13	24	M	11	87	6.35	Dorchester
Paul	Dandini	27:47.2	14	48	M	12	3	6.37	Somerville
Matthew	Gagnon	27:49.9	15	27	M	13	32	6.38	Tewksbury
Eric	Mauro	27:51.4	16	44	M	14	114	6.38	Brighton
Michael	Henderson	27:57.6	17	53	M	15	62	6.39	Somerville
Anthony	Ferola	28:37.4	18	22	M	16	131	6.49	Medford
Earthen	McEachen	28:44.1	19	27	M	17	88	6.50	Hyde Park
James	Grubb	28:44.8	20	24	M	18	91	6.51	Medford
		W10 . F							V TO THE





Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is the only number that can't be represented in Roman numerals?
- 2. In ancient Greece what fruit was thrown to a girl as a proposal of marriage?
- 3. Due to earth's gravity, it is impossible for mountains to be higher than
- 4. What type of oil is used for cooking on submarines?
- 5. What is the only part of the human body that can't heal itself?
- 6. What is the only muscle in your body that is attached at one end?

- 7. What was used in the American Civil War to send letters and newspa-
- 8. What is the roar that we hear when we place a seashell to our ear?
- 9. Why don't a platoon of soldiers march in step when crossing a bridge?
- 10. What metal won't rust even if its buried in the ground for years?
- 11. Where did the military salute evolve from?
- 12. Which of these three designs is stamped on an Oreo Cookie: a) animals, b) flowers, c) smiley faces?

Answers on page 21



**Union Square** 329 Somerville Ave • (617) 666-5410

#### HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming

Belly Dancing for all at a low price. \$25 for 5-week series. All levels and all abilities. No experience needed to have fun in this class. Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

Yoga/Mediation coming to Holland Street October 22nd. Preregister is a must for this series. \$25 for 5 weeks. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

#### LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

Sept. 23rd - Movie and Dinner "Left on Pearl" Film explores the 10-day occupation of Memorial Drive by hundreds of women in 1971. Dinner from Maya Sol. RSVP a must. \$6. Chicken or vegetarian option available.

Sept. 26th - The Library is hosting the author Sara Farizan who wrote "If You Could Be Mine: A Novel" about being a lesbian and growing up in Iran. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes: Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

#### Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Weekly Gardening with Didi - 10:00 a.m. every Thursday.

**Trip Corner:** 

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24. Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

**STAY ACTIVE:** 

Wii Bowling League - at Holland - Mondays at 10:30 p.m. Free.

Belly Dancing - Holland Street - 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays \$25 for 5 week series.

Zumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

Flexibility & Balance - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

Flexibility & Balance - at Ralph & Jenny - Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Walking Club - (R&J) - Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings

#### September 18

**Suffolk Downs** 

**Holland Street Center** 

Fit-4-Life A & B Flexibility & Balance 1:15 p.m. Zumba for All|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation | 10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### September 19

#### **Holland Street Center**

Blood Pressure 10 a.m. Current Events 10 a.m. Musical Conversation with Alan | 12 p.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Crochet & Knitting|10:45 p.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

#### September 20

**Holland Street Center** 

Fit-4-Life B & C Lunch & Learn Osher 11:15 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### September 23

Dance at Holiday Inn

**Holland Street** 

Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### September 24

**Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show** 

**Holland Street Center** 

Strengthening Exercises 9:15 a.m. SHINE by appt. 10 a.m.

Art Class Series 10:15 a.m.

Belly Dancing 1 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Walking Club|10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation | 10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### September 25

Supper & Bingo at Hanscom Air Force Base **Holland Street Center** 

Fit-4-Life A & B

Flexibility & Balance 1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation 10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

#### The Hessians **CONT. FROM PG 5**

and later to Virginia. While in Somerville, their housing was the forts and dugout emplacements built by the Americans throughout Somerville during the siege of Boston in 1775-1776. Both prisoners and American guards suffered a severe winter with little shelter.

Before leaving the hills of Somerville and after having spent a year here, the Hessians left their mark. They brought the ritual of the Christmas tree to America, about a century before Prince Albert introduced the practice to Victoria's England. They also introduced a sport called Keg Legging to America, so called because the pins used were the height of a small keg or barrel and the thickness of the bottom of an adult's leg. You might know it as bowling. Their favorite variation was called nine-pin, a game set up in a diamond shape. In the camp, betting on nine pins was outlawed, so the enter-



prising prisoners just changed the number of pins to ten and the configuration to a triangle. Problem solved! Ten-pin bowling was invented.

Memories of the Hessians live on through Washington Irving's novel and Johnny Depp's movie, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. The legend features a ghost-like, headless horseman as the galloping body of a Hessian Calvary officer who has lost his head by cannonball at the Battle of Saratoga. Even to this day in autumn, his ghost is said to ter-

rorize the villages of the Hudson River Valley.

There are about 50 million modern-day German Americans. Many trace their roots to Hessian soldiers who stayed in America. One was General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Other German Americans include: General Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., Meryl Streep, Babe Ruth, Sandra Bullock and astronaut Neil Armstrong. There is an exhaustive list of American notables with Hessian heritage.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 8

applicants so the diapers go to those that need them most. Diaper Donation Boxes will be placed throughout the city from Saturday, September 14 to Sunday, September 29. The WIC office will accept diapers from opened packages, so this is a great way to donate any diapers that are now too small for your child. Various daycares in Somerville will also be collecting diapers.

Please email SomervilleDiaperDrive@gmail.com you are interested in collecting diapers at your office or daycare. If you are unable to drop off diapers, but would still like to help, you can buy diapers on their Amazon or Diapers.com registries and have them shipped directly to them. Cash donations may also be made through Paypal to SomervilleDiaper-Drive@gmail.com.

#### VENTCLEANERS.COM

Home & Condo Vents Cleaned

Office Vents Cleaned

Dryer Vents Cleaned

RESTAURANT HOOD GRILLE EXHAUST CLEANED & INSPECTED

> "Lowest Rates Around" Low as \$250.00

ALL TYPES VENT CLEANING SERVICE CALL TOLL FREE 1 (888) 625-2706 FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervilletimes.com



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** PI ANNING DIVISION

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

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somer-

355 Artisan Way (Assembly Square, "C" Street, Block 3) (PB 2011-16-R1 (8/2013): Applicant and Owner, Street Retail Inc. seek a revision to alter design features of the building that permitted by Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A), PB 2011-16, final level approval of "Block 3" of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. The original SPSR-A applicant included approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 417,204 qsf project including 2 levels of retail, restaurant, and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP and a 60,000 sf cinema, along with approx 571 parking spaces in a 5-story garage, two loading bays, and associated service areas. The Applicant and Owner also received a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade and larger than the by-right size and a waiver under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times 9/18/13 & 9/25/13.

9/18/13 The Somerville Times

# TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT CAM TONER **BY 12 PM MONDAY**

PH: 617.666.4010 FAX: 617.628.0422



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** JOSEPH A. CURTATONE **MAYOR** 

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

PLANNING DIVISION

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

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

141-143 North St: (Case #ZBA 2013-63): Applicants and Owners, Alexandra Hatzopoulos and George Michael, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the orientation of the front stair at an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 7.

47 Hunting Street (ZBA 2013-42): Applicant, James J. McSweeney, and Owner, FUD, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish 7 units residential unit under SZO §7.11.1.c, Special Permit to substantially demolish and construct a nonconforming structure under § 4.4.1 and Variance under §8.5 for lot area per dwelling unit and number of stories. BA zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Lori Massa, Senior Planner Published in Somerville Times on 9/18/13 & 9/25/13.

9/18/13 The Somerville Times

#### PATS TOWING

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO OWNERS ONLY \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The following abandoned and / or junk motor vehicles will be disposed of or sold, any questions regarding this matter please contact Pat's Towing. Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm Tel: 617-354-4000, Fax 617-623-4287

1998	Ford	Escort	Vin # 1FAFP13P4WW183905
2000	Pontiac	Grand Prix	Vin# 1G2WP52K0YF351053
2004	Honda	Odyssey	Vin# 5FNRL18034B042047
2000	Ford	Explorer	Vin# 1FMZU72E1YZA98603

Date of Sale: October 9, 2013

Time:12:00 P.M

Location: 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA. 02143

9/11/13, 9/18/13, 9/25/13 The Somerville Times

Legal Notices can be downloaded from our Web site: www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

#### **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

**MIDDLESEX Division** Docket No. 13P2460EA Estate of : Michael Eric Margid First Name Middle Name **Last Name** Also Known As: Date of Death: May 13, 2013 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

DeSachy of Buckingham VA Petitioner Sandra

First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State) [ ] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

DeSachy of Buckingham VA

(City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve

[ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

First Name M.I. Last Name

Sandra

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

9/18/13 The Somerville Times

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department**

**MIDDLESEX Division** Docket No. MI 13D3515DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** 

Monica P Castro vs. Jorge V Castro

To Defendant: Jorge V. Castro

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court

Grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate **Court Rule 411** 

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Domenic Finelli, Esq.

Attorney at Law 199 Revere Street Revere, MA 02151

your answer, if any on or before 10/16/2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court

Date: September 4, 2013

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

9/18/13 The Somerville Times

# Man sets sights high to honor grandmother

Aarun Jun of Somerville plans to run as part of a 200 mile relay team and a half-marathon--both in honor of his Korean grandmother and as a way to raise awareness and money for the Alzheimer's cause. Jun is a member of the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter's RUN TRI RIDE to End Alzheimer's team.

Jun has documented his love for his grandmother and his early memories of her in a blog named The Cause: Mile by Mile. His earliest memories, he said, are of the food his grandmother prepared for the family.

"My grandmother doesn't cook anymore. That long and perfect memory from which every conceivable recipe sprung forth is not what it once was. Alzheimer's has a way of stripping away the core of a person's identity. And as it strips away a loved one's memories, you consequently end up spending a lot more time in the long hallways of your own mental records. You revisit the old times, the less complicated times. You sit with your grandmother and you remember coming downstairs and the sunlight filtering in through the window as she put the last touches on your breakfast; the room is lit like gold in your mind and life has never, ever gotten better than those moments, not

even close."

Jun plans to run the Reach the Beach Relay the weekend of September 14-15 and the BAA Half-Marathon in October. For the relay, teams are traditionally 12-member, but Jun will run with a 6-member team meaning he will complete twice as many miles of the ambitious event that takes runners from the White Mountains to the NH coast. His goal is \$1,500 and he hopes that his blog will inspire donations to his fundraising page. Money raised for the Alzheimer's Association supports research and programs and support for those living with the disease.



A young Jun, with his beloved grandmother.

"I hope this means something. I hope I do right by my grandmother. I hope she understands,"

For information about the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter visit alz.org/MANH or call 800-272-3900.

# THE NORTON GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square Somerville, MA 02144 **617-623-6600** 

## www.thenortongroupre.com

Direct Access to MLS Property Finder & All Open Houses FREE!!

HUD Foreclosed Properties for Sale!!

Call today to find out how much your house is worth.

617-623-6600 \*Free Market Analysis

# THE NORTON GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square Somerville, MA 02144 **617-623-6600** 

# We sell houses!

# Featured Homes

#### Somerville



Selling price! \$505,000. Condo, 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan, central a/c. 2 car assigned parking.

#### Medford



71508616 \$469,800.
Two family. 10 rooms 5
bedrooms 2 baths, 1
fireplace. Perfect for rental
income or development
opportunity.

#### Chelsea



71572097 \$130,000.
Condo, corner unit.
5 rooms, 2 bedrooms,
1 bath. 1 deed parking
spot right outside the
front door.

#### **Brockton**



71384850 \$189,900.
Two Family, 9 rooms, 4
bedrooms, 2.5 baths.
Large fenced yard, 2 car
detached garage.

#### Somerville

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, Sept. 22 1pm. to 3p.m. 5 Hall Avenue unit #2

Davis Square. Large Luxury condominium with 2,264sf of space, open living/dining area w/ fireplace, totally renovated top to bottom. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths 71578023 \$989,000.



#### **Somerville**



71479359 \$1,175,000.
Multi family, two
buildings, 1-6unit /5 rms,
3 bedrms each all sep.
Utilities. 4 garages, 8 –10
parking spaces.

#### Somerville



71441940 \$750,000.
Single family home with barn. Zoned BA, possible 3 units, maybe up to 5 with special permit.

#### Malden



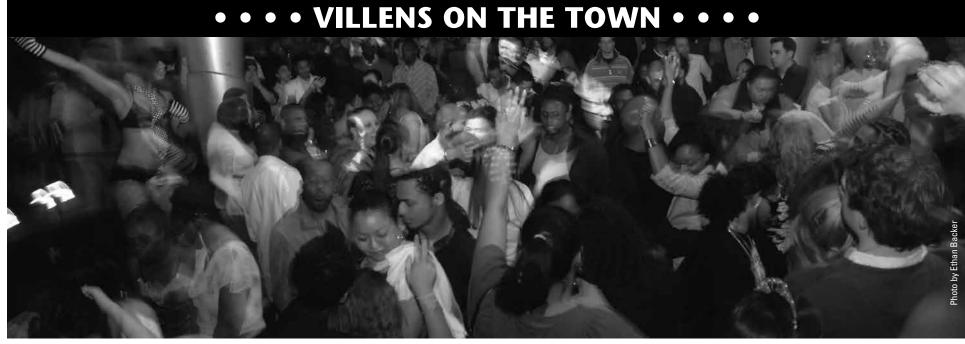
Selling Price! \$305,500.
Condo, top floor unit. 7
rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2
baths. Private deck off
kitchen. 1 car off street
parking.

#### Lexington



71580973 \$429,000.
Single family, Corner lot. 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, great location. Off street parking. Full basement.





#### **FOR CHILDREN AND** YOUTH

#### Wednesday | September 18

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

**Veteran's Memorial Rink** Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somer-

#### Thursday | September 19

**Central Library** 

ville Ave

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Friday | September 20

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

#### **Veteran's Memorial Rink**

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

#### Monday | September 23

**Central Library** 

Sing Along with Liza Ann Cassesso|617-623-5000

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland

#### **Tuesday | September 24**

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

#### Wednesday | September 25

**East Branch Library** Preschool: Storytime

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

**Veteran's Memorial Rink** 

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

#### **MUSIC**

#### Wednesday | September 18

Johnny D's

Bassekou Kouyate & Ngoni Ba 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm 9 p.m.

Back Room Burren Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan|7:30 p.m. Comedy|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

Free Alley|Citrus Sphere|Rude Young Professional 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Precinct Bar** 

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

**Highland Kitchen** 

TJ The DJ Presents The People's 10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar

625-1131

Free Fantastic Wednesdays with the Fantastic Liars and special guest: 90-mile portage + wild rompit 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Open Mic with Celia Slattery and

Bill Duffy 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Thursday | September 19** 

## Johnny D's

The Lindsey Buckingham Appreciation Society|Bob Pernice 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

**Fundraiser** 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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

Scattershot 80's night|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Headband|Duck That|DTCV 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar** 

Focal Point|Brrio|Waldo 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's** 

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

**Somerville Theatre** 

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Third Thursday Jazz at the Ar-7:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | September 20

Johnny D's

Loose Change 6 p.m. Midnight Mass 10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m. Sand Machine \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

3589

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DI

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

**Precinct Bar** 

HearNowLive presents:The Daily Post|President Soup|Brother Peril|Subpar Co-Star|Mike Mang one & The Union 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge

Kevin McCourt|Safety Tested Boston|Klaus Dukes & The Big Rock Candy Mountain Goats|Saf-

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

Georgia Overdrive 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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 Radio Bar

UP: Irish Stew cook - off-featuring The Skels|BarRoom Heros|The Pub Crawlers|Riki Rocksteady|Some Kind of Nightmare|\$10

Down: The Dying Falls|Olden Yolk|Lisa/Liza|Yohuna|Acid Smoker

Arts at the Armory

379 Summer St.

Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre

#### Saturday | September 21

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Johnny D's

**Booty Vortex** 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Les Sampou Band |6 p.m. One Thin Dime |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

**Precinct Bar** 

Hear Now Live Presents|Sterogrove Reunion Show 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge** 

1557

Cormac Bride|Tristan Allen|Amy Kucharik|Jared Samborski|Claire 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

Joe Pleiman & Jenee Halstead 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Casey's

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

Radio Bar

UP: PBR presents: HAPPY BIRTH-DAY JOAN JETT. Gunpowder Gelatine|Andrea Gillis & friends|Eric Salt and the Electric City|tattooed Love Boys|Sourpounch \$10 Down: Bucky Fereke presents:

Arts at the Armory

379 Summer St

Singing Our Way Through: Songs for the World's Bravest Kids 10:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Sunday | September 22

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring The Matthew Smart Band Izzy & The Catastrophics 8:30

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase | 5 p.m..

Peter Ward & Electric Blues|8

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

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

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

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

1557

Marisol Celestin|Cooper Kaminsky|Hayley sabella|The Oarsman 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country &

Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Radio Bar** 

Up:Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m.,No Cover | Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7:30 p.m. 379 Summer St

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

## • • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

#### Arts at the Armory

The Beehive 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Rags

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday | September 23

#### Johnny D's

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

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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

#### The Burren

Front Room

Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.

Back Room

Irish Step-dancing with Ger Cooney

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### **Precinct Bar**

Full Scene Ahead Presents|Tara White|Fail Safe|String City Duo 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Stump! Team Trivia

8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Radio Bar

379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall **GROUPLOVE** (special acoustic set) -- SOLD OUT!! 7:30 p.m.|Peformance Hall|191

#### **Tuesday | September 24**

#### JohnnyD's

Highland Ave

**Industry Nights** 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Danielle Miraglia & Tom Bianchi 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swing-

ers|8:30 p.m. **Back Room** 

Open Mic W/Hugh Mc-Gowan|6:30 p.m.

#### On The Hill Tavern

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### PA'S Lounge

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

#### **Precinct Bar**

1557

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Avel617-440-6045

#### **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

#### PI Ryan's

Pub Quiz

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

#### Radio Bar

Up: Wholly Karaoke with DJ Magic Gus 8:30 p.m-11:30p.m 379 Summer St

#### Wednesday | September 25

#### Johnny D's

Scott H. Biram|Black Pistol Fire 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666 3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm 9 p.m.

**Back Room** 

Burren Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan 7:30 p.m. Comedy 10 p.m.

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

**Sports Trivia** 

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Precinct Bar**

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

#### **Highland Kitchen**

TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### **Radio Bar**

Free Fantastic Wednesdays with the Fantastic Liars and special guest: Tail 379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Lilly Testa Live!

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | September 18

#### **Central Library**

Somerville Arts Council 2013 LCC **Grant Info Session** 

Heather Balchunas 617-625-6600

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

Somerville Reads: Meet B. A. Shapiro, author of The Art Forger

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

#### **Third Life Studio**

Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal|Level 2

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

#### Thursday | September 19

#### **Central Library**

Drop-In Meditation Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **West Branch Library**

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 PM 40 College Ave

#### **Central Library**

The Three P's of Investment Fraud

Eric Giroux (617) 573-4548 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### First Church Somerville

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

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 **Third Life Studio**

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sql www.libana.com

#### Friday | September 20

#### Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga 2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

#### Saturday | September 21

#### **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 | September 22

#### **Central Library**

Building Bridges, Printmaking in Vietnam Today Carolyn Muskat|617-776-7773

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | 79 Highland

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

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

#### **Third Life Studio**

basement.

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

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

#### Monday | September 23

#### **East Branch Library**

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 PM 115 Broadway

#### **Third Life Studio**

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadira-

#### **Tuesday** | September 24

#### **Central Library**

jamal.com

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

#### Arts at the Armory

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

Ave **Third Life Studio** 

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

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

#### Wednesday | September 25

#### **Central Library**

Stolen: a Documentary by Rebecca Dreyfus Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Avenue

ww.nadirajamal.com

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



# Somerville hosts gaming commission meeting

By Mike Molloy

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission held an informational meeting on Tuesday evening at the East Somerville Community School.

Gaming Commission Ombudsman John Ziemba gave a presentation on casino law and how it relates to host and surrounding communities.

by Governor Patrick in November 2011, will allow for three facilities to be built in three determined regions. MassGaming is reviewing 11 applicants for expanded gaming licenses for these three regions.

City officials, including Mayor Curtatone, were on hand to question Ziemba about casino laws as they restatus as a "surrounding community," which MassGaming defines as "a municipality in proximity to a host community which the commission determines is likely to experience impacts for the development or operation of a gaming establishment."

Ziemba stressed the commission's policy of mitigation

The gaming act, signed into law late to Somerville's potential in relation to adjacent communities like Somerville. As the commission is still in the early stages of the application process, it is unclear whether Somerville will be defined as a "surrounding community" directly effected, but the purpose of this meeting was to maintain the commission's continued approach of straightforwardness and com-

munity outreach.

The commission's www.massgaming.com, stresses their intentions are to "create fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law."

The deadline is December 31 for license applicants to sign agreements with host and surrounding communities.

## Investigation

is coming in, don't open the door. Instead, use your alternate exit if possible. Know how to crawl away from a fire. When exiting, stay low because smoke rises. Smoke can weaken your ability to respond in an emergency or suffocate you. And never reenter a burning building for any reason.

The most important way the public can assist our investigation at this time is to report suspicious activity to the Ar-

#### **CONT. FROM PG 9**

son Hotline at 617-629-1847, and to follow these preventative measures and secure their homes. And if you see smoke or fire, call 911 immediately.

We remain vigilant, and I am confident that our public safety officials, along with our state and federal partners, and with help from the public-and we need your help-will see a tireless and thorough investigation through to its conclusion.

#### Unleashed love! **CONT. FROM PG 9**

"My best friend was a rescue dog, a mixed breed named Judy by my Mother. Judy walked me to St. Josephs every day and would meet me when school got out. My own Lassie. A once in a thousand year dog. Killed by a car pushing me out of the way. Thank you Judy. Miss you every day."

Shep, the dog that lived across from my house, has been gone for decades. But there is a small paw print carved into the door of the house where he lived. A lasting testament to Shep, the friendly dog that loved, played with, and kept an eye on all the kids on the street.

Dog Hall of Fame: Queenie, Pixie, Poopsie, Tippy, Tanqueray, Tater, Kahlua, Santa, Dukey, Reefer, Turbo, Gretchen, and Barney.

Please send me your ideas for arti-

cles and stories. You can go to my Facebook page, email me at jimmydl@rcn.com or leave a message at 617-623-0554.

Jimmy is available to host your event, play music, or just spice up any party or function. Call 617-623-0554 or jimmydel@ rcn.com

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmydel@rcn.com.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

### Place your classified ad today - only \$1 per word! E-mail: ads@thesomervilletimes.com

#### **ADOPTION**

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? You choose from families nationwide. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 866-413-6292, 24/7 Void/Illinois/New Mexico/ Indiana

#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

**BLOWN HEADGASKET?** Any vehicle repair yourself. State of the art 2-Component chemical process. Specializing in Cadillac Northstar Overheating, 100% guaranteed. 1-866-780-9038

\$28/Month Auto Insurance Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area. Call (800) 869-8573 Now

#### **AUTOS WANTED**

Cash For Cars: Any Make, Model or Year. We Pay MORE! Running or Not, Sell your Car or Truck TODAY. Free Towing! Instant Offer: 1-800-871-0654

DONATE YOUR CAR - Children's Cancer Fund of America. Free next-day towing. Any condition. Tax deductible. Call #1-800-469-8593.

TOP CASH FOR CARS, Any Car/Truck, Running or Not. Call for INSTANT offer: 1-800-454-6951

#### **EDUCATION**

**AVIATION MAINTENANCE** Training Financial Aid if

qualified. Job Placement Assistance. Call National Aviation Academy Today! FAA Approved. CLASSES STARTING SOON! 1-800-292-3228 or NAA.edu

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM HOME. 6-8 weeks AC-CREDITED. Get a diploma. Get a job.1-800-264-8330 www.diplomafromhome.

#### **ELECTRONICS**

LOWERTHAT CABLE BILL!! Get Satellite TV today! FREE System, installation and HD/ DVR upgrade. Programming starting at \$19.99. Call NOW 800-725-1865

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Attention Licensed Real Estate Agents needed: Very busy Somerville based office in need of additior agents, no fee referrals, Sales & Rentals, Part time or Full Time... work from home online, full office back up and highest paid no strings commissions. Call for private interview 617 623-6600 ask for Donald.

\$28/Month Auto Insurance Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area. Call (877) 958-7003 Now

#### FOR RENT

Warm Weather Is Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks

available. Sleeps 8. \$3500. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS**

Buy VIAGRA from the UK! FDA Approved, 40 pills \$169.00 Shipped! Save \$500 Now!1-800-375-3305.

#### **HELP WANTED**

Regina Cleri Residence, the home for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Boston is seeking a full time Housekeeping/Laundry Worker to work in an assisted living facility type setting. Hours are 7am -3pm, Monday through Friday. A minimum of two years of experience in a long term care facility or hotel setting required. Great benefits, including vacation, sick, health, dental, 401k plan and long and short term disability insur ance. Please contact Meredith Delia at 857-243-6204 or email your resume to meredith\_delia@reginacleri. org. Located at 60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way, Boston, MA 02114. Free parking.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

\$28/Month Auto Insurance - Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area, Call (800) 317-3873 Now

CASH FOR CARS, Any Make or Model! Free Towing. Sell it TODAY. Instant offer: 1-800-864-5784

DishTV Retailer-SAVE! Starting \$19.99/month (for 12 months.) FREE Premium Movie Channels. FREE Equipment, Installation & Activation. CALL, COMPARE LOCAL DEALS! 1-800-309-1452

Meet singles right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now 1-888-909-9905

!!OLD GUITARS WANT-ED!! Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch. 1930-1980. Top Dollar paid!! Call Toll Free 1-866-433-8277

#### MUSIC

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CLARINET/FLUTE/VIOLIN/ TRUMPET/Trombone/Amplifier/ Fender Guitar, \$69 each. Cello/Upright Bass/ Saxophone/ French Horn/ Drums, \$185 ea. Tuba/

Baritone Horn/Hammond Organ, Others 4 sale.1-516-377-7907

#### REAL ESTATE

\$28/Month Auto Insurance Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area. Call (877) 958-6972 Now

40 ACRES \$155/MONTH \$499 down. Immediate financing. No qualifications. NW Nevada near Reno. Call Earl 1-949-632-7066. www. CheapRuralProperty.com

#### **WANTED TO BUY**

CASH PAID- up to \$28/Box for unexpired, sealed DIA-BETICTEST STRIPS. 1-DAY PAYMENT. 1-800-371-1136

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send detail P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co.





# Getting your books appraised

#### By Kenneth Gloss

#### What the Job of the Appraiser Is

Thanks to programs like PBS' Antiques Roadshow in combination with the recession of the past few years more people than ever have been taking a look at their personal libraries to see if perhaps they have a book or two or more that might have a surprising or even a suspected financial value. People request appraisals of their books for a variety of reasons. The volumes may be part of a current or future estate settlement, whether for death or divorce. Appraisers are also called in for insurance estimates and even in criminal cases. One criminal case in particular that I worked on, the appraised value of the books was a deciding factor in the length of the accused person's jail term.

As an appraiser, I can provide an unbiased opinion on the value of an entire collection, a small group of books or even a single volume. I can give either a quick verbal appraisal or a detailed, formal appraisal that is written out and referenced with sources if there is any dispute. Any legal situation usually requires a formal appraisal and the cost varies from \$50 to several hundred dollars, depending on the nature of the appraisal itself.

Another factor that affects the appraisal is the role of the appraiser. Is the appraiser an independent estimator or a potential buyer? The more formal the appraisal, the further away the appraiser should be (in terms of buying interests) from the materials themselves. The Internal Revenue Service restricts dealers who have helped amass the collection in any way from being the appraiser in a property value case. I have turned down some appraisal jobs and let the client know that it was because I didn't want to restrict myself from bidding in the future.

The final appraisal report will vary in total amount depending on whether the client requested a wholesale or retail price evaluation. Wholesale appraisals are

done in cases where the collection may be sold to other dealers, while a retail appraisal is done for insurance and other such cases where the entire collection would have to be replaced. When you call an appraiser, be sure that you are both very clear about the nature of the appraisal and the intended purpose of the report.

#### Doing It Yourself

Many people think that an appraiser is unnecessary. A good number of people approach me at lectures and want to figure out the values themselves. They may think that an appraiser won't give them a straight answer so they decide to scour the price guides on their own. However, all of those catalogs and auction reports must be used judiciously. The prices in American Book Prices Current, for instance, are based on particular volumes sold at auctions. The books in your collection may be in better or worse shape, vary slightly in detail or may not be in high demand at the time you go to sell. Nothing, not even the best price guide in the world, can substitute for the experience and knowledge of a professional appraiser.

Most dealers can look through a list and immediately note the books of value and the rare volumes that can net you a profit. It can save a seller a great deal of time if he or she gets an informal initial appraisal from a knowledgeable dealer. If you are upfront with the dealer and make it clear that you may get a second opinion, there won't be any hard feelings.

When preparing a list of books, be sure to note the author, title, date and publisher. I generally assume that the books are in good condition. However, if you have a signed or illustrated edition, bring that to the appraiser's attention. The first question I usually ask is approximately how many books there are in the entire collection. I then want to know if a large number are on one specific subject. Someone who amasses 100 books on or-

#### **Sources for Book Values:**

ABC for Book Collectors by John Carter (Oak Knoll Books). American Book Prices Current edited by Katherine and Daniel Leab (Bancroft Parkman, Inc.)

Book Collecting: A Comprehensive Guide by Allen and Patricia Ahearn (G,P. Putnam's Sons)

Book Prices Realized - CD-Rom (Interloc Software, \$295) bookfinder.com

ebay.com

Huxford's Old Book Value Guide by Bob and Sharon Huxford (Collector Books)



How much is that book worth? Many factors go into establishing the true value of older books.

chid growing, for example, likely will have some volumes of value.

Here's a general rule of thumb: the less the book is about, the more valuable it is. A 200-page book on World War II in most cases isn't as valuable as a 200page book on General Patton. Supply and demand also dictates a book's selling potential. Currently, the trend in collecting is towards purchasing the best of the best, the top-notch books in each category rather than buying complete sets of all the books on that topic, The trend is inflating the prices of the top books and driving down demand and prices for the mid-range books. The mid-range is even harder to sell today than in previous years.

#### What is rare?

Essentially, a book that is limited in supply and unique for some reason is rare. The first English edition of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is not as rare as the first German edition but is worth more because it is in higher demand. Any of the children's books illustrated by Maxfield Parrish or N.C. Wyatt can fetch up to \$1,000 if they are signed and rare. One mistake that many people make is thinking that their collection isn't worth much because they don't have even a single title that is considered rare. In reality, a collection of 1,000 books, even if they are only worth \$2-5 dollars a piece, can net the seller several thousand dollars.

There is the occasional client who has had a rare book and not been aware of it. One house I visited in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a woman was selling me a collection of books that she hoped would be worth about \$1,000 dollars. I gave her a bid of \$900 on them. She asked if there was anything else I might take a look at. On a nearby shelf, she had a set of a dozen books by Robert Frost. I leafed through them and then looked in the front pages.

There, hand-written and signed, were stanzas by Frost himself, a gift to the woman's late husband. These 12 books were worth thousands of dollars, far more than the woman expected to receive for her collection.

Sometimes, it pays to spend the extra moments looking under the jacket or the last fin of the book - you never know what you might find. If you are unsure about the value of what you do find, call in an appraiser. He or she will give you an honest and thorough answer or point you in the right direction if you want to do it yourself.

Kenneth Gloss is the proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing, one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookshops at 9 West Street. He can be reached at 1-800-447-9595 or visit www. brattlebookshop.com. He has appeared frequently on PBS' Antiques Roadshow and, lists scheduled open talks where Ken offers appraisals that attendees bring or will do so during shop hours.

# Ms. Cam's From on page 14 Answers

- 1. Zero
- 2. An apple was thrown to a girl as a proposal to marriage - if she caught it it meant she said yes
- 3. 49,000 feet or 14,935.2 meters
- 4. Peanut oil is used for cooking - it won't smoke unless it reaches 450°F
- 5. Teeth
- 6. The tongue
- 7. Kites were used

ing thru the veins in our

the sound of blood surg-

- 9. When crossing a bridge in step, it could cause the bridge to oscillate to the rhythm and could cause the bridge to fall
- 10. Gold won't rust, however it is not the only onebrass is a ferrous metal and won't rust
- 11. Knights in armor raised their visors with their right hand when meeting a comrade
- 8. It isn't the ocean, it is 12. Flowers

# Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

Celebrating 30 years of making grassroots community media for Somerville

Want to learn TV production? Final Cut Pro? Soundtrack Pro? Green-screen? Call us today for more info! 617-628-8826							
Wednesday, September 18 6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)					ntemporary Science Issues and Innovations	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	1:00pm	Creating Cooperative Kids
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Active Aging
7:30am	Life Matters	9:30pm	The Struggle	7:00pm	Energy Theater	2:30pm	Paths to Wellness
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, Se	ptember 20	8:00pm David Parkman (Free Speech TV)		3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Talking about Somerville	7:00am	Shrink Rap	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm T	he Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, So	eptember 22	5:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Energy Theater	6:00am	Program Celebrai	7:00pm	Nepali Producer's Group Presents
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	8:00pm	Play by Play
2:00pm	Culture Club	1:30pm	From Scratch	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:00pm Th	e Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:00am	International Church of God	Tuesday,	September 24
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:30am	Atheist Viewpoint	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	11:00am	Basic Buddha	6:00am	Road to Recovery
6:30pm	Active Aging	5:00pm	Greater Somerville	11:30am	Play by Play	7:00am	The Struggle
7:00pm	Play by Play	5:30pm	Talking about Somerville	12:30pm	Physician Focus	7:30am	Ablevision
7:30pm	From Scratch	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Show	2:30pm	Life Matters	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	7:30pm	Culture Club	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday,	September 19	8:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Outside the Lines	6:00pm	Abugida TV	1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:00pm	Chef's Table Series
6:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	Saturday,	September 21	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	4:00pm T	he Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Culinary Kids	Monday, S	ieptember 23	5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)
10:00am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	The Literary Scene
10:30am	Eckankar	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:30am	Physician Focus	6:30pm	Somerville Prevention Series
1:00pm	African Television Network	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:00am	Eckankar	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
3:30pm	Health is Wealth	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers
5:30pm	Culture Club	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News	11:30pm	The Entertainer's Show

# Cable TV Schedule for the Week

5:00pm

5:30pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

9:00pm

10:30pm

12:00pm

1:30pm

2:00pm

2:30pm

4:00pm

5:40pm

SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover

SHS Boys Soccer v Malden

Raising Families - Real Food

**ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** 

Thursday, September 19

Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises

Somerville By Design: Davis Sq

Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises

9/11 Vigil in Davis Square

for Older Adults

Senior Circuit

for Older Adults

CITY TV 13/22	2
Wednesday, S	eptember 18
9:00am:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
12:00pm:	ESCS Opening
1:30pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
1:45pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
7:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
8:15pm:	Union Sq. Micro Museum Opening
8:30pm:	ESCS Opening
9:30pm:	National Night Out 2013
Thursday, Sep	tember 19
12:00am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
1:15am:	Union Sq. Micro Museum Opening
1:30am:	ESCS Opening
2:30am:	National Night Out 2013
9:00am:	Open Air Circus 2013
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises
	for Older Adults
1:00pm:	Somerville By Design 2
2:00pm:	Senior Picnic 2013
7:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
8:30pm:	Dogfest
9:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
Friday, Septen	nber 20
12:00am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
1:30am:	Dogfest
2:00am:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
9:00am:	Dogfest
12:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
2:30pm:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
2:45pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
7:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
9:30pm:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
9:45pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
Saturday, Sep	tember 21
12:00am:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
2:30am:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
2:45am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq
9:00am:	Fire Press Conference 8.19.13
12:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night 2013
1 0 00	

SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands

Somerville By Design: Davis Sq

Somerville By Design: Davis Sq

Somerville By Design: Davis Sq

Somerville Fight Night 2013

Senior Circuit

12:00pm

1:30pm

3:00pm

4:30pm

Somerville Fight Night 2013

2:30pm:

2:45pm:

7:00pm:

9:30pm:

9:45pm:

12:00am:

2:30am:

2:45am:

9:00am:

12:00pm:

Sunday, September 22

	101 Older Addits				
8:00pm:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square				
8:15pm:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq				
Monday, Sept	ember 23				
12:00am:	Senior Circuit				
12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises				
	for Older Adults				
1:00am:	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square				
1:15am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Sq				
9:00am:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting				
12:00pm:	Art Beat 2013				
1:00pm:	Dogfest				
1:30pm:	Sunsetters on Hall Ave				
2:30pm:	Open Air Circus 2013				
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – LIVE				
10:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2013				
Tuesday, Sept	ember 24				
12:00am:	ESCS Ribbon Cutting				
1:00am:	National Night Out 2013				
2:00am :	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.				
9:00am:	Government Affairs Breakfast				
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit				
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises				
	for Older Adults				
1:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands				
1:30pm:	Government Affairs Breakfast				
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit				
7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises				
	for Older Adults				
8:00pm:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands				
8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting –				
12.00	REPLAY OF 9.23.13				
12:00am:	Senior Circuit				
12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises				
1.00	for Older Adults				
1:00am: 1:30am:	SomerStreets – Strike Up the Bands 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square				
2:00am:	ArtBeat 2013				
EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15					
Wednesday, S	eptember 18				
9:00am	kid stuff - Gene Brune				
10:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge				
12.00	CLIC Davis Caranas A 1				

12:30pm:

1:00pm:

1:15pm:

7:00pm:

7:30pm:

i iiui sua	y, september 19
12:00am	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
1:30am	Project Star: A Yankee in the 'Ville
8:00am	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
9:00am	kid stuff - Gene Brune
9:30am	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park
10:00am	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:30am	Raising Families - Real Food
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
1:30pm	String Camp Finale Concert
3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
3:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
5:00pm	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders
5:30pm	kid stuff - Mental Health
6:00pm	kid stuff - Gene Brune
6:30pm	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park
7:00pm	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
8:30pm	Raising Families - Real Food
9:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
10:30pm	String Camp Finale Concert
Friday, S	eptember 20
12:00am	Our Schools, Our City -
12:30am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
10:30am	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
12:30pm	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
2:00pm	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City -
4:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
5:30pm	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park
6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
8:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
10:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
Saturday	, September 21
12:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
1:30am	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
8:00am	Our Schools, Our City
8:30am	kid stuff - Gene Brune
9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
10:30am	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden

SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon

Raising Families - Real Food

SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton

SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge

WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park

kid stuff - Gene Brune

kid stuff - Gene Brune

Raising Families - Real Food

SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover

SHS Boys Soccer v Malden

WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park

SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge

6:30pm Raising Families - Developmental Disorders

6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
6:30pm	kid stuff - Gene Brune
6:58pm	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
8:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
10:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
Sunday, S	eptember 22
12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
1:30am	ESCS Grand Tour
9:00am	kid stuff - Gene Brune
9:30am	Our Schools, Our City
10:00am	Raising Families - Real Food
10:30am	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:30am	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
1:30pm	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
3:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
5:30pm	kid stuff - Gene Brune
6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -
6:30pm	Raising Families - Real Food
7:00pm	ESCS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
8:02pm	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park
8:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
10:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
Monday,	September 23
12:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
9:30am	Our Schools, Our City -

3:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
5:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
7:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden
7:30pm	Our Schools, Our City
8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica
10:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
Tuesday, S	eptember 24
12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica
1:30am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
9:00am	Raising Families - Real Food
9:25am	ESCS Grand Tour
10:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica
2:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -
2:30pm	kid stuff - Gene Brune
3:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton
4:30pm	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
6:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover

Open Air Circus 2013

SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge

SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover

SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica

SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover

SHS Boys Soccer vs Brockton

10:00am

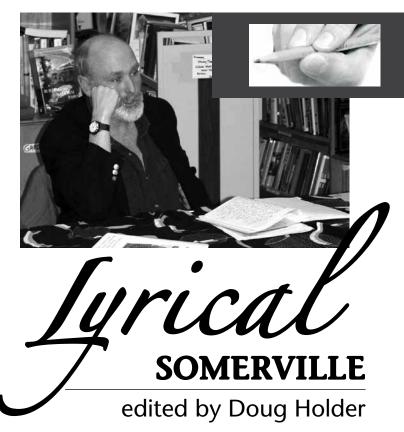
12:00pm

2:00pm

8:00pm

10:00pm

12:00am



Timothy Gager, the co-founder of The Somerville News Writers Festival, sent an essay to us about a new collection of poetry of his that has been released and the life experience that influenced it.

#### How a major life experiences influenced the poetry of "The Shutting Door"

by Timothy Gager

Timothy Gager is the author of ten books of short fiction and poetry. His latest, The Shutting Door (Ibbetson Street Press) is his first full-length book of poetry in nine years. He has hosted the successful Dire Literary Series in Cambridge, Massachusetts every month for the past twelve years and is the co-founder of Somerville News Writers Festival.

"The Shutting Door" is a book of poems drawn from my longer history to the new hope I've found. The Shutting Door goes through my journey and the poems included represent new strength, recovery and hope. The Shutting Door is poetry about shutting the door of my past and moving on.

#### "A Seven Year Old Takes a First Drink"

My first encounter with alcohol wasn't what you'd expect. It wasn't a drink passing through my lips and suddenly I felt warm and wonderful. My first encounter was from television and I was seven years old.

It was 1969, and the Mets who never finished higher than ninth place in a ten team were in their first pennant race. When the Mets did the impossible and became World Champions (a lofty title I totally bought into as a seven year old) the chaos of a locker room champagne celebration was a powerful image. It was the kind of joy that I wanted.

Almost immediately, I imagined drinking with as much gusto as my heroes. The Ginger Ale in a bottle, in the refrigerator could be shaken pretty easily but the mess would get me in trouble.. Even as a seven year old, I knew exactly what alcohol was and I wanted it.

It was during one of my Ginger Ale trips to the refrigerator, I noticed the word alcohol on a bottle of Durkee's Pure Vanilla Extract in a secretive little bottle. I loved vanilla icing and combined with seeing that alluring word on the label made it an easy decision. I decided to have a sip, anticipating pure deliciousness but instead, I found it disgusting. The brown liquid hit my throat with fire and it felt like my air supply was being blocked from the fumes. It didn't taste like sweet icing, which I expected but something more like a punishment than a dessert.

Yet, I wasn't through with obsessing about alcohol. Seven years later, as a fourteen year old, I thought I had hit the lottery when I found a poorly hidden six-pack of Budweiser stashed in the woods on my way home from school. It was lazily covered with some leaves and I was excited the cans were completely intact.

by Doug Holder

# **Somerville Artists Laura Caron and Doug Luther:**

Putting Literary Busts on Your Bust

The Sherman Cafe in Union Square, Somerville was pulsing with energy one summer morning. In the corner of the cafe was a young woman who was pitching an idea for a non-profit to a graying man, with a black suit and shades. In another corner a young couple was discussing an educational consulting project they were involved in.

I admit it. I am an unapologetic eavesdropper. But I was interrupted from my private musings by Doug Luther. Luther is a Waltham resident, but he is in a romantic and business partnership with Somerville resident Laura Caron. Their company Henceforth produces T-Shirts with the busts of literary figures burned on the fabric, among other things.

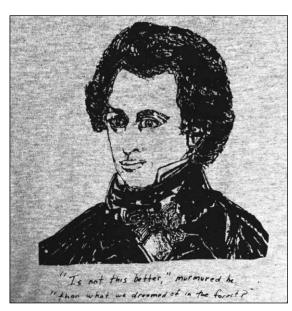
Luther is an English teacher at Maynard High School, and his partner Laura Caron is a lawyer for an outfit in Newburyport, Mass. Caron is originally from Seekonk, Mass. Luther told me that Caron loves our city. She likes the mayor; she likes the fact that the city is arts friendly, and she is excited by the opportunities and prospects that the extended Green Line will hopefully bring.

Luther said of his literary tops: "We started with Henry Thoreau. We used the screen print method. Basically you burn on the image with a 250 watt light bulb—using a specialized screen." Luther said Thoreau was a natural choice for him: "I worked at the Thoreau Bookstore at Walden Pond. I liked the fact that Thoreau was a writer, artist, nature lover and intellectual." Other literary figures that were burned (so to speak) were the Belle of Amherst-- Emily Dickinson, and Edgar Allen Poe, to name a few.

I knew that the person whom had stashed it was up to wrong doings because of the leafy cover up. I had no problem re-hiding the cache s and having a few drinks for the next few days. A few weeks later I was cutting classes to drink with friends during school and return for my later classed. One time I vomited on the way out of classroom at the end of the school day.

Still, I marched forwardIn fact, six years later, after daily drinking with some serious drug use, I was desperate enough to make my first call to a substance abuse/alcohol hot line. When no one picked up, I left a message which wasn't returned immediately, so impatiently, I ran out to have a drink at a local bar and returned home, totally smashed to a roommate who said that my call had been returned from the hot line. Flustered and embarrassed, I sharply told him, it must have been a wrong number.

Twenty-six years later, I found myself on my hands and knees again. I had lost nearly everyone in my life, and had grown tired of the lack of control I had over alcohol. I had begun to black out while driving back from bars and clubs. I was ready to do whatever it took to stop and to change before I killed myself or someone else. It wasn't easy at first, but it got easier each day I could get through. I began to look at drinking as neither a champagne celebration to avoid my life or a black hole to encompass it. I learned it was neither a punishment nor a dessert and I didn't need to use it as either. All I had to do now was learn the simple task of how to live life.



I asked Luther what he thought the great writers would think of their busts riding the busts of many of their customers. He said: "I think it is a reflection of respect for the author. And also it says something about yourself, and things you may have in common with other people in the community."

Luther talked about other folks that adorn these shirts. There is Stanley Miligram—who was noted for his experiments concerning authority, and his implementation of the shock method. Then there is Alfred Mosher Butts—the inventor of board game Scrabble.

Luther said he and Caron hang out in various places in Somerville, such as the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, and the Starlight Lounge.

And this columnist would be remiss if he didn't tell you about Caron's Thoreau Candles. These and other artful merchandise can be viewed on http:// henceforth.biz.

#### The Shutting Door

We are solid oak doors that shut on our past, close on dead mothers, sons, daughters. These doors swell often, won't open. One midnight we walked towards woods, the moss cold under our toes, as we were, aught in the light for a moment; a glimpse of half full. We are dim lights on dark nights, sending out calls to the wolves howling at the sun because the moon hanging there, yet never seems to hear them. If I should need to step back to see how you glow in this light, illumination, I can be at one with that, us, growing like violets in the dark

– Timothy Gager

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

Law Offices at 741 Broadway

# O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty

"Your local Attorneys"

#### Specializing in

- Real Estate / Zoning Law
  - Estate Planning / Probate Law
    - Wills & Trust
      - Civil and Criminal Litigation
        - Immigration Law
          - Divorce
            - Personal Injury

www.ODOLAW.COM

CALL FOR INITIAL FREE CONSULTATION 617 629-8888 - FAX 617 623-7990

# T.J.SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience

Plumbing Heating

**Gas Fitting** 

**Industrial Work** 

**Water Heater Replacement** 

**Complete Drain Service** 

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877

Proud to be a Somerville resident

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

# Green & Yellow Cab

Serving Somerville & Surrounding Areas!

617-628-0600 617-625-5000

**OPEN 24-HOURS A DAY!** 

24 hour GPS automated dispatching system

We'll get you home safely.
Please don't drink and drive.

Logan reservations our specialty - Call 3 days in advance to book your trip.



## **DROPKIN & MATZA LLP**

Attorneys at Law

424 Broadway Somerville MA 02145

Bankruptcy

**Family Law** 

Immigration

Personal Injury

**Business Law** 

**Estate Planning and Probate** 

**Real Estate** 

**Elder Law** 

**Civil Litigation** 

mdropkin@dropkinmatza.com